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Seattle Chapter Meeting Wednesday, March 28, 2012

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

Dress Policy: No Jeans Please

Agenda:

5:30-6:30 Social Hour & Networking 6:30-7:30 Dinner & Announcements

7:30 Speaker 8:30 Adjourn

Menu:

Entrée: Grilled Marinated Top Sirloin

Vegetarian Entrée: Wild Mushroom Strudel

Dessert: Mixed Berry Crisp

Cost:

Program & Dinner	Members	Guests
Regular/Affiliate	\$27.00	\$29.00
Standing Res	\$26.00	
Student/Associate	\$19.00	\$21.00
Program Only	\$5.00	\$7.00

Reservation/Cancellation Policies:

Three options:

Use the on-line form Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645

Email to reservations@aswaseattle.org

Reservation deadline: <u>5 pm, Thursday, March 22</u> Cancellation deadline: <u>Noon, Monday, March 26</u>

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

March 28, 2012 Monthly Dinner Meeting 1 Hour CPE

<u>Speaker</u>: Joseph Cunha, Tax Manager City of Seattle, Business License Division

Topic: Nexus

Joseph Cunha has been with the City of Seattle for sixteen years, four and a half as an auditor, and eleven and a half as a Tax Manager. Prior to the City of Seattle, Joseph spent seven years with the US Department of Treasury as an IRS agent in Los Angeles.

Joseph will be presenting Nexus, On-line sales tax responsibilities, tax classifications, and gift cards/coupons.

CPE Info:

- Program level: Basic
- Program prerequisites: None
- Instructor delivery method: Traditional
- Recommended amount of CPE credit: 1

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President's Message – March 2012

CELEBRATE-CELEBRATE-CELEBRATE

So ... what exactly are we celebrating?

Let's start with those who have been members for more than 25 years. ASWA has decided to honor all these members with a pin. If you are at the dinner meeting this month be sure to see me to get your pin. Congratulations to:

Mary Anne Schmitt, Karen Smith, Linda Canney, Linda Landerdahl, Carol Watson, Elizabeth Hedlund, Sue Tebrink, Chris Anderson, Susan Goegebuer, Nancy Harris, Mary Anne Olmstead, Susan Paulsen, Lia Gredzens, Mary Fisher, Norma Patterson, Patricia Angell, Amy Sparks, Carol Eisenhauer, Jana Helmuth, Leslie Kastelle, Jan Cobb, Linda Burrus, Carol Grant, Rene Petrich and Tina Polf.

Did you know that we are also celebrating 70 years as a chapter? We have weathered many storms – for the uninitiated, that's a tie in to the 2012 Regional Conference – both professionally and personally over those seventy years. What are some of the storms you have survived personally? I'm sure that most of us have weathered the highs and lows of job loss or changing careers or venturing out on our own. It would be great to share some of these with the Seattle chapter ... send your storm stories to president@aswaseattle.org.

Next on the celebration list ... Student Night – this was a huge success. I think that everyone enjoyed the Bingo game. Thanks to Mary Dunlap and her crew. We were able to award the Becker CPA Review Scholarship to Bridget Savage.

Celebrate <u>your</u> accomplishments over the past nine months ... a promotion (yeah, Mary) ... marriage (that's you, Elisabeth) ... officially retired (that's you, Sue) ... if you changed jobs or got a job ... if you moved (that's you, Liz).

Get out your pens and pencils to pick your teams in the March Madness Pool(s) – that's the NCAA Championships. Then celebrate those upsets that you so wisely predicted or even the eventual winner.

Last but not least ... celebrate spring. According to the calendar, it is right around the corner but then, again, we do live in Seattle and who knows when spring will actually arrive. Although based upon the jungle that is my yard, it is time to bring out the mower!!

Marilyn Wilt

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Calendar of Events

March 28 April 25 May 23 June 27	March Dinner Meeting – Joseph Cunha, Tax Manager, City of Seattle Business License Division April Dinner Meeting – Sue Danbom, Volt Staffing, Learning LinkedIn – Making it Work for You No May meeting due to hosting the Regional Conference June Dinner Meeting – Chris Falco, Falco Sult – Succession Planning
May 18 & 19	Northwest Regional Conference, hosted by Seattle Chapter, Cedarbrook Lodge, SeaTac

Oct 22-24 ASWA Annual Conference, San Diego

Weathering the Storm Celebrating 70 Years in Seattle

2012 Northwest Regional Conference – May 18 & 19 in Seattle

The Seattle and Bellevue Chapters are busy preparing for the 2012 Northwest Regional Conference to be held at the Cedarbrook Lodge in SeaTac on May 18 and 19. Join us at this quintessential northwest location and earn CPE in a retreat-like setting. Meet new friends, greet old friends, network and build memories.

There will be three concurrent tracks to choose from: Accounting and Auditing, Management and Tax. Some of the class offerings include: Multi-State Taxes presented by Monika Miles, our ASWA National President, IFRS, C-Corps, four hours of Washington State Ethics, Cloud Computing, Mobile Banking, and Top 10 HR Issues.

In addition to the CPE and plenty of networking, the full conference registration will include Friday and Saturday breakfasts and lunches, Friday Fun Night, which is a dinner celebrating our 70th Anniversary followed by Comedy Improv of Taproot Theatre, and Chapter Exchange. There will also be vendors for those who love to shop and browse around, and an auction to benefit the ASWA Educational Foundation.

The early-bird full registration cost will be \$395 and the early-bird deadline will be April 20. On-line and mail-in registration is available on our website at www.aswaseattle.org. Make your plans today!

The Conference committee is looking for volunteers. Session monitors and help at the registration desk is needed. Please email nwrc12@aswaseattle.org if you are interested in helping. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

March Anniversaries

The following members have their ASWA anniversaries this month. We're so glad you are part of us!

Karen Smith	Tina Polf	Jana Helmuth	Marilyn Evans
Margo Reich	Kristine Roberts	Mary Ayres	Sharron O'Donnell
Mary Jo Kenner	Tessia Dentes	Adrienne Lowber	Jacqueliene Anderson
Mary Dunlap	Amy Sgalitzer	Fumiko Yarita	Deborah Cunningham
Maya Pawlitschek	Bridget Savage		_

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the new members so far this fiscal year, since July 1. We're glad you've joined us!

Madalina Dobra	Jessica Dreier	Lisa Boyd	Kimi Willison
Mimi Park	Olga Moore	Alexandra Castoe	Chenge Li
Malaika O'Rourke	Oanh Tran	Heather Guzha	Gillian West
Yukari Horikawa	Robin Amundson	Denise Rasch	Phengky Sim
Yukari Odora	Shelly Robbins	Nancy Brown	Vaiva Rubinaite

To help our new members feel welcome, please seek them out and get to know them at a meeting.

Announcements

Next Journal Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2012

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

Send us your **Member News** to be included in the <u>Journal</u>. New job, promoted, passed the exam, started back in school, major life events, read a great book? Send a brief write-up to **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 <u>LinkedIn page</u> 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.