



AWSCPA JANUARY 2004 MEETING NOTICE and NEWSLETTER

Monthly Meeting: January 28, 2004

Topic: *Employment Wage Credits Approved for 1 hour CPE Credit*

Speaker: *CariAnn J. Todd, CPA
Senior Manager, Beach Fleischman & Co., P.C.*

CariAnn Todd provides client service in the areas of audit, accounting and consulting for a variety of privately held businesses. She has been in public accounting since 1995.

CariAnn's discussion will focus on the **potentially lucrative employment wage credits** available to employers both inside and outside the Empowerment Zone. We will discuss all of the fine points of **what you need to know** to claim the credit(s) for your business or clients - the data that employers need to gather and retain as well as what forms must be filed and when.

Date and Time: Wednesday January 28, 2004
11:45 am – 1:30 pm
(please allow time for check-in, lunch served at noon)

Cost: \$20.00 members and non-members welcome

Place: Kingfisher, 2564 E. Grant Road

Reservations: Call Lynnae Fritz at **790-0044** or e-mail her at **lfritz@bfcocpas.com** by Friday January 23, 2004 @ 3:00 pm and indicate your choice of entrée:

1. **TRADITIONAL CAESAR SALAD** with marinated chicken breast
2. **SPINACH FETTUCINE**, grilled squash, vine ripe tomatoes, garlic, basil, extra virgin olive oil, sweet butter, sourdough breadcrumbs.
3. **GRILLED FISH SANDWICH**, cilantro pesto, roasted peppers and chilies, white cheddar, shoestring fries and slaw.

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

- BRING A **GUEST**, pass the sheet above along to your co-workers!
- **\$\$\$ Give and receive...** 50/50 raffle...proceeds to benefit the **scholarship** fund

Newsletter

President's Message:

By Lori Hoby, CPA

WE'RE ON THE WEB!! Thanks to Lynda Nigh and AWSCPA National we now have our very own AWSCPA Tucson Website!

Head to <http://www.awscpa.org/tucson/index.html> to check it out!

HALF-DAY SEMINAR SUCCESS - Attendees had a great time at our joint AWSCPA/ASCPA half-day seminar – Financial Planning: Personal and Professional Perspectives – held on December 10th. Below are speakers **Donna Byers** and **Janet Davis**, AWSCPA President **Lori Hoby** and speakers **Angela Baurley** and **Taunya Villicana**.



Notes from NATIONAL:
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND THE AWSCPA CPE FOUNDATION

By Alex Miller, CPA, National AWSCPA President

Do you know a fourth or fifth year senior, a graduate student, or a recent graduate who's looking to sit for the CPA exam and isn't sure how they'll afford a CPA review course? If so, the AWSCPA national scholarship might provide the answer. Our new scholarship provides funding for the cost of a review course.

The scholarship is open to men and women who meet the qualifications, which include a 3.0 GPA both overall and in accounting and being either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Applicants must submit an essay and provide validated transcripts from their college. Need and scholastic aptitude will also be considered. Deadline for submission each year is March 15th. Information and application forms can be found at www.awscpa.org.

Not only does the AWSCPA CPE Foundation fund the national scholarship, but it's also a source for scholarship enhancements for local affiliates, including Tucson. If you'd like to help support the Foundation, there are several ways to do it. There is a place on your renewal application to indicate you'd like to make a donation. You can also make a direct contribution at any point during the year.

Another way to help the Foundation is found in the Members Only Section of our website under Affinity Programs. Our Affinity Program Partnerships are a great way to do your shopping and give value to the CPE Foundation at the same time. When you link to our Partners through our website, the CPE Foundation receives a percentage of your purchase, usually 5-8% or more. Retailers include favorites such as Land's End, Office Depot, Dell Computers, McAfee Security, The Sharper Image and Hickory Farms. There are also gifts outlets such as 1-800-THE-ROSE.COM, 800Wine.com, Lillian Vernon Online, GiftBaskets.com, and many, many more. The list is constantly being updated, so you never know who you might find!

If you do your shopping online, connect to these retailers through the link on our website each time and you can help support the CPE Foundation. It's a great way to raise funds for scholarships while taking care of business at the same time.

If you have any questions about our Affinity Program Partnerships or your member ID number (to access the Members Only section), check with the national office or call Alex Miller, CPA (current national president) at 721-5000.

Tucson Scholarship Update:

This year the Tucson Affiliate awarded two \$500 **scholarships** to very deserving and very appreciative UA Accounting students. The winning women, **Michelle Bullock** and **Christina Smith**, have been invited to our January meeting to accept their scholarships! The awards will be used in the Spring 2004 semester. **Thank you** all for your raffle entries and donations to the fund!

Our goal is to **increase** our awards every year. We ask for your **help**...but not without **reward**! Enter our 50-50 raffles at each meeting – half the funds go to support our scholarship fund, and half go to...**you!** (Maybe). Previous winners have walked away with **\$30-\$50** and a warm feeling in their hearts.

\$\$\$ Give and receive ... participate in the 50/50 raffle at the meeting - proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. **OR** send your contribution to: *Janice Doonan, AWSCPA Treasurer (fbo scholarship), DeVries, Carpenter & Associates, PC, 4349 East Fifth Street, Tucson, AZ 85711.*

Upcoming: Mark Your Calendars!

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event Sneak Preview</u> |
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| February 25, 2004 | Lunch CPE Technology |
| March 24, 2004 | Lunch CPE Predictive Index |
| April 28, 2004 | Lunch CPE Mentoring/Coaching |
| May 26, 2004 | Evening Joint Meeting/ Networking |
| June 23, 2004 | Lunch CPE Employment Law |

AWSCPA 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 **advocacy**, **networking**, **leadership**, **training**, **education** and **public awareness**.

Membership:

If you are interested in hearing more about the local affiliate or **join**ing our organization, please contact VP's of Membership Darlene Brady (darlene@taxandmoneywise.com) or Deborah Hutchinson (deborah.hutchinson@cliftoncpa.com).

Member Spotlight: Inquiring MINDS want to know!

This is our second in a series of articles highlighting our **MEMBERS**. This month, meet AWSCPA National President Alex Miller and AWSCPA Tucson President Lori Hobby!

Member Alex Miller, CPA National President AWSCPA

What is your area of accounting specialty? I have my own tax practice, emphasizing individuals, estates/trusts, and small businesses with a focus on construction contractors.

What is your favorite food? Popcorn (especially movie popcorn), and Kraft mac & cheese. My favorite Tucson restaurant is Vivace.

What WON'T you eat? Brussels sprouts and lima beans...with a passion.

What do you like to do for fun (that's legal)? My husband and I love to travel. We also like to go to/watch movies, and we like to cook. I also like to read.

Favorite Book(s)? I love books by romantic suspense author, Nora Roberts, especially her series set in Ireland and the Northeast. I also like early Dean Koontz. My favorite book is probably Stephen King's original version of The Stand.

Favorite Holiday? It's a toss up between my husband's birthday (it's after tax season so we usually end up spending it somewhere nifty) and our anniversary (which is a week before Christmas so you get the joy, the crisp winter air, the sights/sounds/colors of the holidays without all the last minute stress)

Worst Job? I worked in the kitchen of the old Bobby McGee's Restaurant (it's now the City Grill). I was the only girl in a dish/cook crew of probably 30. The hours were horrible (lots of holidays, and several times where we lost our water) and I forgot how many times the guys tried to send me through the Hobart (dishwash) machine. All in all, not a great experience, but I learned that sometimes the rumors about what goes on in the kitchen are not just rumors.

Best Job? I worked as a river guide in the Rocky Mountains during summers in college (hence the WHT WTR license plate). When we weren't on the river, we were hiking, mountain climbing, horseback riding and exploring the Colorado backcountry. Back then, you didn't mind not getting paid a decent wage, because hey, you were working in the Colorado Rockies.

Words to live by: I have two signs next to my desk. One says, "Believe in yourself and magic will happen." The other says, "Things I have to do today....breathe in...breathe out." For my 2003-2004 term, my personal focus is "Embrace Change."

Member Lori Hoby

What is your area of accounting specialty? Used to be Tax & Public Accounting, then I died and went to heaven and became involved with Planned Giving Administration at The University of Arizona Foundation.

What is your favorite food? YEP, Food!

What WON'T you eat? Sushi and others things that should be cooked but aren't.

What do you like to do for fun (that's legal)? If it's fun (and of course legal), I do it. Yep, Fun!

Favorite Book(s)? Depends on my mood.

Favorite Holiday? My husband and I have birthdays 1 day apart...we think they are holiday's. We always do something special.

Worst Job? Public Accounting when I worked hundred hour weeks...the sad thing was I didn't know it was the worst job until I resigned after 2 years.

Best Job? My current position as Assistant Director for Planned Giving Administration at the UA Foundation (how many CPA's will say their current position!)

Words to live by: I know it will be a great day when I wake up in the morning.... **AND**... Quoted from author, Diane Ackerman, "I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I have just lived the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well."... **AND**... Days may be long, but life is short. Enjoy the moment. – Author Unknown...Well, you get the idea!

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