

## Seattle Chapter Meeting Tuesday, December 16

### Joint Meeting with Bellevue

**Speaker:** Rick Sweeney, Executive Director of Washington State Board of Accountancy

**Coast Bellevue Hotel**  
625 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Bellevue WA 98004  
425-455-9444

<b>Members/Faculty</b>	\$24.00
<b>Guests</b>	\$28.00
<b>Students Members</b>	\$15.00
<b>First Time Guests</b>	\$15.00

### Reservation/Cancellation Policies

#### Standing reservations do not apply.

RSVP to Jessica Dreier [jessorca@gmail.com](mailto:jessorca@gmail.com) by 1:00pm, Thursday, December 11, 2008 or call Jessica Dreier at 425-248-3494.

Cancellations are due by 12:00pm, Monday, December 15, 2008



**Happy holidays. May the season bring you peace and joy. See you all in 2009.**

## Thank you

November 6, 2008

To our Dear Supporters at ASWA Seattle,

On behalf of the women we serve, a heartfelt thank you for the accessory and hygiene products you collected for Dress for Success Seattle.

We expect to serve close to 500 women this year. The items you donated will help each of them to feel more confident as they make that important first impression in the workplace.

We are grateful for your support of our mission and for your interest in the success of your sisters here at Dress for Success!

Many Thanks,  
Monique B. Smith  
Program Manager  
Dress for Success Seattle

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**Strategic Planning Committee:** This committee is hard at work setting goals and laying out plans for the coming year. As these goals become more refined and defined, the committee will be reporting to the membership. This committee wants your input. Be sure to check your inbox for a survey from Survey Monkey.

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**Dinner Meetings** In these tough economic times it is easy to think that the money could be spent on other things; but your attendance is important. We need to do all we can to encourage our members to continue coming to these meetings and to be involved with the chapter. There are many opportunities to share your talents, strengths and interests with others.



## Calendar of Events

<b>December 11, 2008</b>	<b>ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park</b> <b>Dessert Auction</b>
<b>December 12, 2008</b>	<b>Fall Tax Seminar: Seattle University</b>
<b>December 16, 2008</b>	<b>ASWA Seattle: Joint Meeting with Bellevue</b> <b>Speaker: Rick Sweeney</b>
<b>December 17, 2008</b>	<b>ASWA Billings: Yellowstone Art Museum</b> <b>Speaker: Sol Lovas    Topic: Medicare Laws &amp; Qualifications</b>
<b>January 10, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Seattle: New Member Tea</b>
<b>January 12, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn</b> <b>Speaker: Lisa Quast    Topic: Your Career, Your Way</b>
<b>January 15, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park</b> <b>Speaker: Don Sheridan</b> <b>Topic: Credit Management Updates</b>
<b>January 20, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue</b> <b>Speaker: Shawn Gagnon    Topic: Federal Tax Update</b>
<b>January 20, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger &amp; Brew</b> <b>2008 Tax Update</b>
<b>January 27, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Portland: Talbot, Korvola &amp; Warwick</b> <b>Speaker: Jason Orme    Topic: Tax Updates</b>
<b>January 28, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf &amp; Country Club</b>
<b>February 9, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn</b> <b>Student Activities Night/Business Ethics</b>
<b>February 17, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue</b>
<b>February 17, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger &amp; Brew</b> <b>Speaker: John Jordy    Topic: Managing the Stress of Change</b>
<b>February 19, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park</b> <b>Speaker: Stan Key    Topic: EDCCEZ Credits</b> <b>Speaker: Kevin Cox    Topic: Federal Tax Credits</b>
<b>February 24, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Portland: Thirst Wine Bar</b> <b>Speaker: Bryce Jackson    Topic: Fitness &amp; Nutrition</b>
<b>February 25, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf &amp; Country Club</b>
<b>March 9, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn</b>
<b>March 17, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue</b> <b>Joint IMA Meeting</b>
<b>March 17, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger &amp; Brew</b> <b>Speaker: Deana Lewis    Topic: HRAs, HSAs &amp; Health Benefits</b>
<b>March 19, 2009</b>	<b>ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park</b> <b>Social Security Administration</b>



## Announcements

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### Your help is needed - ASWA Seattle has need of the following:

\*\*\*2 – 3 Committee Members for help with Student Night, February 25, 2009. Activities: Find speaker, conduct an information session at a local university, or disburse information to local universities and students. Please call Liz Pray or Carrie Noess with your suggestions or to help on their committee. **Getting involved helps build friendships and brings more value to being a member of ASWA.**

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**Next Journal Deadline: Wednesday, December 16.** 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 via email to **Marilyn Wilt** at [journal@aswaseattle.org](mailto:journal@aswaseattle.org).

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**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](mailto:update@aswaseattle.org) if you can't find your member number.

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**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 – with women in New York or California or Texas. Nearly 300 members with 13,600 connections have already joined. Are you one of them? New features have been added to enhance services for users including “news”, “discussion” and “jobs.”

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**Internship Program** We are putting together a list of Schools in the area with accounting Internship programs and the appropriate contact information. The intent is to create a resource for our members who might want to hire seasonal help. Ultimately, we would like to post this on our website as a practice aid to the small business owner. We are working closely with DeVry. We have members who represent other institutions, however, and would like to post the contact information for those programs as well.

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**Mentoring Program** It is still the goal of ASWA Seattle to get a mentoring program off the ground. Tina Polf presented this at a dinner meeting last year. You still have a chance to make known your interest in participating. Please contact Marilyn Wilt at [wzoem@aol.com](mailto:wzoem@aol.com).

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**National Convention** October 19 –21 The Palms Resort Las Vegas Planning is already under way. If you are looking to contribute your time and talents, your help is needed. Volunteers are needed for the Program, Hospitality and Workforce Committees. Contact Susan Tripepi at [stripepi@neo.rr.com](mailto:stripepi@neo.rr.com) if you are interested in helping or if you want additional details. Your involvement adds to the value of the convention for you.



**March 25, 2009**

**ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club**

**April 16, 2009**

**ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park**

**Speaker:** Bill Ricker **Topic:** Spokane City Environmental Programs

**April 20, 2009**

**ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn**

**Speaker:** Wayne Borkowski

**Topic:** Movement to International Accounting Standards

**April 21, 2009**

**ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue**

**April 21, 2009**

**ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger & Brew**

**Speaker:** Karen Bradley

**Topic:** Why Women are Underrepresented in Math and Science

**April 22, 2009**

**ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club**

**April 28, 2009**

**ASWA Portland: Crowne Plaza, Lake Oswego**

**Spa Night**

**May 14 – 16, 2009**

**NW Regional Conference: Lakeway Inn, Bellingham, WA**

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The **ASWA Seattle Chapter** has chosen to support Noel House Programs' Annual Holiday Gift Program. Noel House is the largest women's only shelter in the Seattle area sheltering over 250 women every night.

Every year they host a holiday party for the women and present each woman with a gift package containing items such as hygiene supplies, socks, gloves, gift certificates to local restaurants, calling cards and other items to make life a little easier for women who are homeless.

They asked ASWA to sponsor a gift drive for some of the items on their wish list and we are asking for donations from both the Seattle and Bellevue Chapters. The items should be new, unwrapped and will be collected at the joint meeting in Bellevue on Tuesday, December 16th.

Below is a list of items Noel House is requesting:

Gift Certificates\* (To fast food restaurants, coffee shops, drug stores, & Payless Shoes); Bus tickets\*; Phone cards\*; Umbrellas\*; Backpacks\*; Movie passes to downtown theaters; Wrist watches with alarms; New cosmetics and nail polish; Sleep masks; Ear plugs; Writing journals; House slippers; Knitting and crochet supplies.

\* Indicates the items most needed. Please do not wrap gifts.

For more information contact Rhonda O'Leary at [CommunityService@aswaseattle.org](mailto:CommunityService@aswaseattle.org)

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**Congratulations, Sharron O'Donnell.** Sharron was the Northwest Region winner of the Balance Award. This soccer fan, who plays weekly and even traveled to Greece for the Olympics soccer competition, knows the value of mixing in some playtime with her work time. Although she works as much as necessary, she makes a point of being home early enough to spend at least some time each day with her husband, Dan, and also stays in touch as much as possible with her three grown children and two grandchildren.

A passionate advocate for nonprofit organizations, Sharron is a tireless advocate for her community's not-for-profit sector, both as a board member and a teacher. She currently chairs United Way's Audit Review Committee and is a board member for the King County Sexual Assault Resources Center.

When she's not volunteering; working at Bader Martin PS; spending time with family; or out kicking a soccer ball around, Sharron enjoys world travel, gardening, quilting and reading.



**Fall Tax Seminar 2008**  
**December 12, 2008 - Seattle University**  
**8 Hours of CPE**

You don't want to miss these great sessions. Mark your calendars now! Sign-in and breakfast begin at 8:00am; seminars begin at 8:30am.

**Buying & Selling a Business** – Janet Weisman - Harvest Capital Advisors; Robert Abbott - Principal, Harvest Capital Advisors; Bill Pearsall - owner, William Pearsall, PS. This presentation will cover the stages of transaction including checklists and key strategies.

**Community Property** – Nancy Cahill - Attorney, Holman Cahill Garrett Ives Oliver & Anderson. Property issues unique to Washington including titling of assets and the disposition of assets upon death of a spouse will be discussed.

**Hedge Funds** – Joe Canbern - Business Development Officer, Asset Summit Strategies. We'll remove the mystery and simplify the concepts to see how your clients are utilizing them today.

**Passive Activity Losses** – Donna Evered, CPA, JD, ASWA member. Donna will provide an in-depth review of the rules we all love to hate.

**Tips To Help Your Clients Get Organized** – Ginger Culver, Professional Organizer, member of NAPO. Despite the promise and hype, the paperless society has not yet arrived. Simple strategies for managing paper systems will be presented.

For more information contact: Valerie Moseley at [valaccounting@yahoo.com](mailto:valaccounting@yahoo.com) 206-682-3177 x104 or Eleanor Siverts-Akerman at [eleanorsa@comcast.net](mailto:eleanorsa@comcast.net) 425-255-8842

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\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*

**Go for the Gold**

**Northwest Regional Conference ... May 14 – 16, 2009**

**Lakeway Inn and Convention Center, Bellingham**

We are looking for a good turnout from the Seattle chapter. Plan to attend. Don't let money keep you from attending. The Seattle chapter has some scholarship money available. This is a **great** opportunity to **network, have fun** and **get CPE**.

More details will be posted in future newsletters.

**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.