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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kristen Smith, CPA

As the 2007-2008 fiscal year draws to a close, I want to thank all of our members and attendees for making this a great year for our Tucson affiliate. We have had some wonderful presentations pulled together by Katie Newburn and Sara Tomchin with help from Sheri Campbell. Chris Elzy, Svetlana Pitman, and Brittney Williams have done an excellent job of arranging locations and taking reservations. We could not have had such great programs and turnout without all of your help!

Lynda Nigh and Nannon Roosa have been instrumental in increasing our membership. Kelly Crandall has put together a wonderful newsletter each month along with great articles from Susan Pina. Debi Moore was responsible for soliciting applications and choosing our scholarship winners. Lisa Gundvaldson was our fearless secretary, keeping track of all our board meeting minutes, and Lynnae Fritz put her accounting skills to good use while being treasurer for our affiliate.

Last, but not least, I want to recognize Darlene Brady and Lori Hoby as our members-at-large who have a long history with our organization and provided great advice and countless stories of things that did or did not work in the past. Thanks for all of your hard work this year ladies. You have all made my job easy! I now turn my duties over to Chris Elzy, who will do a great job for this organization in the year to come!



MEETING NOTICE

An Update on Trusts: New Legislation - by Jill D. Wiley

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
(please allow time for check-in, lunch will be served at 12pm)

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

CPE: Counts as one (1) hour of CPE

Place: Old Pueblo Grille, 60 N. Alvernon

Menu:

- 1) **Arizona Spiced Flat Iron Steak** – with garlic butter, chipotle garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- 2) **OPG Breast of Chicken** – with spicy cilantro cream sauce, chipotle garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- 3) **Chile Dusted Salmon** – with honey mustard glaze, chipotle garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- 4) **Vegetarian Combination** – green corn tamale and cheese enchilada with cilantro rice and seasonal vegetables

Reservations: Notify **Chris Elzy** at celzy@azlitho.com
Reservation deadline: **Friday, June 13th** at 12:00 pm

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

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

We are compiling a slate of nominees for the upcoming 2008/2009 year of the AWSCPA Tucson Affiliate. Board nominees will take office effective July 1st, contingent upon the votes of the membership. Watch your email-box for the official member notice for the 2008/2009 Officer/Board Nominations. See the listing of nominees on the last page of this newsletter.

We still have openings for the following positions. If you or someone you know would have an interest in joining the Board this year – as an officer or committee member, please send your contact information immediately to Lynda Nigh (lnighcpa@msn.com).

Vice-President (President-Elect) – responsibilities: stand-in for president as needed

Outreach Director (Community) – This is a new position on the board. Responsibilities: propose a budget for community outreach projects, choose and manage those projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date! for AWSCPA upcoming luncheons and other events:

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| June 18, 2008 | AWSCPA luncheon, see meeting notice (Pg. 2) |
| June 25, 2008 | AWSCPA transitional board meeting
3:30-5pm at Northern Trust, 6444 E. Tanque Verde Road |
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TECHCASTS

We will be sponsoring group sessions for the **AWSCPA** TechCasts. Each TechCast lasts an hour (or more) and occurs about once a month. You can sign up to view the TechCasts through the AWSCPA or join us for a group session.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks again this year to **Beach Fleischman & Company** for hosting our TechCasts. Without their sponsorship, we may not have won a **Silver Star** award at the 2007 **Joint National Conference**.

AWSCPA Virtual Mall – 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 the “Useful Links” button, then choose “AWSCPA Virtual Mall”) for a complete listing. To count toward their contribution, most of the vendors require you to begin your shopping at the AWSCPA Virtual Mall.

Kaplan CPA Review is a long-time affinity partner with **AWSCPA**. Kaplan is dedicated to helping CPA candidates pass the exam with confidence on the first try. Student or professional members of **AWSCPA** are entitled to a **25% discount** on all of Kaplan's Complete Learning Systems and live classes. This discount alone will more than pay for your annual **AWSCPA** membership investment! To learn more about this discount, contact **AWSCPA** at info@awscpa.org.

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) or **Lynda Nigh** (lnighcpa@msn.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.

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 three years. We have also collected 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. 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 07/08 scholarships were awarded at our February 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: **Lynnae Fritz, 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** directly to our scholarship fund at **The University of Arizona Foundation**. Simply complete the contribution form below and mail it along with your contribution to the 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:

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 Attention: Scholarship Development Office
 PO Box 210109
 Tucson, AZ 85721-0109

THE 2007-2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS...



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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 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

Hammel, Beal & Lauer, P.C. is seeking to fill multiple tax positions in our expanding practice. **We offer:**

- Experience with a diverse industry mix
- Partnership opportunities
- Ongoing training and leadership development
- No travel
- Involvement in management
- Relocation reimbursement
- Unlimited potential for growth and advancement
- Competitive salary and bonuses
- Family friendly work environment
- Flexible schedules
- Generous vacation/paid time off
- 401(k) plan with match

We are looking for some of the best and brightest tax professionals to join our firm! Qualified candidates will have a minimum of 3 years public accounting tax experience, CPA, strong desire to excel in public accounting, and excellent communication and presentation skills. If you have an interest, **CONTACT US!**

Our firm's mission is to help our clients achieve their goals by providing exceptional business advisory and financial services. We are a member of CPAmerica® International, one of the largest networks of independent certified public accounting firms in the world. This affiliation, along with the experience of our professionals, gives us the resources to be competitive with national and regional firms, yet retain the level of personalized service found only in a local firm. To learn more about our firm and our affiliation with CPAmerica®, check out our website at www.hblcpa.com. Please fax your resume and cover letter to (520) 885-3699 or email to info@cpahammel.com.

TAX MANAGER – Growing tax practice is looking for an experienced CPA to work in our Tucson office. Full time position, great benefits, advancement opportunities, reasonable busy season hours. Salary DOE. Send resume to: jsteiner@horne-llp.com.

BOARD NOMINEES – 2008/2009

The official notice will be sent to all members by Friday, June 6th.

Following is the slate of nominees for the upcoming 2008/2009 year of the AWSCPA Tucson. Board nominees will take office effective July 1st, unless we receive negative votes by June 24th. If you are in favor of the nominations, there is no need to respond to this email. If you would prefer to cast a negative vote, please respond immediately, and if possible, please include your replacement nominee. **Please submit all responses to Lynda Nigh, nominating committee chair, at lnighcpa@msn.com**

Please note: The following positions are still available. If you or someone you know would have an interest in joining the Board this year, please send your contact information immediately. (lnighcpa@msn.com)

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Additionally, we welcome committee members to help out on any of the committees listed below. Current committee members are listed after the nominees (these are non-elected positions).

Thank you!

American Woman's Society of CPA's - Tucson Affiliate Nominees for Board of Directors 2008/2009

Officers:

<u>President</u> -	Chris Elzy
<u>Vice-President (President-elect)</u> -	Still available
<u>Secretary</u> -	Rose Lapan
<u>Treasurer</u> -	Ro McCue

Directors:

<u>Membership</u> -	Susan Brown (license pending)
<u>Programming</u> -	Lynda Nigh
<u>Hospitality</u> -	Katie Newburn Lisa Gundvaldson
<u>Communications</u> -	Susan Pina (Media) Kelly Crandall and Kristen Smith (Newsletter)
<u>Outreach</u> -	Debi Hutchinson (Scholarships) Still available (Community) Nannon Roosa (Directory)
<u>Members-at-large</u> - (non-elected)	Darlene Brady Lori Hoby

Committee members (non-elected):

Susan Brown (membership)
Jennifer Nordstrom (membership)
Sheri Campbell (programming)
Svetlana Pitman (hospitality)