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

2006 – 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 17th	Mary F. Cheaney, CPA "21st Century Business Etiquette." 2 hrs. Behavioral
Thursday, November 16th	TBA
Thursday, February 15th	Valerie Panciera-Rieth "All Stressed Out and Everywhere to Go" 2 hrs. Behavioral
Thursday, May 17th	Corporate Sponsors' Panel TBD 2 hrs. Technical

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 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 2) _____

Send check to "AWSCPA" for:	Annual Dues	\$ 175
	One-time application fee	25
	TOTAL	\$ 200

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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

21st CENTURY BUSINESS ETIQUETTE Powerful Tools to Enhance Your Career

Am I being Rude? Find out by participating in an interactive presentation on updated etiquette rules affecting our jobs, our offices and our social gatherings. Learn the dos and don'ts of cell phones, laptops, emails, travel and entertaining in our fast-changing high-tech world.

Past-President, Mary F. Cheaney, CPA will guide us through the maze of high-tech gadgets and global presence, putting them into perspective with tried-and-true etiquette standards. And along the way, she will help us create our own "Manners Tool Kit" for survival in today's "immediate" world. You won't want to miss all the fun and essential information.

WHEN: Thursday, August 17, 2006

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 "Chicken Piccata." 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 Petronio
C/O Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP
301 East Las Olas Boulevard, 5th Floor
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**Includes valet parking (in the Regions Bank Parking, north of the garage)

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:

MEMBER NEWS



Dr. Sharon Lassar is leaving Florida Atlantic University after 14 years as an instructor to pursue opportunities at Florida International University where she hopes to help build the Master of Taxation program.

Christine Petress of Rachlin, Cohen & Holtz graduated from Florida International University with her Masters in Accounting.

Bonnie Mackey was elected to the 2006-2007 board of the Broward County Guardianship Association (BCGA) as their public relations chair. Also, she was recently accepted into the Speakers' Bureau for the National Association of Estate Planning Council (NAEPC). Bonnie is the Immediate Past President of the North Dade/South Broward Estate Planning Council (NDSBEPC).

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Janette Davis is the President of Southeast American Financial Group, Inc., which is a mortgage and financial service company. Prior to that, she worked in the banking industry. Janette has a bachelor's of accounting degree and an MBA from Barry University. She was a past President of the Dade County Chapter of the FICPA. She is also a recent recipient of the Outstanding CPA in Business and Industry Award from the state. Janette is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Amy Garr is a senior staff accountant with MSI Barnes & Associates. Being with the firm for five years, her expertise is with international tax. Amy is currently pursuing her Master's in Taxation from Florida Atlantic University (FAU), where she earned her bachelors' of accounting degree.

Stacie Harriman is a staff accountant with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP. She received both her bachelor's degree in accounting and Masters of Taxation from Florida Atlantic University. While a student, Stacie was on the board of Beta Alpha Psi and was secretary in the Accounting Student Association.

Shivanni Ramsahai is a staff auditor with Rachlin Cohen & Holtz. She received her bachelor's in accounting from Florida International University (FIU) and her MBA from Nova Southeastern. She is studying to take the CPA exam. While a student at FIU, Shivanni was involved with the Accounting Association as well as Beta Alpha Psi.

Karen Semanate is a bilingual CPA with Big 4 public accounting experience and a second degree in MIS. She has her own consulting practice specializing in quality and compliance reviews including Sarbanes Oxley, internal audit and process reengineering. While a manager of Accounting Practices and Controls for Atento/Telefonica of Spain, she helped establish a system of Best Practices for 13 offices located throughout Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. In addition, she was the controller for the Latin America division of Husky Canada and Eyretel Australia. Currently, Karen volunteers for the Junior Achievement Program assisting kids in developing their entrepreneurial skills.

Kimberly Wicknertz recently retired from the Internal Revenue Service to be a stay-at-home mom. She has a degree in hospitality management from Florida International University, and an accounting degree from Florida Atlantic University. She received her CPA license in 2004.

AWSCPA NATIONAL NEWS

2006 ASWA/AWSCPA Joint National Conference.
American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) and American Woman's Society of CPAs (AWSCPA) conference will be held from September 18 through September 20, 2006, at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.
Visit www.awscpa.org for more information.

AWSCPA Techcast schedule:

- **September 28, 2006** – "Intelligence First: Substantive Client and Market Intelligence" – Shannon Vincent, Co-Founder and CEO ReNew Group
- **October 19, 2006** – "Guiding the Growth of Your Business – The Benefits of Outsourcing" – Rick Spaker, ADP TotalSource
- **November 8, 2006** – "Interviewing Skills" – Linda A. Pappajohn – Santora Baffone CPA Group

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

THE BOOK IS COMING!

What book you ask? The 2007 Resource and Referral Guide.

Are you aware that our members consistently refer business to one another by utilizing the categories in our Resource and Referral Guide? Some of our referrals have gone to members who practice in the areas of Foreign and International Taxation, Business Valuation and Estate & Gift Taxation.

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, Corporate Sponsors

To be listed in this guide, you must be a paid member. If you are not listed in the 2006 guide, join now by contacting Jill (jandron@bellsouth.net) or Christina (Christina@fullerwitcher.com) to be listed in next year's guide. We will be distributing information forms at our dinner meetings. Please complete and return these forms by November 30, 2006 to ensure that your information is correctly updated.



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JOB BANK INFORMATION

Local South Broward CPA firm has positions for a senior CPA and a staff accountant with at least 2+ years experience in audit and tax. QuickBooks, CSI, MS Office, Excel experience required. These positions are full time with benefits. Email only resume and salary requirements to TKD5869@aol.com.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Ivy Lynn Defino is the President of her own public accounting firm in Davie, Florida. Prior to establishing her own firm, she was a manager at CBIZ McClain Accounting, Tax & Advisory, Inc. in their Miami office. Ivy began her public accounting experience while still in high school. During her last two years of high school and first two years of college, she worked for Ilowit, Ilowit & Leventhal, PA. She also worked as a staff accountant for Freund, Fischer & Co. PA while completing her college education. After completing college in 1985, she joined Levin, Silvey & Company, PA in Hollywood as a staff accountant where she worked for five years before joining McClain. Her areas of expertise are corporate, partnership and individual taxation, compilation work and accounting services for closely-held entities.



Ivy earned her bachelor degree in Business Administration from Florida Atlantic University in 1985 and received her Master's Degree in Accounting from Nova Southeastern University five years later, all while working to raise two children, now 20 and 14. She has been a member of AWSCPA since 1998 and is the "hurricane" past president (2005-2006) of the South Florida Affiliate of AWSCPA and on the 2006-2007 National board as VP of Marketing. Since becoming a CPA in 1989, Ivy holds memberships with both the American and Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Besides watching the breathtaking sunsets and riding her wave runner in the Florida Keys, Ivy loves to travel and see new places. Her children travel with her when they can and she works very hard to balance home and office life. Ivy truly enjoys being able to help business owners get started, set up their books and records and keep them in compliance with the tax laws. It is extremely satisfying to her to assist in this, see her clients grow and become successful. Ivy strives to always be available to her clients and they know they can turn to her to help resolve their problems or just for a trusted referral. Congratulations, Ivy!

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 Chapter would like to congratulate our scholarship winners.

Congratulations to Maria Lucassen, winner of our E. Jean Meyers Memorial Scholarship! She was presented with a scholarship certificate for \$1,000.



Congratulations to Andrea Whitworth who was awarded the Becker CPA review scholarship, valued at \$2,400.



Both awards were presented at our May Dinner Meeting.

For scholarship info, contact: Sharon Lassar
Florida International University • University Park
Ryder Business Building 239-B • Miami, FL 33199
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American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants National Scholarship

AWSCPA offers a national scholarship to individuals aspiring to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

- Due date of application is March 15. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by June 30.
- Applications are available online and in printable (PDF) formats at www.awscpa.org.



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