

**Seattle Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, November 18**

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

Dress code requirement: no jeans

**5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour & Networking
6:30 – 7:30 Dinner & Announcements
7:30 – 8:30 Speaker**

Menu:

Entrée: Poached Filet of Salmon with Artichoke Bottoms & Sauce Bearnaise

Dessert: Carrot Cake

Vegetarian Option: Pasta Radiatore with Sundried Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Artichoke Hearts & Asiago Cheese

Members/Faculty	\$27.00
Standing Res	\$26.00
Guests	\$29.00
Students Members	\$19.00
Student Guests	\$21.00
Coffee Only	\$ 5.00

Reservation/Cancellation Policies

Three options:

Use the on-line form

Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645

Send email to reservations@aswaseattle.org

Reservations deadline:

1pm, Thursday, November 12

Cancellations deadline:

Noon, Monday, November 16

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

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New Member Orientation

5:30 – 5:45

Dinner Speaker 1 Hour CPE

Speaker: Stephen J. Hollomon, CFM
First Vice President - Investments
Portfolio Manager - PIA Program
Merrill Lynch Global Private Client Group Hollomon & Daniel Group

Topic: Bear Market Rally or the Beginning of a New Bull Market? An Investment Strategy for Either Scenario

Steve is back for a return engagement with the Seattle Chapter of ASWA. Steve will discuss his perspective on the global equity and debt markets as well as provide an investment strategy in the current climate.

Steve is a First Vice President-Investments and Portfolio Manager with Merrill Lynch. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch in 1994, Steve achieved his certificate of public accountancy and practiced tax law in Seattle. He is the senior member of the Hollomon & Daniel Group at Merrill Lynch. Steve's practice focuses predominantly on high net worth individuals who want high quality portfolios. In 2009, Barron's named Steve one of the top 1000 Financial Advisors in the United States and one of the top 20 in Washington state.

New Member Orientation

There will be a short New Member Orientation during the social hour from 5:30 to 5:45. New members, guests and anyone interested are invited to attend.



This Just In: Dessert Auction Raised at Least \$14,361

The 16th annual Seattle Chapter Scholarship Dessert Auction was held at the October 28 Dinner Meeting. According to Liz Pray, there are a few checks still to come in but the total raised so far stands at a whopping \$14,361.

We achieved a few records:

Highest single live item (Chocolate Framboise Cake from the Queen Mary Tea Room, \$1400)

Highest Silent Auction table \$1,694

Highest Silent Auction overall \$3,168

Highest Live Auction overall \$5,750

THANK YOU to all who attended and participated and sent in donations. As usual, a good time was had by all! There will be a complete report in the December Journal.

Report from the Endowment Fund Trustees

The ASWA Seattle Chapter No. 9 Scholarship Endowment Fund was established to encourage, receive and administer gifts in perpetuity for the purpose of granting scholarships for college and post-graduate studies in the field of accounting.

During fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the fund received \$4,375.00 in permanently restricted contributions. The fair market value of the principal balance was \$132,092.15. The Scholarship Endowment Fund earned \$5,344.77 during the year. This amount has been transferred to the Chapter's scholarship fund.

The trustees have continued to use the same investment management firm for investment advice. Karen O'Brien and Joe Hebert of TrueNorth Financial Services LLC have agreed to provide the trustees with investment management advice on a pro-bono basis. We very much appreciate their professional assistance.

Contributions, made payable to ASWA Seattle Chapter No. 9 Scholarship Endowment Fund, may be sent to the chapter treasurer or to Susanne Lindsley, Trustee, PO Box 11320, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees: Susanne Lindsley, Theodora Sherman, Linda Landerdahl

Calendar of Events

2009:

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| Nov 11 | November Board Meeting |
| Nov 18 | November Dinner Meeting – see details page 1 |
| Dec 2 | December Board Meeting |
| Dec 11 | ASWA/Seattle University Annual Fall Tax Seminar
8 hours quality tax CPE – Contact: Jan Augustin, Co-Chair |
| Dec 16 | December Dinner Meeting - Joint with Bellevue Chapter hosted by Seattle Chapter
Topic: Gary Smith, 2009 Washington State Legislative Update
Collecting holiday gifts for Noel House – Women's Homeless Shelter |

2010:

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| January ? | New Member Tea – stay tuned for more details |
| March 24 | March Dinner Meeting
Topic: Chuck Johnston, LinkedCPA, Accounting in the Tech Age |
| April 28 | April Dinner Meeting
Topic: Sharron O'Donnell, CPA, Internal Controls in Downsized Environment |
| June 18-19 | NW Area Conference - "Stop and Count the Roses"
Portland Crowne Plaza – Portland Convention Center |

Community Service Committee News

Donations for a Women's Shelter for the Holidays

The Community Service Committee (Rhonda O'Leary, Noreen Florio and Kim Wilson) will be collecting donations at the December 16th Dinner meeting. Below is more information about Noel House and the items they are requesting. They are simple requests and basic day-to-day items that will go far to help homeless women during the holidays. All donations will be delivered to Noel House before their holiday party on December 22nd. For more information contact communityservice@aswaseattle.org.



NOEL HOUSE PROGRAMS

Shelter, safety, dignity and
compassion for women

Noel House Programs provides safe and comfortable shelter for a diverse community of homeless women, particularly those most vulnerable. The main Noel House shelter provides hot meals and a safe place to sleep to 40 women on any given night. Join us in creating a compassionate community that provides essential services to women experiencing homelessness.

Wish List for the Holidays

\$5 - \$10 gift cards to local drug stores or food places

(Bartells, Walgreens, Rite Aid, McDonalds, Starbucks, Tullys, etc.)

Top Ten List of Donation Needs

1. Over-the-counter cold remedies and cough drops
2. Deodorant and feminine hygiene supplies
3. Toothbrushes and toothpaste
4. Ground coffee, hot cocoa mix and tang
5. Non-dairy creamer, sugar and powdered milk
6. Bleach, laundry detergent, dish soap, etc.
7. All sizes of bras and under garments (including size 18+)
8. Combs, brushes, cosmetics
9. Towels and washcloths
10. Blankets, pillows and single bed sheets

Collecting for Dress for Success at January Dinner Meeting

At the January 27 dinner meeting, we will be collecting donations for Dress for Success. They are in need of accessories including purses, belts, scarves, jewelry, etc. Great chance to clean out those closets and dresser drawers!



2009-10 Community Service Calendar

Each year our chapter participates in community services projects to allow our chapter and members to give back to the community. Projects planned by the Community Service Committee for 2009-10 include the following:

Announce Project	Project Time Frame	Organization Name	Type of Organization	Project	Contact
Aug 2009	Sept-Oct 2009	Ryther Child Center	Child Welfare	Art Supplies Drive	Noreen Florio
Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Noel House	Women's Homeless Shelter	Holiday Gifts	Community Service Committee
Nov – Dec 2009	Jan – Apr 2010	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	Assists low income and elderly with taxes (sponsored by AARP & Beta Alpha Psi)	Volunteers willing to be trained and donate time	Community Service Committee
Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Dress for Success	Women's Career Assistance	Accessories Drive	Noreen Florio
Jan 2010	Feb 2010	King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC)	Assists victims of sexual assault	Annual Breakfast **	Teri Kertson, Sharron O'Donnell, Rhonda O'Leary
Feb 2010	March 2010	Page Ahead	Children's Literacy	Book Drive & Amazon Wish List	Kim Wilson

** We will have 3 tables at the event. Please contact Teri Kertson, Sharron O'Donnell or Rhonda O'Leary for a spot. Suggested donation is \$100.

Additional Community Service Project Ideas:
 Offer financial workshop for women in need
 Walk/run for charity
 Treasurer's Workshop

To get involved, suggest new ideas, or for more information contact us at communityservice@aswaseattle.org.

Welcome New Members & October Anniversaries

Welcome to the following new members:

Richard Anderson
 Deborah Asavarahapun

The following members had their ASWA anniversaries in October:

Mary Anne Schmitt	Linda Teachout
Susan Goegebuer	Shalonda Knox-Shelton
Barbara Carper	Megan Yeung

Hello All: A good friend of mine writes what she calls “The Last Word”. Of course, it never is the last word on any subject. Rather it is a reflection on some part of life and how we fit into it. The following is some thoughts about life balance. When I read it, I could not help but reflect on all the ways that the ASWA, and all my friends within this great organization, have helped me achieve a small part of what Karen writes about. I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I did. *Rachel Petrich, ASWA Seattle Chapter Past President*

The Last Word: Get a Life...

Some thoughts I had after my accident last year.....

Real life is all I know. Don't ever confuse the two, your life and your work. The second is only part of the first. I don't ever forget the words my father told me one year "If you win the rat race, you're still a rat." Or what John Lennon wrote before he was gunned down in the driveway of the Dakota: "Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans."

There will be hundreds of people out there with your same degree; there will be thousands of people doing what you want to do for a living. But you will be the only person alive who has sole custody of your life – Your particular life –Your entire life. Not just your life at a desk or your life on a bus, or in a car, or at the computer. Not just the life of your mind, but the life of your heart. Not just your bank account, but also your soul.

People don't talk about the soul very much anymore. It's so much easier to write a resume than to craft a spirit. But a resume is cold comfort on a winter night, or when you're sad, or broke, or lonely, or when you've gotten back the test results and they're not so good. Here is my resume:

- * I am a good mother to two children. I am a terrific grandmother to six grandsons and an “unknown” grandchild (coming soon). I have tried never to let my profession stand in the way of being a good parent and grandparent.

- * I no longer consider myself the center of the universe.

- * I show up.

- * I listen.

- * I try to laugh. I don't take life too seriously – my accident taught me that.

- * I am a good friend to my friends, and they to me. Without them, there would be nothing to say to you today, because I would be a cardboard cutout standing in the corner. But I call them on the phone.

I would be rotten or, at best, mediocre at my job, if those other things were not true. You cannot be really first rate at your work if your work is all you are. So here's what I want to tell you:

Get a life, a real life, not a manic pursuit of the next promotion, the bigger paycheck, the larger house. Get a life in which you notice the smell of salt water pushing itself on a breeze over the water, a life in which you stop and watch how an eagle circles over the water, or the way a baby scowls with concentration when he tries to pick up a Cheerio with her thumb and first finger. Get a life in which you are not alone. Find people you love, and who love you. And remember that love is



Announcements

Next *Journal* Deadline: Friday, November 27, 2009. 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 **Mary Fisher** 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.

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.