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OUR MISSION

The American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) is a national organization dedicated 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

PUTTING YOUR BEST FACE FORWARD

Marta I. Rendon, MD to Share Tips on Skin Care and Rejuvenation

Marta I. Rendon, MD is an internationally renowned dermatologist and clinical researcher. At our August 21st dinner meeting, she will give an enlightening overview of skin care for different skin types and various skin conditions including alopecia, psoriasis, and acne. Dr. Rendon will provide guidance on the differences between products, cosmetic laser treatments, fillers and Botox®.

Dr. Rendon is the founder and medical director of The Dermatology & Aesthetic Center in Boca Raton. She has double board certifications in dermatology and internal medicine. Among her distinguished credentials, she is a past president and a founding member of the American Society of Cosmetic Dermatology and Aesthetic Surgery, a member of the exclusive Skin of Color Society and Pigmentary Disorders Academy, and a professor of dermatology at Florida Atlantic University and the University of Miami.

Dr. Rendon has been recently recruited as a global dermatology expert spokesperson for Procter & Gamble's Head & Shoulders product and directs her practice's clinical trials for skin care technologies, products, and treatments.

Attend our August 21, 2008 dinner meeting and let Dr. Marta Rendon smooth out the wrinkles you've heard on skin care and alternatives to plastic surgery. Invite a friend or colleague to "face" this experience together.

WHEN: Thursday, August 21, 2008

WHERE: The Tower Club
100 S.E. 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394
28th Floor, (Regions Bank Building)
Broward Blvd. & S.E. 3rd Ave.

TIME: 6:00 PM - Networking, followed by Dinner and our Guest Speakers. Bring your dollar bills for the Sandra J. Weiner "Woman of Courage" scholarship raffle.

The dinner will be "Mustard Tarragon Chicken."
If you prefer a vegetarian meal, indicate so when you RSVP.

Continuing Education - 2 hours Behavioral

****PRICE:** \$35 Members • \$45 Non Members
\$20 Student Members • \$25 Student Non Members

Send Reservations to: Lisa J.D. Efird, Reservations Chair
C/O Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP
301 East Las Olas Boulevard, 5th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

1 (800) 239-3843 ext. 1010, to leave message

**Includes valet parking (in the Regions Bank parking, north of the garage)

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

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Sandra Weiner "Woman of Courage" Scholarship Fund

Raffles are held at our quarterly dinner meetings. Donations of both cash and raffle prizes are welcome. Please contact a South Florida Affiliate board member for more information.

Board of Directors for the AWSCPA's South Florida Affiliate thanks Rachlin LLP for hosting our board meetings for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

2008-2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 21st **Dr. Marta Rendon**
 "Putting Your Best Face Forward"
 2 hrs. Behavioral

Prospective topics for the following meetings dates are:

Thursday, November 13th **Women's Initiatives**

Thursday, February 12th **Work/Life Balance**

Thursday, May 14th **Gender Communications and Personality Types**

Thursday, August 20th **Etiquette of Networking**

All meetings will include dinner, valet parking and networking at the Tower Club in downtown Fort Lauderdale. You can sign up now for the remaining meetings by sending a check for \$35 per meeting to Lisa J.D. Efirid, 301 E. Las Olas Boulevard, 5th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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	One time application fee	\$ 25.00
		<u>\$200.00</u>

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MEMBER NEWS

Elisa A. Armetta, CPA of Accounting Management Advisors, Inc. moved her office in April 2008 to 6801 Lake Worth Road, Suite 338, Front Building, Greenacres, FL 33467

Cynthia Borders-Byrd, CPA of C Borders-Byrd CPA LLC was appointed by the Governor to the Florida Board of Accountancy in March 2008. She is also on the board of the FICPA Educational Foundation.

Marcie D. Bour, CPA/ABV, CVA, CFE, BVAL, CFFA, of Florida Business Valuation Group was installed in June as President of the FICPA Gold Coast Chapter for 2008-2009.

Lisa J.D. Efirid of Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP was recently promoted to manager in the Tax and Accounting Services Department.

Randi K. Grant, CPA/CFP®/PFS of Berkowitz, Dick Pollack and Brant was recently appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Broward County. She also made a presentation at the Professional Businesswomen's Luncheon on June 25th on "Understanding Financial Statements."

Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA/CSEP of Levin, Silvey, Zelko and Mackey, PA was elected as Treasurer of the Broward County Guardianship Association for a second term. She is also the FICPA Gold Coast Chapter's President-elect for 2008-2009. Bonnie spoke to the Elderly Services Resource Network in July on tax tips and financial services and will speak to the FICPA's Gold Coast Chapter Industry Roundtable on August 21st.

Amy Vetter, CPA/CITP of Technology In A Box, LLC was selected by Intuit to be one of the featured speakers at this summer's inaugural Accountants Professional's User Conference hosted by Intuit, Inc. in Orlando FL and San Diego, CA.

Roberta Young, CPA, Partner of De Meo, Young, McGrath was recently elected President of the Cultural Foundation of Broward.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Vanessa Aybar of Rachlin LLP's Miami Office is a senior in the assurance department. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and her master's degree from the University of Miami. She was also an active member of Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity.

Andreea Cioara is Associate Director of Tax with Berkowitz Dick Pollack and Brant. Her focus is in the area of real estate. She received her bachelor's degree and a Master of Science in Taxation from Florida International University.

Megan Disbrow is an audit senior with Rachlin LLP in the commercial audit area. She received both her bachelor's and her master's degree from Florida State University. Megan was an active member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Crystal Ivory, CPA is in the assurance department of Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

Amy Vetter is the vice president and controller of Technology In A Box, LLC providing QuickBooks consulting, bookkeeping, controllership, and technology services. She received her bachelor's degree from the University Of Cincinnati and her MBA from Nova Southeastern University.

Rebecca Witonsky is a recent graduate from Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) Master of Taxation program. She received her bachelor's degree from Brown University. Rebecca is currently studying for the CPA exam. While a student at FAU, she was active in the Accounting Student Association.

JOB BANK INFORMATION

West Broward CPA firm has a position available for a staff accountant with at least 2+ years experience in write up through financial statements. The ideal candidate is a reliable, organized, non-smoker who is detail oriented. Email resume and salary requirements to wspa100@bellsouth.net.



Small CPA firm in Boca Raton has a position for a tax senior or manager with recent tax experience and research skills. Client base consists of high net worth individuals, family limited partnerships, trusts and estates. Experience with CCH Prosystems a plus. Will consider part-time, flex-time or remote access for the right person. Email resume to elsa@ejcpas.com.

Berkowitz Dick Pollack & Brant Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, LLP has an immediate opening for a tax manager. Must have CPA; supervisory experience and 5+ years of tax experience including corporate and/or international taxation, partnerships & individuals. Please submit resume to careers@bdpb.com or fax to (305) 379-8200, ref. TaxMgr.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Donna J. Petress-Miller, CPA grew up in Roselle, Illinois. She worked in her parent's hardware store and attended Arizona State University where she received her Bachelor of Science in General Business Administration in 1978.

Donna was married in 1979 and moved to South Florida. While raising her family, Donna worked part-time and attended Florida Atlantic University. She received her Bachelor's in Accounting and in 2000 she became a CPA. Donna started her accounting career at Rachlin, LLP in the tax and accounting department. Concentrating in the areas estate tax and trusts, she subsequently went to work for Northern Trust, NA where she is currently a 2nd Vice President in the tax department.

Donna has two children that are continuing her legacy in the field of accounting. Richard attends the University of Florida and is pursuing his Bachelor in Accounting. Christine received her Master of Accounting from Florida International University and is currently working in a Manhattan CPA firm, as an audit manager.

Donna became an active member upon joining the AWSCPA in 1999. She received the 2000 Becker Scholarship. She is currently president-elect of the Affiliate. Donna is also a member of the AICPA and the FICPA.

Donna is an active member of her church and a mentor for a high school Sunday school student in a National Leadership Program. She is an avid water-skier, loves playing tennis, snow skiing and is a certified diver. She enjoys traveling and spending her free time with her husband, Tug, family and friends.

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AWSCPA NATIONAL NEWS

Save the Date: October 27-30, 2008 for the 2008 ASWA/AWSCPA Joint Annual Conference to be held at the Fairmont Dallas in Dallas, Texas.

The theme is "Diamonds in Dallas." Join us for the celebration of the AWSCPA's 75th anniversary.

Mary F. Cheaney of Mary F. Cheaney, CPA, P.A. was installed as National President at a dinner held at the Casablanca Café on June 26, 2008. Attendees included outgoing and incoming national board members as well as South Florida Affiliate past presidents, current officers and board members, and other distinguished guests.



Pictured above are: Kelly Welter, National Director - West, Mary F. Cheaney (South Florida Affiliate) and Jennifer Laudermilch, Outgoing National President.

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



BE THE NEXT "MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!"

A member will be selected by a drawing at each dinner meeting to be "spotlighted" in our next quarterly newsletter. Attend our dinner meetings for an opportunity to be in the newsletter "Member Spotlight."

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants
South Florida Affiliate - 2008 Scholarship Winners

Pictured on right:

Lisa Rubin (center), recipient of a cash scholarship in honor of E. Jean Meyers



Pictured on Left:

Elizabeth Mackey (left), recipient of a Becker CPA review scholarship



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