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**Seattle Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, June 24**

**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: Filet Mignon

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

Vegetarian Option: Filo Wrapped Strudel

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, June 18

Cancellations deadline:

Noon, Monday, June 22

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

Wednesday, June 24

1 Hour CPE

Speaker: Lanell Flint,
Regional VP, Ajilon Finance

Topic: How the economic stimulus package affects payroll

If you have noticed a change in your withholding, then you (or your employees) are the beneficiary of the stimulus package. Did you also know about the COBRA portion of the stimulus package? Eligible former employees will only have to pay 35% of the premium and the remainder becomes the responsibility of the employer.

Lanell Flint has been with Ajilon Professional Staffing for 10 years. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Arizona, and worked as an Accountant for 5 years before moving into the recruiting field. She began her career with Ajilon as an account manager, and then moved to an Executive Recruiter role for Senior Accounting and Finance positions. Lanell was then tasked with launching a start up division for Ajilon to specialize in the placement of Management, Operations, and Administration Specialists. After opening 5 new branches in under 2 years, Lanell was promoted to the position of Vice President, and moved to the beautiful state of Washington from Arizona in 2006 to take on the role of Regional Vice President for the Pacific Northwest. Currently she manages the Ajilon offices in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Western Canada.

Membership Dues. Don't forget to renew your membership. This money helps to support both the national and local organizations. You can do this on-line through the website.



Calendar of Events

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| June 16, 2009 | ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue
Topic: Everything You Wanted to Know about L&I but Were Afraid to Ask |
| June 23, 2009 | ASWA Portland: Talbot, Korvola & Warwick
Speaker: David Laderman Topic: Getting the Most out of a Job Interview |
| June 18, 2009 | ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park
Officer Installation & Fashion Show |
| June 21, 2009 | ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger & Brew
2009-2010 Annual Planning Meeting |
| June 24, 2009 | ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club |
| July 11, 2009 | ASWA Seattle: Planning Meeting |
| October 19 - 21, 2009 | JNC: The Palms Resort, Las Vegas |

2009 – 2010 Officers and Director

Officers

President	Jo Smitchger
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Committees

Strategic Planning: Carol Bacon, Sue Tebrink, Pamela Queen, and Marilyn Wilt; Finance: Carrie Noess, Mary Anne Olmstead, Linda Burrus, and Carol Bacon; Historian/Archivist: Carol Grant; Scholarship Policies and Procedures: Liz Pray, Susan Goegebuer, and Jan Cobb; Scholarship Endowment Fund Board: Teddy Sherman, Chris Anderson, and Susanne Lindsley; Scholarship Dessert Auction: Liz Pray, Amy Harris, and Carol Bacon; Scholarship: Amy Harris; Membership: Mary Fichtenberg; Member Relations (Mentoring): Marilyn Wilt, Liz Hedlund, and Elisabeth Edelen; Student Activities (Student Night): OPEN; Publicity: OPEN; Public Relations: OPEN; Guest Night: Madalina Dobra; Education: Janet Stebbins; Program: Jan Cobb and Lacy Vong; Community Service: Rhonda O'Leary, and Noreen Florio (Dress for Success); Newsletter: OPEN; Yearbook: OPEN; Technology/Website: Jan Augustin, Martha Chamberlain, Ruth Callard, Mary Foster, Jennifer Willison, and Dottie Adkins; Employment Opportunities: Carol Eisenhauer; Arrangements: Carrie Martin, Adrienne Lowber, and Carol Taniguchi; Nominating: Sue Tebrink; Bylaws: Susan Goegebuer and Carrie Noess



Announcements

Survey. Thank you to those of you who participated. This will be helpful for the Strategic Planning Committee as they look to the future. You will have another chance to participate if you missed the first opportunity ... the survey will come to you again in June.

Next *Journal* Deadline: Wednesday, June 24. 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 **Marilyn Wilt** 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.

It's that time again ... scholarship season! I'm looking for a few good members to assist with reading this year's scholarship applications and determining award recipients and amounts. The readings will take place either Sunday, June 21st or Sunday, June 28th in the afternoon. Location TBD. If you are willing and able to help - it will be a fun time - please send an email to Amy Harris at amy@jjco.com by Saturday, June 6th. Please include your email and phone and let me know if one or both of the potential days will work for you. I will set a specific date, time and place and contact you. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Annual Planning Meeting to start the new fiscal year. Headed by incoming President Jo Smitchger, the meeting will take place on Saturday July 11 from 9:30 - 2pm, with brunch provided. Even if you are not committed to an officer or committee position, this is a great time to learn more about how ASWA operates, and you might be inspired to volunteer a little time on a committee that appeals to you. There are many jobs that take very little time per month, and even being willing to be "on call" when needed is very useful and fun! The location is easy to find with lots of parking: it's the lower meeting room at Olympic View Community Church, 425 NE 95th St., Seattle 98115. If you want to find or organize a carpool from a distant location, contact Jo at jo.smitchger@gmail.com, who will be helping to put carpools together. Please join us to network with and get to know your ASWA colleagues - and Get Involved!



ASWA South Central Regional Conference, June 12-13, 2009, St. Louis, MO. Join the St. Louis chapter for the South Central Regional Conference that will be held June 12-13, 2009. The conference includes 12 hours of CPE – less than \$20 per credit hour – and a mix of exciting topics, such as "Economic Insights" and "How to be an Asset-Based Thinker." The program also includes updates on tax and audit, as well as professional development topics. For questions or information contact Suzanne Basuino sbasuino@humesbarrington.com or Alisa Dougherty alisadougherty@gmail.com.

2009 Empowering Today's Accountant Seminar, August 15, 2009, Chandler, AZ. Join the Mesa East Valley Chapter for this one-day seminar at the San Marcos Resort in Chandler, Arizona. For more information, contact Laura Mangan aswa_mev@earthlink.net.

Forum for Women In Accounting, August 10-12, 2009, The Wynn Las Vegas Resort. As a member of ASWA, a special discount to the upcoming 2009 Forum for Women in Accounting is extended to you. This is a premier event for those in leadership roles in public accounting firms. ASWA members will receive a special discount of \$100 off the registration fee.

The professional landscape is changing - and building leadership and professional skills is more important than ever. It is the time to be a leader, and to strategically manage your team and your clients. The Forum for Women in Accounting is designed to help you be that professional - and brings together some of the most dynamic women in the profession to share, network and learn.

Request from Jo Smitchger: As outgoing and possibly incoming officers, committee chairs, and committee members I am requesting that you send me all electronic documents that you use in conjunction with your activities. This could be anything from letter templates to procedure write-ups. In addition, I will be calling some of you to discuss the activities for your position/committee so I can gain a better understanding of our chapter activities. I am working to put together an ASWA Officer/Volunteer Manual with some standard templates to give to our incoming officers/committees. Anything you can send me will be very helpful. I will try to avoid reinventing the wheel. Also, if you have any suggestions please send them my way, too. Thank you so much! Contact me at jo.smitchger@gmail.com

Women For Hire Career Expos. Women For Hire offers signature career expos, inspiring speeches and seminars, a popular career-focused magazine, customized marketing programs and an on-line job board that helps leading employers connect with top-notch professional women in all fields. Check out their schedule of upcoming career expos, 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 for full membership details. To take advantage of this free offer, email michelle@womenforhire.com and include "American Society of Women Accountants" in the subject line.



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

Will you be going to Las Vegas? The JNC is only four 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.

Nominating committee 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. Contact Rachel Petrich if you are interested.

Business Continuity & Exit Planning Workshop - June 23, 2009 – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Purpose: 1st in a series of workshops to aid participants in developing a Business Continuity or Exit Plan. This session will focus on how to evaluate your business and determine what steps you can take to increase value and make transitions easier for new owner.
Location: Olympic View Community Church - 425 NE 95th St., Seattle, 98115.
5 hours of CPE and a cost of \$65 to cover technical presenter, material, beverages and lunch – what a deal! Check the website for registration form and a list of preparation materials. Registration deadline is June 19th. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Tina Polf: 206-910-4621, tinapolf@aol.com or Jan Cobb: 425-776-9288, jancobbcpa@comcast.net.

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.