

**Seattle Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

Rainier Golf & Country Club
11133 Des Moines Memorial Drive South
Seattle, WA 98168
(206) 242-4460
Dress Policy: No Jeans Please

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

Menu:

Entrée: Pasta Bar
Vegetarian Entrée: Pasta Bar
Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Members/Faculty	\$27.00	\$29.00
Standing Res	\$26.00	
Students	\$19.00	\$19.00
Program Only	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00
Program Only-Stud	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Reservation/Cancellation Policies

Three options:

Use the on-line form
Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645
Email to reservations@aswaseattle.org

Reservation deadline: 5 pm, Thursday, Feb. 17

Cancellation deadline: Noon, Monday, Feb. 21

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

**February 23, 2011
Monthly Dinner Meeting**

Student Night

Speaker: Jill Walser, Owner & Operator of
I got the job!

Topic: Interview Tips from a Pro

As a former corporate and agency recruiter, Jill Walser brings an insider's perspective when assisting candidates to find work. Jill has interviewed several thousand candidates and reviewed tens of thousands of resumes throughout her career. Then, she leveraged her experience as a recruiter to build her company, **I got the job!** where she provides resume, interview and job search strategy assistance. She has written more than 5,000 resumes and has developed a reputation for creating achievements-based and aesthetically pleasing documents that help clients land interviews.

While working as the corporate recruiter for a publicly traded party goods company, Jill was responsible for screening resumes and selecting candidates for hiring manager review. She completed first and/or panel interviews for manufacturing, marketing, merchandising, purchasing, accounting/finance, human resources, technology and customer service positions. She learned, first-hand, which candidates, from executive to line staff level, were selected to move forward and why. Now, Jill helps her clients become the ones chosen for the positions for which they apply.

We'd like to say thank you to the following Student Night sponsors: **Clark Nuber, Peterson Sullivan, Volt, Becker Professional Education, and Roger CPA Review.** Your support and generosity is very much appreciated!



Dessert Auction a Great Success!

With 60 guests in attendance the 17th Annual Scholarship Dessert Auction, held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at the Rainier Golf & Country Club, was a grand success, netting just over \$15,500 to fund our scholarship program! The three silent auction tables were brimming with a bevy of treats such as a desert cheese platter, homemade date bars and jams, and a gorgeous Macrina Bakery fruit crostada. Guests mingled amid the tables, eyeing their favorite items, placing bids and waiting eagerly for the tables to close so that they could claim their goodies.

Our highly talented auctioneer, Liz Pray, and our cake model, Olga Moore, roused the guests to raise \$6,200 during the live auction, including \$1,200 for the chocolate and coconut Cameo Cake alone. Donations were also high from those who were unable to attend the event, but sent in their support via the mail. Thank you to those donors, whose contributions totaled approximately \$6,300.

Also in attendance were three of our 2010-2011 scholarship recipients: Melissa Cheesman; Olga Moore; and Tuyet Nguyen, and one of our 2009-2010 recipients, Kris Wilson. These women shared with us the impact these scholarships have made on their lives as well as a little bit about what they are currently studying. Hearing firsthand how these funds support our recipients shows us how we can truly make a difference for them.

Overall, the Scholarship Dessert Auction is a great way to introduce a friend or colleague to ASWA; to socialize with current members; and to meet our new members. Guests left the night with a cupcake bath bomb favor that looked good enough to eat and, more importantly, the knowledge that they had supported our highly successful scholarship program. Mark your calendars for next year's auction to be held Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

- Amy Harris, Scholarship Chair

February Anniversaries

The following members have their ASWA anniversaries this month. We're so glad you are part of us!

Dottie Adkins	Nancy Harris	Linda Saunders	Liz Pray
Carol Bacon	Mariette Knoblauch	Sue Tebrink	Carol Grant
Elisabeth Edelen	Edith Pehrson	Nancy Terry	

Calendar of Events

2011:

Feb 23	February Dinner Meeting – Student Night – see page 1
March 23	March Dinner Meeting Speaker: Craig Chase, Moss Adams LLP Topic: Rethinking Repairs: A Tax Strategy
April 27	April Dinner Meeting
May 12-13	Northwest Regional Conference, Billings, Montana
May 25	May Dinner Meeting Speaker: Kris Acker, Washington Department of Revenue
June 22	June Dinner Meeting Speaker: William Bley, AAP Topic: Check Processing Rules/ACH
Oct 24-26	Joint ASWA-AWSCPA National Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina



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WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE ARE GOING

*The following excerpt is from "Seattle Chapter – 50 Years in Review" 1941-1990
Recollections of Past Presidents*

GENEVIEVE A. MICHEL, CPA

1953-1954

National President 1959-1960

Maybe because ASWA was still relatively new, both locally and nationally, that I was swept into the chapter and national presidency while I was still quite young. I joined the Group after graduating from the University of Washington in 1949.

In May of 1949 I sat for the CPA examination, but it wasn't until September that I learned I had passed. Meantime, job-hunting revealed that the window of opportunity, opened during World War II, was now closed. Thus it was that I became a staff accountant at the University of Washington, where I spent 27 happy and fulfilling years before retirement in 1976.

In ASWA my role models were Marguerite Doucette and Marguerite Reimers. Doucette was chapter president during my first year as a member and national president when I was chapter president. Reimers followed her as chapter president and later became editor of *The Woman CPA*, a position she held with distinction for several years.

Self-introductions opened chapter meetings. It took me a long time to conquer shaky knees and a quavering voice. Having accomplished that, I became chapter president. Details of that long-ago year of 1953-54 are a blur to me today. I do recall that ASWA was incorporated during that time and a permanent office was established in Chicago.

A few years later, after having served briefly on the national boards of both ASWA and AWSCPA, I was invited by the ASWA nominating committee to be on the 1958-59 slate as first vice president. And so in 1959, I became president of a 3,000 member nationwide organization. There were 65 chapters when my year began and 70 when it ended. ASWA was growing then and it continues to grow to levels that have exceeded my wildest imaginings.

After the national presidency, I remained active in ASWA affairs, but other professional organizations, such as the Washington Society of CPAs, also claimed my attention. Eventually I became the first female to be elected a vice president of WSCPA.

In 1976 my professional business career came to a close. I retired from University employment as Director of Administrative Services Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance, and spent the next nine years in Guatemala, Central America, pursuing a fascination with ancient Maya civilization.

I went so far as to write a book, *The Rulers of Tikal*, which was published in 1989, four years after I returned to Seattle.



Announcements

Next Journal Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2011

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.

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.

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.