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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.

MEETING NOTICE

Evolution

Historical Perspective of Women's Business Style

Join us on Thursday, November 12th, for an evening featuring an historical review of women in business since the early 1930's. The seminar was originally created for the AWSCPA 75th Anniversary and takes us on a journey through the past 75 years. The most poignant events in history and how the style and fashion of the times affected women as presented by Susan Bigsby, noted image consultant and stylist.

In keeping with this theme, we ask you to please bring any of your unwanted suits for the Dress for Success Miami program. This organization helps disadvantaged women by providing professional attire for them to wear for the interview and for up to one week once they obtain employment. Sonia Jacobson, Executive Director will be in attendance.

WHEN: Thursday, November 12, 2009

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 at 6:30 - Dinner and our Guest Speaker. Bring your dollar bills for the Sandra J. Weiner "Woman of Courage" scholarship raffle.

The dinner will be *Chicken Marsala*.
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
\$5 Scholarship Donation (Optional)

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

Cancellation Policy: 24 hours notice prior to meeting is requested

**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 _____

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GUEST NAME _____ PHONE _____

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IF YOU PREFER VEGETARIAN CHECK HERE:

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Helen Swinghammer recently moved to Florida from Ohio. She had been an audit supervisor for the state of Ohio, and then an auditor for Marathon Oil. She has her CPA as well as being a CFE and CIA. She received her bachelors degree from the University of Toledo and also has an education degree and was a teacher before going back to school for her accounting degree.

Joanne Tedone received her bachelors of accounting from Fordham University and her masters of science in taxation from Florida International University. She started her career with Arthur Anderson and then with J. Walter Thompson in New York and Italy for 21 years. She moved back to the United States in 2008 to help open Binda USA which is an American subsidiary for an Italian watch manufacturer.

Bonnie Sierra has her associates degree in accounting from Johnson & Wales, and is currently pursuing her bachelors degree at Kaplan University. She is involved with the student accounting association at Kaplan. While going to school, Bonnie is working in the bookkeeping department at Western Waterproofing.

Veronica Garcia is a staff accountant with Ribotsky, Levine and Company. She received both her bachelors degree and her masters in taxation from Florida International University.

Annie Ayoung-Chee received her bachelors degree in both finance and accounting from Florida Atlantic University. She recently passed the CPA exam and received her Florida CPA license. She is currently looking for work in public accounting. She is bilingual in English and Chinese. While a student, she was the VP of Communications for Beta Alpha Psi.

AWSCPA NATIONAL NEWS

The National Affiliate has called a virtual meeting for all members to review and cast their vote. The theme of the meeting is "The Economy and You." An email was sent to members with the standing rules, a ballot and audited financial statements for each member's review. Members have a month to review the information in this email and to cast a vote. The deadline is the close of business November 2nd. Please be sure to go to the National AWSCPA website and cast your vote.

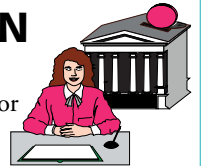
MEMBER NEWS

Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA/CSEP of Levin, Silvey, Zelko and Mackey, PA was named a new board member of CareSource, Inc. She will be presenting Quickbooks "What's New in 2009/10" for the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Assn.'s Educational Series on November 18, 2009.

Josephine Scott a Tax Manager with BDO Seidman, LLP is the FICPA Miami Downtown chapter BOD Member - Secretary for 2009-10 and the Financial Literary Coordinator for the Women of Tomorrow Mentor.

JOB BANK INFORMATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida (Tampa, FL) is looking to fill the Grant Coordinator position. For more information email Cindy Horner at crazypoof@hotmail.com or Bonnie Mackey at bonnie@lszcpa.com.



Northern Trust, NA is seeking to fill the position of Senior Tax Technician, it is full time and requires 5-7 years related tax experience. Contact Donna Petress-Miller at (305) 377-6934 for more information.

Lisa Kalpakjian is looking for a position in a CPA firm performing accounting and tax preparation services on a flextime or per diem basis. Please contact her at (561) 447-9446 or (561) 706-8714.

Diane Ventimiglia is seeking a position as an executive assistant. For more information, please contact her at (954) 240-0002.

There is professional office space available in downtown Davie. For more information, please contact Terry Santini at (954) 474-9000 Ext. 4.

If you would like to advertise future job positions, contact Cindy at crazypoof@hotmail.com.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Joanne Tedone

Joanne Tedone is originally from Yonkers, NY and obtained her degree in Accounting from Fordham University in the Bronx in 1978. She started her career at Arthur Andersen in New York City and became a CPA for the first time. She next joined the internal

audit department of the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency. The company transferred her to Milan, Italy where she spent 21 years as a Finance Director for various multinational companies. In 2005, she moved to Miami and joined Binda, USA, a startup subsidiary of an Italian company selling various designer brands of watches and jewelry. She obtained her masters in tax from Florida International University in 2007 and passed the CPA exam again in 2008. The company dissolved in July, leaving her to seek other employment which she is currently pursuing.

BE THE NEXT "MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!"

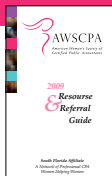
A member will be selected by a drawing at each dinner meeting to be "spotlighted" in our next quarterly newsletter. Attend our dinner meetings for an opportunity to be in the newsletter "Member Spotlight."



The 2010 Resource and Referral Guide is in its planning stages.

The 2010 Resource and Referral Guide is in its planning stages. The new guide will have an all new look. To be listed in this guide, you must be a paid member. Join now by contacting Jill (jandron@bellsouth.net) or

Janette (jdavis@southeastamerican.com) to be listed in the 2010 Guide.



SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants South Florida Chapter

At our last meeting, the first Sandra Weiner Woman of Courage Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Schmidt who currently attends Florida State University and will be completing her bachelors in April, 2010. She then plans to begin her masters in accounting program and sit for the CPA exam.

If you are interested in applying for any of our academic scholarships or for the scholarship to the Becker course, please email Sharon Lassar at lassars@fiu.edu for additional information and application deadlines.

READER'S CORNER

In this new section, we are looking for suggestions on articles from journals, magazines, newspapers, or books that may be of interest to women in accounting. To submit a suggestion, please send an email to Cindy Horner at crazypoof@hotmail.com. Please include the author's name, title of the article or book and/ or the magazine, journal, or newspaper where you found the article.

CALL FOR DONATIONS



The mission of *Dress for Success Miami* is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the

career development tools to help women thrive in work and life. Please remember to bring any unused suits you may wish to donate to the November 12th dinner meeting.



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