

Seattle Chapter Meeting Wednesday, August 26

Rainier Golf & Country Club
11133 Des Moines Memorial Drive South
Seattle, WA 98168
(206) 242-4460

Dress code requirement: no jeans

Menu:

Salad: Tossed Green

Entrée: Chicken Breast with Spinach and Feta
Cheese

Dessert: Cheesecake

Vegetarian Option: Grilled Vegetables in a
Portabello Mushroom

Members/Faculty	\$27.00
Guests	\$29.00
Students Members	\$19.00
Student Guests	\$21.00
Coffee Only	\$ 5.00

Reservation/Cancellation Policies

Use the on-line form

Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645

Send email to reservations@aswaseattle.org

Reservations deadline:

1pm, Thursday, August 20

Cancellations deadline:

Noon, Monday, August 24

**No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.
Walk-ins are welcome but with no meal avail-
ability guarantee.**

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1 Hour CPE

Speaker: Linda Miller Baldwin
State of Washington, Taxpayer Services
Division

Topic: Nexus – Conducting Business In and Out of
State

Linda Miller Baldwin will present information on activities that establish nexus and conducting business inside and outside Washington. Additionally, she will provide an update of the 2009 legislative changes to taxes and programs administered by the Department of Revenue.

Linda Miller Baldwin has been an employee of the State of Washington since 1989 and has worked in the Taxpayer Services Division for the last 19 years. Her past positions include Tax Information Specialist and supervisor in the Telephone Information Center. Currently, Ms. Baldwin works in the Taxpayer Information and Education Section where she responds to letters of determination, writes guides and publications, and conducts speaking engagements and workshops, among other activities. Prior to state service, Ms. Baldwin worked as an accountant and employment manager. She is a graduate of Washington State University and The Evergreen State College MPA Program.

Membership Dues

Don't forget to renew your membership. Your dues help support both the national and local organizations. You can do this on-line through the national website: www.aswa.org.



Calendar of Events

August 26, 2009	August Dinner Meeting – see page 1
September 9, 2009	September Board Meeting
September 23, 2009	September Dinner Meeting
October 7, 2009	October Board Meeting
October 19 - 21, 2009	Joint National Conference The Palms Resort, Las Vegas
October 28, 2009	October Dinner Meeting Annual Scholarship Dessert Auction
November 11, 2009	November Board Meeting
November 18, 2009	November Dinner Meeting Topic: Bear Market Rally or Beginning of a New Bull Market?
December 2, 2009	December Board Meeting
December 16, 2009	December Dinner Meeting Joint meeting with Bellevue Chapter hosted by Seattle Chapter
June 18 - 19, 2010	NW Area Conference - “Stop and Count the Roses” Portland Crowne Plaza – Portland Convention Center

From Your Editor:

You may notice a slightly different look to the Journal this month. There has been a changing of the guard. Many thanks to Marilyn Wilts who produced the Journal every month for the LAST FOUR YEARS. Marilyn, that is above and beyond the call of duty! Thank you.

This month’s Journal is pretty skimpy as a result of the transition. As the new editor, I would like to get input from our readers about what you would like to see in the Journal. In addition, the Board will be discussing our website and communications content. If you have thoughts about what content our monthly Journal should contain, please send me an email to journal@aswaseattle.org.

Thank you for your input.

Mary Fisher, Editor



Your Chapter Needs You

We still have open positions on committees and would love to have you sign up if you see something that strikes your interest. Many committees still have room for more members so it's never too late to join. The following volunteer opportunities are still available:

Marketing Committee Chair	Be a greeter at the monthly dinner meetings
Publicity Committee Chair	Be a sponsor to a new member
Public Relations Chair	Write up speaker highlights
Yearbook Committee	One-time volunteer jobs are available

Contact President Jo Smitchger at president@aswaseattle.org if you are interested or would like more information.

Speaker Highlights from the July 22, 2009 Meeting:

“The Top 10 Treasury Strategies for Doing More... With Less”

Presented by Don E. Smith

VP Senior Treasury Product Delivery Officer

Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Global Product Delivery – Treasury

Goals of Treasury Management

1. Improve efficiency in your back office and day-to-day operations by automating or streamlining your activities
2. Help you gain more control through increase visibility and access to information and protection against fraud
3. Provide you the tools to concentrate and maximize the value of your working capital, operating reserves and strategic cash

Strategies 1 – 10

10. Transition your payments away from paper and checks
9. Electronify your payments with card solutions
8. Think and act globally
7. Auto reconcile bank statements/transactions
6. Stop “going to the bank” ...for transactions that you could do online or electronically
5. Outsource receivables and payables
4. Automate posting of A/P
3. Automate posting of A/R
2. Prevent check and ACH fraud before it happens
1. Invite your banker out to lunch for creative ideas for your business



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Joint National Conference October 19 – 21, 2009 The Palms Resort Las Vegas

Will you be going to Las Vegas? The JNC is only three months away. It's time to think about being there. There will be four tracks of CPE: Accounting and Auditing, Controllershship, Professional Development/Leadership and Taxation, which means that there should be something for everyone. The room rate dropped from \$239/night to \$129/night so make your reservations now ... 866-942-7771 and use group code AA1017F. There are also some great airfares available. Book now!

For those of you who weren't able to make the Northwest Regional Conference in Bellingham, here is another great opportunity to network and, who knows what you might learn along the way. See you there.

Made in Seattle Call for Items for Silent Auction Basket at JNC

The Seattle Chapter would like to have a basket of "Made in Seattle" items for the Silent Auction at the Joint National Conference in Las Vegas, October 19-21, 2009. Be creative but do remember that products will be on display for three days and must be transported in the winner's luggage, so perishable and easily broken items are not recommended. The Silent Auction supports the programs of the ASWA Foundation. For more information contact Rachel Petrich, Petrich.R@portseattle.org, or Marilyn Wilt, marilyn@screenplayinc.com. Your contribution needs to be delivered to Marilyn by October 14th.

Contact Info for Other Northwest Region Chapters

ASWA Bellevue: www.aswabellevue.org

Meets third Tuesday of the month at Coast Hotel Bellevue
August 18 – Improving Your Job Performance by Optimizing Sleep presented by
Dr. Catherine Darley from the Institute of Naturopathic Sleep Medicine

ASWA Tacoma: www.aswatacoma.org

Meets second Mondays at Tacoma LaQuinta Inn just off I-5

ASWA Spokane: www.aswa4.org

Meets third Thursdays at Red Lion Hotel at the Park

ASWA North Cascades: www.aswa115.org

Meets third Tuesdays except December at Bob's Burgers & Brew in Bellingham
August 18 – Working in a Paperless Environment, Moss Adams LLP

ASWA Portland: www.aswaportland.org

Meets fourth Tuesdays at various locations

Northwest Region Directors – Region 6:

Seattle, Bellevue, Tacoma, North Cascades, Spokane:

Sharron O'Donnell, CPA

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Billings, Portland:

BJ Sprague, CPA



Announcements

Next *Journal* Deadline: Wednesday, September 2, 2009. The Seattle Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants, to serve its members' interests, publishes the *Journal* monthly. If you have news, seminars, community meetings, committee meetings or an article you would like published, attach the file (preferably in Word™, single spaced with no tables, boxes or irregular formatting) and send to **Mary Fisher** at journal@aswaseattle.org.

Employment Opportunities Newsletter will be posted after the dinner meeting to the Members Only section of the web site. You will need your 5-digit ASWA member ID number to log in. Send email to update@aswaseattle.org if you can't find your member number.

ASWA LinkedIn Group. Please visit our [LinkedIn page](#) and join our group to network with other ASWA members. This is a great way to get connected – and stay connected. We now have over 525 members in ASWA's LinkedIn group and several have started discussion strings. If you've not already done so, please consider becoming a member and participating in the discussions. There are new ones almost every day.

ASWA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Society of Women Accountants is to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional, and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

ASWA Claim Statement

For women who seek advancement in the accounting profession, ASWA is a professional membership organization that provides the leadership skills required for success. ASWA provides experienced mentors and a supportive, non-threatening environment to practice business management and establish a professional reputation among peers.