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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Kristen Smith, CPA

Well, for a lot of us, the 15<sup>th</sup> of October is fast approaching and deadlines loom over us. Thankfully, our meeting this month is after that date!

After we have been working so diligently on tax returns, I'm looking forward to hearing about words instead of more numbers. This business writing workshop by Dr. Kendra Gaines is sure to help us learn new techniques for memos and client letters along with refreshing our memories on simple grammatical issues that are so easy to forget.

I look forward to seeing you soon!



## MEETING NOTICE

### **Scintillating Sentences and Pertinent Punctuation** - by Dr. Kendra Gaines

*Date & Time:* Wednesday, October 17, 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 N. Alvernon

*Menu:*

- 1) **Slow Roasted Shredded Beef Machaca** with green chile mashed potatoes, charro beans, pico de gallo, and warm tortillas
- 2) **Chicken Fajitas** with red and yellow bell peppers, poblano chilies, mushrooms, onions, red rice, charro beans, warm tortillas, sour cream, salsa, and guacamole
- 3) **San Carlos Fish Tacos** with pico de gallo, shredded cabbage, and black bean salsa, dressed with cilantro lime vinaigrette and cilantro sour cream
- 4) **Vegetarian Combination** a green corn tamale and a cheese enchilada with cilantro rice and seasonal vegetables

*Reservations:* Notify **Brittney Williams** at [brittneyw@heinfeldmeech.com](mailto:brittneyw@heinfeldmeech.com)  
Reservation deadline: **Friday, October 12th** at 12:00 pm

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

October 17, 2007 AWSCPA luncheon – Writing Skills, See page 2

October 25-27, 2007 2007 AWSCPA/ASWA Joint Annual Conference in Orlando, FL

November 14, 2007 AWSCPA luncheon, TBA

## 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.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AWSCPA Virtual Mall** – When you're 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.

**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. Their CPA Learning System includes an activity planner, on-line or CD-ROM videos and workbooks, on-line QBank, study manuals, audio CDs, flashcards, email access to instructors, email lessons and a 24-month on-line subscription with a free study manual update. 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](mailto: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** or **Lynda Nigh**. 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).

## 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**.

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**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 will be awarded at our 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: **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** 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:

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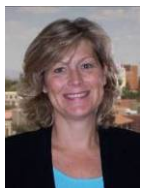
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## JOB FORUM – IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

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](mailto: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**

Do you have a passion for public accounting? **Clifton Gunderson** is looking for you to join our talented team in Tucson, AZ.

CU Associates – Clifton Gunderson is the leading provider of credit union audit and consulting services. We are looking for your talent to lead and perform in-depth review and analysis of our credit union clients' operational activities. Use your knowledge to deliver financial statements as well as review and analyze statements with clients while adding value by providing strategic business insight. Use your savvy to develop superior relationships with clients as well as assure continued close personal attention to client needs. We will count on you to handle multiple challenging issues while accurately and efficiently meeting deadlines. Showcase your demonstrated two to five years of recent public accounting experience and financial statement preparation, preferably with a financial institution, along with your Bachelor's degree in Accounting and CPA (or CPA candidate) so that we may offer you an opportunity of a lifetime!

Assurance Senior Manager – We are looking for your talent to plan, perform and review significant audit engagements in the fields of nonprofit organizations, financial institutions, government and commercial audits. Use your talent to deliver financial statements as well as review and analyze statements with clients while adding value by providing strategic business insight. You will manage our talented staff and assume the role as mentor to coach staff on various audit and accounting technical issues. Use your savvy to develop superior relationships with clients as well as assure continued close personal attention to client needs. Your 4+ years of audit experience in public accounting will be your first stepping stone to success at CG. These talents combined with your Bachelor degree in Accounting, CPA credential and excellent written and verbal communication skills will give you the tools needed for this rewarding opportunity!

Please send cover letter, resume and salary requirements to [Swstaffing@cliftoncpa.com](mailto:Swstaffing@cliftoncpa.com). Clifton Gunderson is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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- **staff accountant** (2-5 years of experience)

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