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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

International Financial Reporting Standards 2011 Update

What are the International Financial Reporting Standards? Who is responsible for establishing them? What is the International Accounting Standards Board? How does all of this fit into the future of GAAP?

To find the answers, you should attend this presentation by Kim Lamplough, CPA of Marcum, LLP. Kim is a Partner in the Assurance Division with 20 years of experience providing audit and financial reporting services to both domestic and international companies in both the public and private sectors.

WHEN: Thursday, November 17, 2011

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 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 Francaise*.
If you prefer a vegetarian meal, indicate so when you RSVP.

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OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Preeti D. Jain moved to Florida in 1996.

She graduated from Florida Atlantic University in August 2011 with a double major in accounting and finance. She was the 2011 winner of the AWSCPA South Florida Affiliate's Becker scholarship. She is taking the H&R Block Individual Income Tax Course and is set to complete it November 2011. She plans to take the CPA exam in 2012.

Debra Fowler, CPA is a partner with Fowler, Howard, & Reid, PLLC. She is a founding partner of SALT, LLC a consulting firm specializing in tax, non-tax related credits and incentives for expanding businesses.

Elizabeth (Beth) McHaffie has recently passed the CPA exam and is looking to fulfill the work experience requirement for her license. She worked for nine years with the IRS as an "Assistant to Blind Attorney." She earned her MBA at Campbell University in North Carolina and a masters in accounting and finance at DeVry University last year.

Marien I. Jamshidi, CPA is a Staff Accountant with Jagutszyn & Jagusztyn, PA. She graduated from Florida Atlantic University with an MBA in 1987. She received her license in May 2010.

Do you know a woman who would benefit from joining a group of motivated women CPAs, who value the exchange of information and networking with each other? Invite them to a meeting and to join the South Florida Affiliate of the AWSCPA. For more information contact Lisa Eford, Membership Contact at 1 (800) 239-3243 ext. 1010 or visit www.awscpa.org/southflorida.

MEMBER NEWS

Veronica Garcia, CPA of Ribotsky, Levine & Company, CPAs has been elected as a new member of the Cuban American CPA Board of Directors. She will serve on the Board for the next two years.

Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA/CSEP of Levin, Silvey, Zelko and Mackey, PA spoke at the FICPA Annual Accounting Show in Fort Lauderdale, FL September 22nd and on October 28th to Alpha Kappa Psi group at Emerald Hills Country Club on the subject of "Streamlining Your Tax Practice & Going Paperless." She spoke at the AWSCPA/ASWA Joint National Conference in North Carolina on October 25, 2011 on the topic "Comparison of IFRS and GAAP Terminology, timelines, etc." She appeared as a speaker at the FICPA Gold Coast chapter meeting on the subject of "Nonprofit Accounting in Quickbooks" on October 5th. She is being honored on January 26, 2012 by CareSource at their annual pro bono luncheon.

Zunner Soliz of the South Florida VA Foundation has recently passed all four parts of the CPA exam.

Cynthia S. Sobel, CPA is pleased to announce the opening of her new firm Rosenbaum Sobel, LLC with her partner Steven R. Rosenbaum, CPA. They are located in Plantation, FL.

AWSCPA NATIONAL NEWS

By the time you receive this newsletter, the 2011 Annual Conference for Women in Accounting will have taken place and the planning for next year's event will be underway. 2012 will be a year of change as the AWSCPA will be focusing on a new program for our membership separate from ASWA. Stay tuned for more details.

Don't forget CPE is available through our TechCasts available in 1-2 hour sessions right from your office. The next one is on November 10, 2011 - Retaining Women. If you can't attend the live event, many are available as podcasts. TechCasts, podcasts and technology all brought to you by your national leadership through our website, which also has a new look. You can follow AWSCPA on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn by visiting our website at www.awscpa.org. "Like Us" on Facebook and let us know what you think.

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SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

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

The 2011 scholarship winners have been announced. We honored Ada-Luz Daniel winner of the AWSCPA Scholarship, Bahreh Heidari Afousi winner of the E. Jean Myers Memorial Scholarship, Andrea Ramos winner of the Sandra Weiner Memorial Scholarship, and Preeti Jain winner of the Becker CPA Review Scholarship at the August 18th dinner meeting.

The 2012 scholarships will be awarded in the Spring/Summer of 2012. Watch for the upcoming deadline for applications. If you have any questions about our scholarships, please contact our Scholarship Chair, Janette Davis at jdavis@jdaviscpa.com.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Alina Kuang, CPA

Alina Kuang, CPA is the Accounting Manager of The Premier Group, a leading international provider of enterprise business solutions comprised of enterprise software, management consulting services and enabling technology. Premier is an Oracle Certified

Advantage Partner and focuses on client services in the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Alina's diverse responsibilities include management of domestic and international accounting operations, cash management, and payroll.

Alina is an active member of the AWSCPA South Florida Affiliate since 2007 and is the immediate past president. She also served on the Board as the secretary. She is currently serving as the Chair of Programming and Speaker Gifts.

Alina was born and raised in Miami, FL. She graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor of Accounting degree in 1993. Alina earned her master's of accounting degree from Florida International University in 1999 and obtained her CPA license in 2000.

She enjoys travelling with her husband and two boys, 6 and 3 years old. Alina is a new member of the Parent Teacher Association of Coral Cove Elementary School in Miramar, FL. Her favorite hobby/passion is running. She has enjoyed participating in marathons in cities such as Toronto, Canada and Richmond, Virginia. Alina's goal is to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

JOB BANK INFORMATION

Diane M. Minch, CPA, CFE, CVA, FCPA is a Forensic Accountant seeking full time employment or contract work in the areas of commercial litigation and/or marital dissolution. Contact Diane at dmmcpa@att.net.



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If you would like to advertise future job positions, contact Cindy Horner, Newsletter Chair at cindy13horner@gmail.com.

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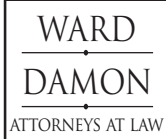
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BE THE NEXT "MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!"



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 2012 Resource and Referral Guide is in the planning phase.

To be listed in this guide, you must be a paid member. **Join now** by contacting Lisa Efirid at lefird@mbafcpa.com.

Congratulations Mary Cheaney!!!

Our very own long time member, Mary Cheaney has just received the 2011 Woman CPA of the Year Award at the Annual Conference for Women in Accounting held in Charlotte, NC. This is a prestigious national honor given to an individual for outstanding contributions to the accounting profession, and we are so very proud of Mary!



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2011-2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday August 18, 2011

E-Gadgets:

Toys You Cannot Live Without

Thursday, November 17, 2011

IFRS

2011 Update

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Update Virtual Office:

Taking Your Business to the Cloud

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Economic Forecast

Thursday August 16, 2012

Dress for Success:

What It Means for Women in Distress

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 \$39 per meeting to Lisa J.D. Efirid, 301 E. Las Olas Boulevard, 4th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

The South Florida Affiliate has established the 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.

**The Board of Directors for the
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