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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Lynda N. Nigh, CPA

It's graduation month – it's celebration month – summer is on its way.

Join us for the May meeting and graduate to a new level of understanding on business valuations. Help us celebrate another successful year as your professional organization.

I urge you to join us and become an active member in a growing and dynamic affiliation of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants. Don't forget to toss your name in the "hat" to serve in one of the many rewarding board or committee positions. The Tucson Affiliate needs your input and perspective.

See you on May 23rd.



Affiliate **president**, **Lynda Nigh**, makes every opportunity count!

MEETING NOTICE

Where There is Smoke There is...a Business Valuation?

by Kevin R. Yeanopolis, CPA/ABV, ASA

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
(please allow time for check-in, lunch is served at noon)

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

CPE: Counts as one (1) hour of CPE

Place: Old Pueblo Grille, 60 North Alvernon Way

Menu – Please choose one:

- 1) **Flat Iron Steak** - with garlic butter, green chile mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.
- 2) **Cilantro Cream Stuffed Chicken Breast** - with red rice and seasonal vegetables, topped with fresh cilantro
- 3) **Chile Dusted Salmon** - with honey mustard glaze, green chile mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- 4) **Portobello Mushroom Enchilada and a green corn tamale** - with vegetables and rice

Reservations: Notify **Debi Moore** by telephone at 790-3500 x218
or e-mail debi.moore@cliftoncpa.com
Reservation deadline: **Friday, May 18th** 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 27, 2007	AWSCPA luncheon, Estate Planning
July/August 2007	No meetings scheduled
September 2007	Annual Fall Fiesta! (date to be announced!)
October 25-27, 2007	2007 AWSCPA Joint Annual Conference in Orlando, FL – see the website at http://awscpa.org/home.htm for more information

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!!**

RECENT EVENTS

April Luncheon – Marketing the Tucson Region by Susan Pina, Treasurer

Our April meeting took place on April 25th at Acacia in St. Phillips Plaza. The lunch was great and the socializing made a nice midweek break. It was therapeutic to trade busy season war stories. Our speaker for the luncheon was Laura Shaw, VP of Marketing and Communications with Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO).

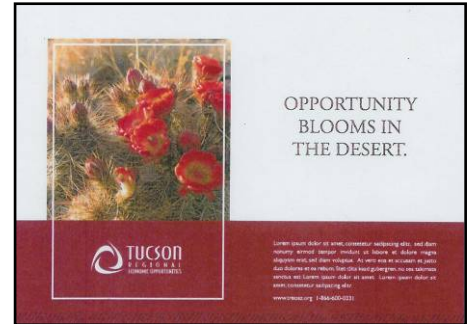


She began by explaining the history of how TREO was developed. TREO was founded July 1, 2005 in Tucson to fill a need for a single, focused economic development effort. Their first year goals were the following:

- Establish TREO as a world-class economic development organization.
- Deliver a balanced offering of valuable services and programs to support its mission.
- Be the leading source for economic research in Southern Arizona.
- Invest in long term planning for achievable, sustainable growth.

The next part of her presentation was to show us the great results they have had in their first eighteen months. They attracted six major employers to the region, retained 1,315 jobs, created more than 300 new jobs and generated \$142 million in capital investment by expansion of existing business.

She ended her presentation with some of the advertising that TREO was sponsoring. My personal favorite advertising was "Opportunity Blooms in the Desert." It was a very positive presentation to see how Tucson is growing (and blooming) and how TREO's endeavors are shaping the growth.



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.

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 (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 web cast presentations (see page 7)
- **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

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 This worthy organization 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.

Note: They have moved to a new location at 525 N. Bonita, and donations are accepted Mondays only between 8:30am-4:30pm. Find out more about this organization by visiting their website at <http://www.ywcatucson.org>.

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
Attention: Scholarship Development Office
PO Box 210109
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WEBCASTS

We will be sponsoring group sessions for the **AWSCPA** webcasts. Each webcast lasts an hour (or more) and occurs about once a month. You can sign up to view the following webcasts through the AWSCPA. A schedule of group meetings to view these webcasts will be included in next month's newsletter.

- May 23, 2007 The Identity Theft Epidemic and Your Business: What you must do to reduce your risk!
- May 31, 2007 Annuities: What every accountant should know
- June 6, 2007 Where There's Golf There's Business: How to leverage golf for business gain

You can check out all of the up-coming webcasts at <http://awscpa.org/home.htm>

WELCOME TO AWSCPA!

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). 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) – 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.

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

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**.

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 5th 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

Providence Service Corporation – Tucson-headquartered, publicly-traded company seeks staff for its Internal Audit Department. Responsibilities will include an emphasis on 404 SOX compliance testing. Travel within the continental U.S. is necessary and approximately 15-20% of time.

Minimum qualifications include: BS/BA in accounting or related field; active progression towards CPA/CIA certification. Work experience to include 2 years of accounting; auditing experience preferred.

See the Company’s website at www.provcorp.com to learn more about the business. Go to www.jobing.com to apply.

SIMPLY PUZZLING

SuDoku

Have you tried SuDoku? As accountants we work with numbers every day, so **AWSCPA** plays **Word SuDoku!**

This month, the SuDoku is our contest – the first accurately-completed puzzle received will win a prize at our next luncheon.

Some helpful hints for completing the puzzle: As with standard SuDoku, fill in the grid so that every row, column, and 3x3 box contains each of the letters provided only once. Additionally, the letters will spell a six- to nine-letter word or phrase that will appear one time within the grid, read either across or down. Solve the clue using the letters provided to determine the word or phrase, then find the only place within the puzzle that the clue will fit – in its entirety – readable either across or down (see the first sample puzzle grid below – black letters represent the “blank” grid). Then you can complete the rest of the grid as normal (second grid below).

Sample Puzzle –

Clue: Most members of our organization are: _ _ _ _ _
 Letters: A C E M N O P S W (Answer: **WOMEN CPAS**)

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	O	M			A		E	S
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Contest Puzzle –

Now you try it! Complete the clue and grid below and send your completed puzzle to Kelly Crandall by fax at (520) 885-3699. If yours is the first correct puzzle received, you will win a prize.

Clue: Record the “use” of intangibles: _ _ _ _ _
 Letters: A E I M O R T U Z

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