



# Tucson Affiliate April 2007 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Lynda N. Nigh, CPA

Tax season is almost over – summer appears to be on its way.

Nominations for the 2007-2008 officers/directors of the AWSCPA Tucson affiliate are being accepted now. Don’t miss out on participating in the varied opportunities. As you may have noticed, many of the positions are shared – working as a co-chair is a great way to help your Tucson affiliate while sharing the work. It is our members, each and every one of you, that make the difference. Call an officer or director now to inquire about the perfect position for you.

We want every year to be “your” year, and we welcome your ideas and input. Email me NOW with your one great suggestion and/or comment – [lnighcpa@msn.com](mailto:lnighcpa@msn.com). I want to hear from YOU!



Affiliate president, Lynda Nigh, makes every opportunity count!

## MEETING NOTICE

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### Tucson's Economic Outlook by Laura Shaw

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
(please allow time for check-in, buffet lunch served at noon)

**Cost:** \$25 members / \$30 non-members / \$10 students

**CPE:** Counts as one (1) hour of CPE

**Place:** Nobody Knows, 1234 E. Nowhere St.

**Menu – Please choose one:**

- 1) **Thai chicken noodle salad** – roasted chicken and Thai nookles with spicy cashew-sambal chile dressing, mixed greens with veggies, and crisp wontons.
- 2) **Grilled portabella mushroom sandwich** – portabella mushroom with piquillo chiles, eggplant, beefsteak tomato, basil pesto, and melted mozzarella.
- 3) **Shredded beef tacos** – served with pico de gallo, black beans, and Spanish rice.

**Reservations:** Notify **Debi Moore** by telephone at **790-3500 x218**  
or e-mail [debi.moore@cliftoncpa.com](mailto:debi.moore@cliftoncpa.com)  
Reservation deadline: **Friday, March 23rd** at 12:00 pm

*Note: Participants who sign up but are unable to attend will be billed unless they notify [Debi](#) of the cancellation 24 hours in advance of the luncheon.*

## RECENT EVENTS

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### March Luncheon – Sales Taxes and More by Kristen Smith, VP-programming

On March 28th, Pam Reinke, Principal Auditor at the City of Tucson, shared with an intimate gathering at City Grill information on sales tax in Tucson. We learned that Arizona is not a true sales tax state; we are a business privilege tax state, meaning the burden of tax payment is on the business for the "privilege" of providing services or goods. However, the business is allowed to pass the tax onto the end consumer.



There are a number of different tax rates within Arizona. Each business is responsible for being aware of where they are located (including the Rio Nuevo district), and reporting their sales tax on time. Pam recommends that it is always best to file your report on time, even if you can not pay on time.

Lastly, if you are selected for an audit by the City of Tucson, you have the option of requesting a multi-jurisdictional audit. This allows the City of Tucson auditor to audit for the state and any other cities so as to have one audit and not worry about multiple auditors knocking on your door.

If you have any questions, Pam or her staff is always available to answer them. They prefer businesses to have the knowledge upfront, rather than have to fix mistakes later.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Board Nominations** – The Tucson affiliate of **AWSCPA** is looking for new board members for the 2007-2008 year. Would you like to help determine the **future** of our affiliate and be part of the **action**? We would love to have you on the Board. If you're interested in joining this Board of **dynamic women**, please let us know – contact one of the Board members or talk to us at the luncheon. This is an **invigorating** way to be involved with your local affiliate, **have fun**, **meet people**, and **participate** in the Tucson leadership.

**Member Directories** – Tucson Affiliate directories were distributed at our November luncheon and by direct mail. In the event that you have not received your complimentary directory for 2006-2007, please contact **Nannon Roosa** at (520) 790-3500 or [nannon.roosa@cliftoncpa.com](mailto:nannon.roosa@cliftoncpa.com).

**Becker CPA Review Services** – Becker is planning to hold a review class in **Tucson** starting in May or June and running through November. They are in **need of instructors** for the class. Here is your chance to help and influence new CPA candidates! Please contact Lorise Reed, marketing coordinator for Becker Professional Reviews at (480) 423-5741 or e-mail: [Lreed@beckerreview.com](mailto:Lreed@beckerreview.com).

**AWSCPA Virtual Mall** – When you are shopping, keep this **opportunity** in mind... **AWSCPA** has partnered with several companies, who will donate a portion of each **AWSCPA** purchase to the **CPE Foundation**, which provides national scholarships and helps affiliates with their scholarship programs. See the Virtual Mall on [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org) (from the home page click "Useful Links" then choose Virtual Mall) for a complete listing. To count toward their contribution, most of the vendors require you to begin your shopping at the Virtual Mall.

## SPECIAL THANKS

The Tucson AWSCPA would like to thank the following firms and individuals for their contributions to our affiliate:

- **BEACH FLEISCHMAN** – for underwriting the cost and hosting our webcast presentations
- **CLIFTON GUNDERSON** – for preparation of our member directory again this year
- **HAMMEL, BEAL & LAUER** – for the use of their conference room for our board meetings and AV equipment at our luncheons

## UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Apr. 25, 2007	AWSCPA luncheon, Tucson's Economic Outlook, see page 2
Apr. 26, 2007	AWSCPA webcast, see page 7
May 23, 2007	AWSCPA luncheon, Business Valuations
June 27, 2007	AWSCPA luncheon, TBA

This listing is a tentative schedule of this year's events. These dates or topics may change to fit speaker schedules, so check back for updated information in each month's newsletter. **Save the Dates!!**

## 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**.

## CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

In an effort to give back to the community, the **AWSCPA** Tucson affiliate has started a tradition of collecting donations for select charities and other charitable endeavors each year. We have our own **scholarship** fund through which we have given scholarships to deserving college students – we awarded two \$500 scholarships in each of the last two years. We have also collected **trunkloads** of clothing for the **YWCA Your Sister's Closet**. This year we have plans to help the community as follows:

**YWCA YOUR SISTER'S CLOSET** provides unemployed women with clothing that is appropriate for job interviews and to begin employment. They need professional clothing that is stylish, clean and preferably ON HANGERS. Clean out a closet and bring your gently used items to our next luncheon. You'll receive a receipt for your contribution, and we'll take care of delivering them to the YWCA. *We need a volunteer to collect donations and deliver them to the YMCA. Please contact any board member if you would like to be that person!*

**SPONSORSHIPS** In February we were a table sponsor at the **YWCA Women and Money** seminar. In addition, we provided scholarships to the event for four women who would otherwise not be able to attend and distributed investment books, flyers, and highlighters. Thanks to Mass Mutual for subsidizing the books!

**SCHOLARSHIPS** The Tucson **AWSCPA** has a scholarship program for female accounting students who have taken a non-traditional path to their education. Our 06/07 scholarships were awarded at the December luncheon. There are several ways you can help fund these scholarships:

**\$\$\$ Give and receive... participate** in the **50/50 raffle** at each meeting – one ticket for \$1 or six tickets for \$5. The proceeds are split – half to the winner and half to benefit the scholarship fund. **OR** you can purchase tickets for the next raffle by sending your check (made out to **AWSCPA**) to: **Susan Pina, AWSCPA Treasurer (fbo scholarship), c/o Beach Fleischman & Co., P.C., P.O. Box 64130, Tucson, Arizona 85728-4130**. Please indicate "Raffle tickets" and the number of tickets on the memo line.

In addition, you can help this cause through a **tax-deductible contribution** to our scholarship fund at the **UA Foundation**. Simply complete the contribution form below and mail it along with your contribution to the UA Foundation or give it to a Board member at the next luncheon.

***Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.***

Please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the AWSCPA Scholarship fund.

Donor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to The University of Arizona Foundation, with "fbo AWSCPA Scholarship" on the memo line.

Mail this form with your check to:

The University of Arizona Foundation  
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## WEBCASTS

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We will be sponsoring group sessions for the **AWSCPA** webcasts. Each webcast lasts an hour (or more) and occurs about once a month. **Beach Fleischman & Company** has agreed to host these webcasts at their offices, and a continental breakfast will be provided.

Join us for another hour of learning, food, and networking!

UPCOMING WEBCASTS:

### **April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9-10am**

#### **ARE YOU A HUMAN HELICOPTER? 10 STEPS TO GO FROM HOVERING TO SOARING!**

If you are looking to kick-start your career or business into a higher performing gear and aren't quite sure where to begin, this lively webcast will offer workable solutions and shared success secrets that will move any process, career, agenda, or business forward.

Be in control and stay in control of any situation. Learn to recognize your own latent competitive edge (we all have one!) and how to make it soar (no need to fear "flying higher!")

**Presented by:** Leslie G. Ungar, president, Electric Impulse Communications, Inc.

**Location:** Beach Fleischman & Company, 1985 E. River Road, Suite 201 (parking in the rear)  
The techcast begins promptly at **9am**, so please arrive by **8:45am** to allow for check-in.

**Cost:** Underwritten by Beach Fleischman & Company as a benefit for all members, non-members, and students – everyone is welcome. **Reservations required.**

**RSVP** to **Susan Pina** at [spina@bfcocpas.com](mailto:spina@bfcocpas.com) before 12pm on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

\*Check back for more upcoming webcasts each month.\*

## WELCOME TO AWSCPA!

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**AWSCPA** is dedicated to serving all women CPAs. As a member of this national organization, you will find yourself in a **supportive** environment with valuable resources to help you achieve your **personal** and **professional goals**. You will also find rewarding **opportunities** for **leadership**, **networking**, and **education**.

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS** Membership in the **AWSCPA** is open to **all** individuals (male and female) who are or who are **aspiring** to become certified public accountants.

**READY TO JOIN?** If you would like more information and a **membership application**, please contact **Nannon Roosa** ([nannon.roosa@cliftoncpa.com](mailto:nannon.roosa@cliftoncpa.com)). You may also speak to any board member at our monthly luncheons.

**ALREADY A MEMBER?** Let your associates know how valuable your **AWSCPA** membership has been to you! Just a reminder: when you renew your annual dues, **please** be sure to include the **affiliate fee** of **\$30** for your local group. This fee enables us to continue providing high quality programs in Tucson!

**Did you know** – For each new member you recruit, you'll be entered into the semi-annual drawings for a grand prize. All new members will be listed in the monthly newsletters (New Members article) online ([www.AWSCPA.org](http://www.AWSCPA.org)) – and if you see someone you personally recruited, let the National Office know and your reward will be sent.

We appreciate your support and attendance at our programs! Please feel free to contact any board member if you have questions, concerns or suggestions! You may also visit the website of the AWSCPA National Office at [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org).

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!!** Visit our website: <http://www.awscpa.org/tucson>

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## JOB FORUM – IT’S ALL ABOUT YOU!

The Tucson AWSCPA affiliate strives to develop more networking opportunities for our members and meeting attendees. As part of this networking, we are providing the forum for employers with positions available to match these opportunities with individuals seeking employment. This will be a *confidential* service if you are seeking employment.

For those seeking employment contact Kelly Crandall (email: kellyc@cpahammel.com). For those with positions available, contact any Board member to announce your opening at a monthly meeting or in our newsletter. (NOTE: Newsletter postings must be received by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in that month. Ads must be 200 words or less – no logos or tables – submitted in a Microsoft Word® document. All postings may be further edited as needed for space limitations.)

PLEASE communicate this employment connection to your employers for future employment opportunities for others. This is a FREE service for those looking for great CPA’s – that’s you!

### Job Openings

--- THIS SPACE ---  
CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE!

If you have any openings  
that you would like to advertise  
in our monthly newsletter,  
please contact Kelly Crandall  
or any current board member.  
(contact information on page 5)