

**Seattle Chapter Meeting  
Wednesday, June 23**

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

Dress code requirement: no jeans, please

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

**Menu:**

**Entrée:** Pork Loin

**Dessert:** Strawberry Shortcake

**Vegetarian Option:** Wild Mushroom, Chevre Cheese,  
Filo Wrapped Strudel

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

**Reservation/Cancellation Policies**

Three options:

**Use the on-line form**

**Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645**

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

Reservations deadline:

**5 pm, Thursday, June 18**

Cancellations deadline:

**Noon, Monday, June 21**

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

**June 23, 2010 – Guest Night  
Dinner Speaker 1 Hour CPE**

**Speaker:** Meena S. Cheng, CFP,  
Vice President & Financial Consultant,  
D.A. Davidson & Co.

**Topic: "How to Maximize  
Social Security"**

As Social Security affects almost ALL of your clients, you will be in a unique position to help them make the best possible decision. In fact, it could be one of the MOST important pieces of advice you can give to your clients in the next decade. Join us to learn and discuss:

- \* Who is eligible
- \* How benefits are calculated
- \* Effect of early or delayed retirement
- \* Rules for spouses & divorced spouses
- \* How COLAs affect benefits
- \* When Medicare starts

Meena is a Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner and Vice President, Financial Consultant, working at the Redmond office of D.A. Davidson & Co. With over 15 years of financial services experience, she focuses on retirement and estate planning. Meena holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Utah and has experience working as a CPA in the Puget Sound area.

She has taught a variety of investment classes, spoken on money matters at Fortune 100 companies, and appeared as a financial expert on numerous radio and television programs, including CNBC's Power Lunch. Between 2003 and 2007, she was a personal finance columnist for the King County Journal.



## **ASWA Seattle Chapter Happenings**

### **June Meeting is Guest Night**

The June meeting will be our annual Guest Night. The speaker for this special event will be Meena Cheng, CFP speaking on the topic of how to maximize Social Security. Should be an interesting topic. The festivities for the evening will also include the annual installation of our incoming officers for the 2010-2011 year. This is a great opportunity to introduce ASWA to someone you keep meaning to invite to an ASWA meeting so please consider inviting friends, colleagues, your boss, etc.

Also at the June meeting, President Jo Smitchger will be recognizing outstanding member service to the chapter this year. Jo is asking for nominations of our fellow members who have made outstanding contributions to the chapter this year. Please send your nominations to [president@aswaseattle.org](mailto:president@aswaseattle.org).

### **August Meeting will be Joint Meeting with Bellevue Chapter in Bellevue**

The August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17 in Bellevue. It will be our annual joint meeting with the Bellevue chapter, presided over by incoming Bellevue President Sally Villaluz Ghormley. Stay tuned for more details.

### **LinkedIn News:**

#### **ASWA Seattle LinkedIn Is Open To the Public**

The Board has approved opening our LinkedIn group to the public. The only qualification to join is you must be an accounting or finance professional with an interest in ASWA. Please invite your peers to join ASWA Seattle LinkedIn. This is a great opportunity to market our organization.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **2010:**

June 9	June Board Meeting
June 13	Annual Scholarship Reading to select scholarship winners Contact Scholarship Chair Amy Harris for more info
June 15	Past Presidents' Luncheon
June 18-19	NW Area Conference - "Stop and Count the Roses" Portland Crowne Plaza – Portland Convention Center
June 23	June Dinner Meeting – Guest Night Installation of Officers Topic: Meena Cheng, CFP – "How to Maximize Social Security"
July 17	Annual Planning Meeting Annual Planning Meeting to kick off our new year More details to come
July 26 (Mon)	Federal Reserve Bank Tour – 10:00 am – noon More details to come – contact Mary Jo Kenner
July 28	July Dinner Meeting Topic: Karen O'Brien, CPA, CFP - Roth IRA Conversion Strategies
Aug 17 (Tues)	Annual Joint Meeting with Bellevue Chapter in Bellevue More details to come



## ASWA Seattle Chapter Officers and Directors

At our June meeting, the outgoing chapter officers and directors will be thanked for their year of service and the incoming officers and directors will be installed.

### Thank you to the following outgoing 2009-2010 officers and Directors:

President	Jo Smitchger
President-Elect	Carol Bacon
Secretary	Lindsey Nagel
Treasurer	Linda Burrus
Immediate Past President	Sue Tebrink
Directors:	
Director of Communications	Nina Buffington
Dir of Professional Development	Rachel Petrich
Director of Marketing	Mary Ann Hardy
Director at Large	Jana Helmuth
Director at Large	Mary Jo Kenner
Director at Large	Rhonda O'Leary

### Congratulations to the incoming 2010-2011 officers and Directors:

President	Carol Bacon
President-Elect	Marilyn Wilt
Secretary	Adrienne Lowber
Treasurer	Rhonda O'Leary
Immediate Past President	Jo Smitchger
Directors:	
Director of Communications	Nina Buffington
Dir of Professional Development	
Director of Marketing	Sharon Lee
Director at Large	Sue Tebrink
Director at Large	Cindy Walker
Director at Large	Lindsey Nagel

Becoming involved with a committee is the best way to get to know your fellow ASWA members and maximize your value and benefits from your ASWA membership. There are still plenty of opportunities for getting involved on a committee for this coming year. If you are interested, please contact Carol Bacon, incoming President at [presidentelect@aswaseattle.org](mailto:presidentelect@aswaseattle.org).



## Announcements

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**Next *Journal* Deadline: Friday, July 2, 2010.** The Seattle Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants, to serve its members' interests, publishes the *Journal* monthly. If you have news, member 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](mailto:journal@aswaseattle.org).

Send us your **Member News** to be included in the Journal. New job, promoted, passed the exam, started back in school, major life events, read a great book? Send a brief write-up to [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. 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.