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OUR MISSION

The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) is a national organization dedicated to serving all women CPAs. The AWSCPA provides a supportive environment and valuable resources for members to achieve their personal and professional goals through various opportunities including leadership, networking, and education.

The society is the only organization devoted exclusively to the support, professional development, and mentoring of women CPAs.

MEETING NOTICE

POT POURRI - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TOPICS THAT PUSH YOUR BUTTONS

Come hear our Corporate Sponsor Panel discuss the following topics:

- Real Estate – Is the bubble about to burst?
- Matchmaking – Are you the right employer or the wrong employee?
- Financing – SBA loans and other alternatives
- Investing – What's right for you?
- Payroll – Should you be outsourcing?

Find out first-hand from our dynamic corporate partners how the various industries and professions are responding to the issues in these topics. This promises to be one of our most informative and lively meetings of the year. Sign up early; bring your questions and a friend.

WHEN: Thursday, August 25, 2005

WHERE: The Tower Club

28th Floor, (Regions Bank Building)

Broward Blvd. & S.E. 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale

TIME: 6:00 PM - Networking, followed by Dinner. The dinner will be "Herb Crusted Chicken with Lemon Caper Sauce." If you prefer a vegetarian meal, indicate so when you RSVP

Continuing Education - 2 hours Technical

PRICE: \$30 Members • \$35 Non Members • \$20 Student-members
\$25 Student Non Members

Send Reservations to: Lisa Petronio

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Enclosed is my check payable to AWSCPA in the amount of \$ _____

MEMBER NAME _____ PHONE _____

COMPANY NAME _____

GUEST NAME _____ PHONE _____

COMPANY NAME _____

IF YOU PREFER VEGETARIAN CHECK HERE:

MEMBERS NEWS

Mary Cheaney, CPA has agreed to the Vice-President of Member Services position on the 2005-2006 AWSCPA national board.

In June, she also facilitated 5 of the Leadership Training Workshops at the ASWA Southeast Regional conference in Huntsville, Alabama. As a result, 15 attendees received certification in leadership skills by the Educational Foundation of Women in Accounting.



Dr. Sharon Lassar, an instructor at Florida Atlantic University was nominated for Educator of the Year for the AWSCPA National Conference.

Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA, CSEP of Levin, Silvey, Zelko & Co., PA wrote an article featured in the July issue of the S. Florida Hospital News entitled "Are You Maximizing Your Medical Deductions?" Bonnie was also a presenter on "Auditing with and around Computers" for the following in June: Alpha Kappa Psi, Florida International University and the FICPA Industry Roundtable.

Nicole M. Mannarino and Tammy Goldstrich of Rachlin, Cohen & Holtz located in Fort Lauderdale recently received promotions. Nicole was promoted to principal and Tammy was promoted to supervisor.

Nicole M. Mannarino was also a presenter on "SFAS 123R - Share Based Compensation" for the following: Florida International University's semi-annual CPE session and Alpha Kappa Psi in June.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Veronica Abreu-Lopez is a student at Florida Atlantic University studying for her Masters in Taxation. She is also working as a controller at a small company. Her bachelor degree is from Florida Atlantic University, and she was the past president of the Accounting Student Association. She is also our current scholarship winner for the E. Jean Meyers Scholarship awarded to a South Florida accounting student.

Tami C. Wilson is a partner in the litigation support department at Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP in their Fort Lauderdale office. She has more than 15 years experience in the areas of marital dissolution, forensic accounting, commercial litigation, business valuations and financial planning. Tami received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami and a Masters of Science in Taxation from Florida International University. She is a member of the FICPA'S Family Law Task Division and is also an affiliate member of the Florida Bar Association's Family Law Section.

AWSCPA NATIONAL NEWS

Thank you MassMutual, one of our local Corporate Sponsors, for becoming a Platinum Sponsor on a National level.

2005 ASWA/AWSCPA Joint National Conference

American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) and American Woman's Society of CPAs (AWSCPA) will be holding a joint conference on September 28 through October 1, 2005 at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Join us this fall and learn from leading experts on ways to develop a variety of your skills and to find more balance in your life. Visit www.awscpa.org for more information.

AWSCPA Webcast schedule:

SEC Hot Topics

Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. ET

Auditing - A Risk-Based Approach with an Emphasis on Fraud

Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. ET

Visit the AWSCPA National Web Site at www.awscpa.org for more information on webcasts and upcoming events or our Local Web Site at www.awscpa.org/southflorida.

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SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants South Florida Chapter would like to congratulate Veronica Abreu-Lopez, winner of our E. Jean Meyers Memorial Scholarship! She was presented with a scholarship certificate for \$1,000 at our May Dinner Meeting. Congratulations to Shirley Hein who was awarded the Becker CPA review scholarship at our May Dinner Meeting.



American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants South Florida Chapter Announces Competition for Two Scholarships

Each year the South Florida Chapter awards two scholarships:

- A cash scholarship in honor of E. Jean Meyers
- A Becker CPA review scholarship Applicants
- Must attend a South Florida school.
- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident.
- Must be entering their fourth or fifth year of pursuing an accounting degree.
- Scholarship is awarded for academic excellence, tempered with financial need and community involvement.
- Applications are available each January for a March 31st deadline. For an application, please

Contact:

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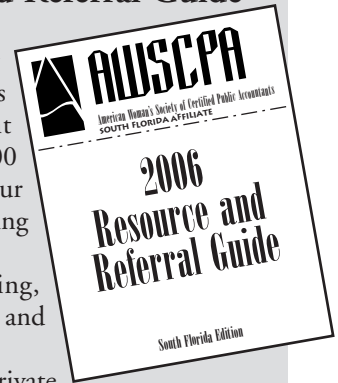
THE BOOK IS COMING!

What book you ask?

The 2006 Resource and Referral Guide

This reference guide is packed with useful information about AWSCPA members and their fields of expertise and employment specialties. It is sent to over 1,500 CPAs in South Florida and all of our Corporate Sponsors. Here is a listing of the categories:

- Taxation, Auditing, Accounting, IRS Problems Resolution (audits and collection matters)
- Consulting, Other Services, Private Enterprise, Not for Profit Organizations
- Education, Government, Student Members



To be listed in this guide, you must be a paid member. We will be distributing information forms at our August 25th Dinner Meeting. Please complete and return these forms by November 30, 2005 to ensure that your information is correctly updated.

JOB BANK INFORMATION

Local CPA firm is looking for a degreed accountant for its Boca Raton office. Candidate will perform mostly audit duties. Salary commensurate with experience.

Please send resumes to Roberta Young, CPA, c/o DeMeo, Young, McGrath, 2400 E. Commercial Blvd., Suite 517, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308. Fax: (954)938-8683 or Email: ryoung@dymco.net

If you would like to advertise future job positions, contact Diane M. Minch at DianeMinchCPA@aol.com.



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REMINDER
TO ALL
MEMBERS TO
SEND IN
THEIR DUES
RENEWALS**

2005 - 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

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| Thursday, August 25th | Corporate Sponsors' Panel
"Pot Pourri - Something For Everyone."
2 hrs. Technical |
| Thursday, November 17th | Deede Weithorn, CPA
"Peer Review Compliance"
2 hrs. Accounting & Auditing |
| Thursday, February 16th | Marcie D. Bour, CPA
"Business Valuation Standards"
2 hrs. Technical |
| Thursday, May 18th | Corporate Sponsors' Panel
TBD
2 hrs. Technical |

All meetings will include dinner and networking at the Tower Club in downtown Fort Lauderdale. You can sign up now for the remaining meetings by sending a check for \$30 each to Lisa Petronio, 301 E Las Olas Boulevard, 5th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (s) _____ Fax _____

CPA exam passed date _____ Certificate No./State _____

Resource Guide Category (See Page 3) _____

Send check to "AWSCPA" for:	National portion	\$ 105
	Local affiliate	50
	One-time application fee	25
	TOTAL	\$ 180

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