

AWSCPA January 2003 MEETING NOTICE

The American Woman's Society of CPA's

January 22, 2003

Speakers: **Anne Waisman** is the President of The Interface Financial Group. Interface Financial has been in business for over 25 years, with 77 offices throughout Canada and the U.S. The business specializes in providing short-term working capital to small businesses, especially subcontractors. Anne has a master's degree in planning and administration. She is the prior owner of three Tucson businesses. After operating the companies to improve profitability, she successfully sold the companies. Additionally, she has 15 years experience in management and marketing in construction, healthcare, and biotechnology. Anne has been in Tucson since 1974.

Melissa Amado received her BA and MA degrees from the University of Arizona. She is a Business Development Officer at Business Development Finance Corporation (BDFC), which provides financing to Arizona businesses. BDFC offers a variety of loan programs including the nationally recognized Community Economic Development Opportunities program benefiting women and/or minority firms in Tucson. She has also implemented "The Success Program" to assist eligible BDFC clients to become certified as a woman- and/or minority-owned business and "Tucson's Money," which offers 100% financing to businesses purchasing owner-occupied real estate in specific areas of Tucson.

Topic: **"Funding Resources for Small Business"**
Anne and Melissa will discuss various sources of funding for a small business, including the 100% funded real estate purchase program. They will also offer specific tools to assist your clients in maximizing their business banking relationships.

Cost: \$20.00 members
\$25.00 non-members

Place: El Parador
2744 E. Broadway

Date and Time: Wednesday January 22, 2003
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Reservations: Call Kai Pan at 321-4600, or e-mail her at kpan@beachfleischman.com by Friday, January 17, and indicate your choice of entrée:

1. Topopo salad, a traditional Mexican salad in a corn tortilla floret filled with greens and mixed vegetables tossed in a low fat vinaigrette dressing, trimmed with fresh avocado slices, tomatoes, and cheese and grilled marinated breast of chicken.
2. Flautas Del Mar, shrimp, scallops, and crab in a cilantro cream sauce rolled in flour tortillas and lightly fried.
3. Fajita Burro, marinated chicken or angus certified beef sautéed with peppers & onions & wrapped in a flour tortilla; served with sour cream, refried beans & guacamole.

Approved for 1 hour of CPE Credit

Note: Participants who sign up but are unable to attend will be billed for their entrée unless they notify Kai Pan or Lynne Himmer of the cancellation 24 hours in advance of the luncheon.

President's Corner:

Congratulations to Lori Green and Marian Smith, the recipients of our 2002 – 2003 scholarship awards. Both are non-traditional accounting major students who attend the University of Arizona. They will receive their awards at our January 22 meeting. Thank you to Barbara Ericks who was instrumental in organizing this year's scholarship committee. There will be a donation box at the sign-in table for those members wishing to contribute to next year's fund.

Thanks to all who contributed food at our December meeting for the Community Food Bank. We collected and delivered twenty-four items for them to distribute to the needy.

Our search for board candidates for the coming year is underway. If you are interested in serving on the board or on a committee, please let me know. It's a great way to get better acquainted with other members and is not a time-consuming task.

As a community service, the Tucson AWSCPA Affiliate has members donate their time to prepare tax returns for the Shalom House. We also "woman" the phones to answer tax questions for people who call in for a local TV show. More information will be given at our next meeting regarding how you can volunteer for these projects.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year! Hope to see you all at the January 22 meeting.

Debbie Hutchinson, President
Tucson Affiliate, AWSCPA

New Member Spotlight

Please join me in welcoming the newest member of the Tucson Affiliate of AWSCPA, Lynnae S. Fritz, CPA. Lynnae works for the firm of Frizzell, Senkerik & Company PC. She has been a CPA for 2 years and specializes in taxation. She has lived in Tucson for about 20 years. Welcome Lynnae.

Lori Hoby
Vice President of Membership

Annual Joint Dinner Meeting

Also, in May the AWSCPA Tucson Chapter will be sponsoring the annual Joint Dinner Meeting for Local Accounting Organizations. To make this annual event a success, we need to coordinate the dinner meeting with the other accounting organizations in town. If you are on the board of another accounting organization that would like to be included, or have information or contacts at other organizations, please contact Donna Burrows at 760-4159 or by e-mail at burds@theriver.com.

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The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) is a national organization dedicated to advancing the professional interests and careers of women CPA's. AWSCPA offers in-depth support in five important areas: advocacy, networking, leadership, training, education and public awareness. Full membership is available to anyone who holds a valid CPA certificate. Associate membership is available to all who have passed the CPA exam and student subscriptions are available in the Friends Program for those working toward certification and those pursuing degrees in the accounting program.

If you are interested in hearing more about the local affiliate or joining our organization, please contact Lori Hoby at lhoby@al.arizona.edu, our Tucson VP of Membership.

