

## Seattle Chapter Meeting Wednesday, August 27

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:** Sliced London Broil w/ Balsamic Glaze

**Dessert:** Apple Crisp w/ Whipped Cream

**Vegetarian Option:** Veggie Lasagna

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

No coffee only option

### Reservation/Cancellation Policies

Use the on-line form

Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645

Send email to [reservations@aswaseattle.org](mailto:reservations@aswaseattle.org)

Reservations deadline: 1pm, Thursday, August 21st

Cancellations deadline: noon, Monday, August 25th

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

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1 Hour CPE

**Speaker:** Christy Margelli,  
Executive Director  
and/or

Ben Secord, Field Director,  
Washington Tax Fairness Coalition

**Topic:** Washington Tax Fairness Coalition: Time for a Change

The WTFC is a non-partisan, non-profit, long-term effort to bring about a progressive system of revenue and taxes for Washington and fair taxation and budgeting at the Federal level. The Coalition is a network of over 75 endorsing organizations throughout Washington, including organizations in education, health, labor, senior services, the environment, and faith-based groups. The presentation will include discussion about Washington's revenue and tax structure, what the Coalition and its members are trying to achieve to bring about reform to the Washington revenue and tax system, and the guiding principles of the organization.



## Calendar of Events

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| <b>August 27, 2008</b>       | <b>ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf &amp; Country Club</b>   |
| <b>September 9, 2008</b>     | <b>ASWA Tacoma: LaQunita Inn</b>   |
| <b>September 24, 2008</b>    | <b>ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf &amp; Country Club</b><br>Dessert Auction  |
| <b>October 22, 2008</b>      | <b>ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf &amp; Country Club</b><br>Speaker: Mary Rose, Network for Business Innovation & Sustainability |
| <b>October 28 – 30, 2008</b> | <b>Joint National Conference: The Fairmont, Dallas</b>   |
| <b>December 12, 2008</b>     | <b>Fall Tax Seminar: Seattle University</b>  |
| <b>May 14 –16, 2009</b>      | <b>NW Regional Conference: Lakeway Inn, Bellingham, WA</b>   |

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### **Presidents Message** **August 2008**

With the Olympics in progress it's time to go for the gold. I will reach one of my goals for this fiscal year if we can get a member to attend the Inspired Solutions Conference in Dallas in October. The conference brochure should be in your mail. Our chapter has received **two free registrations** and one has to go to someone that has never attended the Joint National Conference. So look at your calendars and plan to attend. There is always someone that is willing to share a room and the chapter has some money available for scholarships. Please let me know if you would like to attend and represent the chapter. Our members that attend usually serve as a delegate and represent our chapter at the annual business meeting. We have sent in a bylaws amendment that will be presented at the annual meeting.

Personally my husband and I celebrated our "40 Honeymoon" up to Banff and Lake Louise in Canada. We took the trip in the same car we used in 1968 -- our '67 Cadillac Convertible, which was new when I met my husband. He has had it refurbished over the last couple years and it only broke down once, the same as on our original honeymoon.

My son, Steven, is in the National Guard and his unit has been activated. He leaves next week for Fort McCoy in Wisconsin and then in October heads to Iraq. Please keep our men and women in the armed services in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Joint National Conference October 28 – 30 Dallas

Have you checked out the link to the [2008 JNC Conference Schedule](#) yet? If not, please take a look at it - you will find the schedule packed with quality educational sessions! We've provided for all levels of interest from hard-hitting sessions such as "International Auditing Standards & US GAAS" and "Tax Platforms of the Presidential Candidates" to softer personal development sessions such as "Outbehave Your Competition" and "Visible or Invisible? How to be Known." You might think the Texas Margin tax doesn't apply to you, but don't be so fast to pass this session over - it has implications for anyone doing business in Texas. Even small businesses today are doing business at multi-state levels. So show your peers/boss that you're on top of new developments by finding out about this tax. Check out the [2008 JNC Schedule](#) and register via the [Online Registration Form](#) today!

In terms of the program, we are excited to announce our featured speaker, Laura Wright, Senior Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Southwest Airlines Co. on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 28th. We can't think of a better way to kick off the 2008 JNC than by learning from a female chief financial officer at a Fortune 500 company!

This keynote session will be followed by a program schedule running from Tuesday afternoon through Thursday's luncheon with bonus CPE sessions on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. The program is designed to offer you the opportunity to earn twenty-five hours of CPE credit during the conference. As with previous JNCs, this year's program consists of four tracks: Accounting & Auditing, Controllership, Tax and Personal & Professional Development - each one providing a mix of current topics and levels.

For those looking for specific leadership training, the JNC is offering an optional pre-conference Women's Leadership Academy led by nationally known executive coach, Mary Bennett, Executive, Crowe Chizek and Company LLC on Monday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with more than five hours of additional CPE. We encourage you to consider this new opportunity that promises to enhance your leadership skill set.

A few other items to highlight from the program schedule include the **JNC Welcome Reception** on Tuesday evening; the **2008 Forrest A. Kessler Walk for Humanity** directly following the Tuesday reception; the **Awards Luncheon** on Wednesday; **Thursday's luncheon**, co-sponsored by both Society foundations, will feature a 50-minute CPE session on bringing financial literacy to your community and the closing of the annual silent auction; and the **Evening Remembering JFK** on Thursday, where we will cap off a wonderful conference with an evening of dinner, history and conversation with friends and peers.

You don't want to miss these fabulous opportunities for networking and CPE, so see you all in Dallas.

### 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.