

## Seattle Chapter Meeting Wednesday, July 23rd

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 Stuffed w/ Spinach & Feta

**Dessert:** Assorted Fresh Fruit Sorbet

**Vegetarian Option:** Stuffed Mushrooms

<b>Members/Faculty</b>	\$27.00
<b>Guests</b>	\$29.00
<b>Students Members</b>	\$19.00
<b>Student Guests</b>	\$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, July 17th

Cancellations deadline: noon, Monday, June 21st

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

## Wednesday, July 23

1 Hour CPE

**Speaker: Joseph A Cunha**  
Tax Audit Manager, City of Seattle,  
Revenue & Consumer Affairs

**Topic:** Employee Hours & Square Footage Tax

**Note:** the speaker will start 10 minutes earlier than usual.

In January, the National Board notified Chapter leaders as to the implementation of a \$25 new member application fee (or reinstatement fee), effective 2/15, stating it was necessary to fund and support the many new programs in place, planned and/or expanded for members' benefit, such as the e-magazine, *The Compass*, RHI's Career Corner, and others. National defends its position by noting that many organizations charge an application fee.

In order to stay the implementation of the fee altogether, the Seattle Chapter Board proposed the following National by-laws amendment:

#### Article III Members

Section 3. The board of directors shall establish the dues for all classes of membership limited to one increase annually no greater than 10% of the current dues. Honorary members shall pay no dues. ~~The board may authorize dues credits, reinstatement fees and initiation fees.~~ By January 31, members will be notified of dues structure, ~~credits, and fees~~ in effect the following administrative year. Dues are payable in advance on or before July 1 of each year.

We had the required quorum at the June meeting and passed this amendment. Now the necessary procedures will be followed to bring it before the National membership.



## Calendar of Events

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| <b>July 23, 2008</b>         | <b>ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf &amp; Country Club</b><br><b>Speaker:</b> Joseph Cunha, City of Seattle, Revenue & Consumer Affairs   |
| <b>July 26, 2008</b>         | <b>ASWA Spokane:</b> Summer Planning Meeting I  |
| <b>July 28, 2008</b>         | <b>ASWA Tacoma:</b> Summer Meeting  |
| <b>August 2, 2008</b>        | <b>ASWA Spokane:</b> Summer Planning Meeting II   |
| <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><b>Speaker:</b> 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 July 2008

Another year has started for our chapter and I want to thank all of you who have stepped up and taken a position on the board or a committee for 2008-09. Our planning meeting was held July 13, 2008 and we had some great discussions and ideas for the coming year.

One of my goals for this year is to try to have some members who have never attended national do so. I have attended over 10 annual meetings and its great to see old friends and meet new ones. Our chapter, as of the last count from national, has received **two free conference registrations** for this year in Dallas, and one of those has to go to someone that has never attended a national meeting. It could be you! Please email me at [suetebrink@comcast.net](mailto:suetebrink@comcast.net) if you would be interested in attending. The dates are October 28 through October 30, 2008. I made my plane reservation through Travelocity and was able to book a round trip flight for \$288.00.

Scholarship money to attend our national and regional conferences is also available based on how many request funds. The CPE is great and you get to see how the national organization functions. We, also, need a good turn out to show support for our by-law's amendment. We may have to handle this differently according to national, but I will let you know in a later message.

If you haven't attended a meeting at our new location, I recommend you do so. It is a great facility and the food has been superb. We also still get dessert.

[Sue Tebrink](#)



## Announcements

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**Rotating locations for JNC** The JNC Steering Committee has decided to begin a trial basis of a three-city rotation for our JNC. These cities were chosen from recommended “top” conference locations. The rotation will begin in **2009** when our JNC will be held at The Palms Casino Resort in **Las Vegas**. The other two cities will be **Washington D.C.** in **2010** and **Chicago** in **2011**, followed by Las Vegas in 2012 at the start of the next rotation. With this rotation, we hope to negotiate multi-year contracts with hotel families or with particular hotels enabling us to provide high-end hotels at discounted prices.

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### **Free Nonprofit Webinars Brought to You by Crowe Chizek & Company LLC**

Crowe Chizek & Company LLC is providing a webinar education program on the changing requirements for tax exempt organizations as well as a webinar event tailored specifically to board members and their changing responsibilities. Please note that none of these webinars are approved for CPE. All webinars will be held from Noon - 1pm ET. Register online at [www.crowechizek.com/events](http://www.crowechizek.com/events) or contact Dana Heminger at [dheminger@crowechizek.com](mailto:dheminger@crowechizek.com).

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**Virtual Exchange (VE)** If you haven’t visited the VE lately, take a moment to visit the site and see what questions members have posted and responded to. Billings chapter member, Gale Kreitzberg is asking for assistance in finding out “How do you encourage members to mix and mingle in the networking portion of your meeting?” This is a great question and while many chapters probably have some excellent successes to report in this area, there are other chapters that could benefit from your ideas. We need to continue to encourage our members to mix and mingle especially with new members and potential new members. So take a moment and share your ideas!

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**Women For Hire Career Expo** offers signature career expos, inspiring speeches and seminars, a popular career-focused magazine, customized marketing programs and an online job board that help leading employers connect with top-notch professional women in all fields. Check out their schedule of upcoming career expos, [www.womenforhire.com](http://www.womenforhire.com). As a benefit for ASWA members, Women For Hire is offering a free network membership (\$38 value). Women For Hire Network includes such features as "Ask Tory & Team" that allows you to submit a personalized question for a guaranteed response, a network website and newsletters. It also includes a free monthly conference call hosted by various experts! Visit [network.womenforhire.com](http://network.womenforhire.com) for full membership details. To take advantage of this free offer email [michelle@womenforhire.com](mailto:michelle@womenforhire.com) and include "American Society of Women Accountants" in the subject line.

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**Next Journal Deadline: Wednesday, July 23.** 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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**RHI Career Center** Are you considering making a change from your current job and looking for some job search advice? Are you in management and responsible for the hiring function? Are you interested in some of the latest trends in Accounting and Finance? The RHI Career Center ([www.aswa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3564](http://www.aswa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3564)) can provide assistance in these areas and many more. If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the Career Center, take a few moments to peruse the information available to you regardless of whether you are in public accounting or private industry or even a sole proprietor. You may be delighted to find some very useful information.

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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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**Renew your Membership** There's no need to delay, renew your dues online today! Take advantage of getting your dues in early. Renew online: [www.aswa.org/custom/forms/form.cfm?id=4](http://www.aswa.org/custom/forms/form.cfm?id=4). It's quick, easy and convenient. Encourage your fellow members to do the same. Renewal and retention plays a critical role in helping us build our membership.



## 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.