



Tucson Affiliate December 2005 Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE – HALF-DAY SEMINAR

Professionals on the Move – Presented By:

Leslie Porter

Glenn Gunsolley, CPA/ABV, PFS

Liz Russo-Clyde, PRP

Shannon Hartsuck, PRP

- Date and Time:*** Tuesday, December 13, 2005
7:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Cost:*** \$75 AWSCPA members
\$100 non-members
- CPE*** Counts as four (4) hours of CPE
- Place:*** Northern Trust Building, Community Room
6444 E Tanque Verde Road
- Reservations:*** **Notify Dee Ann Brower** by telephone: 733-2530
or by e-mail: deeann@taxandmoneywise.com
Reservation deadline: **Friday, Dec. 9th** at 12:00pm

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Through the Fog”

By Anne C. Hoff, CPA



Over the Thanksgiving holiday I traveled to western Oregon to visit my cherished future in-laws. Ever the Girl Scout, I was prepared with gifts and good cheer for all. However, as if making a good impression wasn't daunting enough, my initial challenge was to stay calm when the pilot informed us that heavy fog in Boise *may* prevent our landing there. Ever the problem-solvers, the flight attendants were prepared – several passengers had been “bumped” in favor of taking excess fuel...just in case we had to circle for a very long time, or fly to another city.

After an hour of smooth flying, we approached Boise and the infamous “inversion” that cast a thick blanket over Treasure Valley. Ever the optimist, the pilot was prepared for a careful assessment of the fog and led us in a wide, smooth circle...and then another...and another...with each spiral gradually bringing us closer to the billowy, mysterious clouds...until we took a collective big breath and descended into the unknown. Our moments in the grayish-white clouds were carefully measured as I wished for *seeing* the ground before *feeling* it. But ever the force we long for, good fortune (and superior aviation skill!) showed us the welcoming runway, just in time for a flawless, albeit abbreviated landing.

Others have no doubt experienced more harrowing flights. However, each plane trip I take reminds me of how much courage I have. Why? Because in spite of my (unwarranted) fear, I still manage to get on the plane. (Okay, except maybe once.)

Yet, the more relevant observation here is that PREPAREDNESS got us to our destination. As CPAs, we take pride in being prepared for career challenges by participating in quality seminars, such as “Professionals on the Move.” Join us next week as we learn how to recognize and seize career opportunities, how to focus our professional expertise, and how communicate persuasively. Ever the networking novice, I am looking forward to seeing YOU on the 13th for quality CPE, scintillating conversation, and a nourishing breakfast!

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RECENT EVENTS

By Susan Piña

The November 16, 2005 luncheon meeting was a successful event. We met at City Grill on Tanque Verde for a great lunch and an hour of CPE, all of which began with a few announcements:



Anne Hoff, president, spoke about the national conference she had attended in September and provided some of the information she had received. **Lori Hoby**, programming VP (photo insert), gave us some information on the upcoming half day seminar. It will be an exciting event and we encourage all to join us. **Lynda Nigh**, membership VP and president-elect, spoke about some opportunities for younger staff in the midst of sitting for the CPA exam. There is a national program through **AWSCPA** where they will provide financial assistance for exam review courses. She also gave us an update on how we can help **Your Sister's Closet** by donating our gently used professional clothing we no longer need. She reiterated that we will be collecting items at each meeting and delivering them to the charity. Finally, she announced and congratulated **Joyce Weiss**, who won an award for attending the most **AWSCPA** luncheons during our 2004-2005 year.



The CPE portion of the meeting was a good learning experience for everyone in attendance. Our speaker was John C. Woods, J.D., the Director of Planned Giving at the University of Arizona Foundation, and he spoke about The Amazing Charitable Gift Annuity, A Gift that Pays Income for Life. After his presentation, many attendees commented that they had heard of charitable gift annuities but really didn't know what they were. They were pleased to have the information to pass on to their clients and associates.

The meeting ended with the drawing for the 50/50 raffle – a \$25 prize this month. The luncheon was enjoyable and we all went away a little more knowledgeable.

Did you catch the 1-2-3? The benefits of charitable gift annuities include: **(1)** they benefit the charity and increase your current income and **(2)** they provide the potential for tax-free income. But beware: **(3)** choose the charity wisely, the contract is secured by the financial integrity of the charity.

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

1/25/06 at 11:30am	AWSCPA luncheon – <i>Stress Management: A Great Way to Start 2006</i>
2/22/06 at 11:30am	AWSCPA luncheon – TBA
Sept. 20-22, 2006	AWSCPA/ASWA Joint Conference, Las Vegas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW AVAILABLE: The Tucson affiliate has beautiful **business card holders** available for purchase. The card holders can be purchased at our luncheons for \$20 each, and the net proceeds from sales will be used for scholarships and/or community outreach projects.



Special thanks to **Clifton Gunderson LLP** for preparing our annual membership roster again this year!

Our gratitude is extended to **Hammel & Company owners and staff** for your hospitality and the use of your large conference room for our board meetings! **Thank you!**

CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

In an effort to give back to the community, the Tucson affiliate of **AWSCPA** has started a tradition of collecting donations in the fall for select charities each year. This year we will be collecting clothing (as further described below) for the **YWCA Your Sister's Closet** at the September through December luncheons. So, clean out your closets and drawers for a good cause!

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 ON HANGERS.

SCHOLARSHIP Additionally, the Tucson **AWSCPA** has a scholarship program for female accounting students at the University of Arizona or Pima Community College who have taken a non-traditional path to their education. We'll be picking the newest recipients this December. There are several ways that 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: **Kristen Smith, AWSCPA Treasurer (fbo scholarship), 75 W. Calle De Las Tiendas, Suite 103B, Green Valley, Arizona 85614.** Indicate "Raffle tickets" and the number you want to purchase on the memo line.

This year we are adding another opportunity for you to help this cause ... through a tax-deductible contribution to our scholarship fund at the UA Foundation. You can do this by using the contribution form below, which can be mailed to the UA Foundation or given 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: Lori Hoby, CPA
PO Box 210109
Tucson, AZ 85721-0109

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 **Lynnae Fritz** (lfritz@bfcocpas.com) or **Lynda Nigh** (lnigh1@qwest.net). 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!

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/index.html>

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 **Darlene Brady** (phone: 733-2530 or email: darlene@taxandmoneywise.com). For those with **positions available**, contact **any Board member** to announce your opening at a monthly meeting or in our newsletter.

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

BOOKKEEPER A successful mid-town/foothills gas station/carwash is seeking a part-time bookkeeper to work 2 hours a day, 5 mornings a week. Call Anne Hoff or Don Butler at 327-8530 if you are interested.

CPA/AUDITOR with 5 years public accounting experience is needed to join our team at **Busby Sanford Brady CPAs PLC**, one of the leading full-service CPA firms in the Tucson area. Competitive salary; benefits package, including 401(k) & no travel. Flexible, friendly environment with the opportunity to grow professionally. Please e-mail your resume to nancy@taxandmoneywise.com or fax to 520-733-2529.

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JOB FORUM – Job Openings (continued)

STAFF ACCOUNTANT Hammel & Company, P.C. is seeking candidates with 2-5 years of accounting and/or tax experience, preferably with a degree. Voted “Best place to work” in Tucson! We have many opportunities for advancement. Come grow with us! Please send your resume to: Hammel & Company, P.C., 5656 E. Grant Rd #200, Tucson, AZ 85712; or fax to 520-885-3699.

TAX ACCOUNTANT Tucson CPA firm is seeking an experienced accountant for the preparation of corporate, partnership and fiduciary tax returns. Applications will be accepted for full-time, flex-time or reduced summer/fall work-load positions. We provide a competitive compensation package commensurate with experience. The firm has adopted a four-day work week from July 15 through December 31. Interested parties may call our office at (520) 327-8530 for additional information. Resumes and salary requirements may be submitted to **Kleinhans, Lashbrook & Butler, P.L.L.C.**, 4534 E. Camp Lowell Dr., Tucson, AZ 85712, or e-mail to cllcpa@earthlink.net.

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.**
