

**Seattle Chapter Meeting
 Wednesday, May 25, 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: Italian Meat Lasagna
 Vegetarian Entrée: Grilled Vegetables &
 Creamy Polenta
 Dessert: Tiramisu

Cost:

<u>Program & Dinner</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Regular/Affiliate	\$27.00	\$29.00
Student/Associate	\$19.00	\$21.00
Program Only	\$5.00	\$7.00

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, May 19

Cancellation deadline: Noon, Monday, May 23

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

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**Monthly Dinner Meeting
 Guest Night**

1 Hour CPE

**Speaker: Kriss Acker, Washington
 Department of Revenue**

**Topic: Current Update from the
 Washington State Department of
 Revenue**

Sorry – the speaker bio was not available at
 press time

Guest Night

This month's dinner meeting is GUEST NIGHT!
 Members are encouraged to bring guests to learn
 about the benefits of ASWA. This is a perfect op-
 portunity to invite your boss, a co-worker, family
 members who wonder what ASWA is all about, a
 friend who wants to know more about the field
 of accounting.

Hear member testimonials! Special treats! Raffle
 prizes for guests and the members who bring
 guests!

ASWA Mission Statement

**The mission of the American Society of Women
 Accountants is to enable women in all account-
 ing and related fields to achieve their full person-
 al, professional, and economic potential and to
 contribute to the future development of their pro-
 fession.**



President's Message for May 2011

May is the month that I stop and think about where I am and what is just ahead. It is the month that holds many days to celebrate, honor and learn about each other. We remember our mothers, appreciate our teachers and nurses and bow our heads in silent remembrance of the men and women who gave their lives in combat. Most of us can safely say we survived another tax season and look forward to upcoming vacations during the few months of infamous blue skies and sunshine.

May is also when ASWA as a national organization holds our annual conference, as well as each region hosts their own annual conference. We rejoice to embrace dear friends from far and near, connect with new ones and continue to learn and support each other through our various trials and tribulations of life. We also remember those who led before us as pioneers, undaunted by the limitations and obstacles set before them. They had character, panache and drive.

The biggest gift ASWA has given me, is the chance to grow in a safe environment where I can build my confidence and learn I have more in me than I would have believed, but dared to dream possible. It is where I found a career in Forensic Accounting and was encouraged to become a Certified Fraud Examiner. I was encouraged to return to college and earn a degree in my forties, and start a business. It is where I met women who regardless of their own personal challenges had the time to mentor me and let me trip over my eagerness as well as kept me from drowning in my self-pity. When I look back over the past months of my term of office, I realize that there is so much ASWA has to offer each of us, that I know I can't walk away.

The theme or focus of my term was to prepare our chapter for the coming shift in both technology and young professional minds. A time where so much is changing that as a leading chapter, we have to move forward and embrace technology, ignite the passion of our youthful and upcoming professional members to join us and make their mark, and to provide our membership as a whole the chance to join in feeling safe and excited at the same time. It is a daunting task in some ways, but wondrous in other ways. And through this process, I admit I had some obstacles that vexed me, but I also had one of the best set of board members I could have hoped for and I thank them for their willingness to laugh with me at my mistakes as well as my successes.

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Calendar of Events

2011:

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| May 25 | May Dinner Meeting – see announcement on page 1 |
| 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 |

2012:

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| May 18 & 19 | Northwest Regional Conference, hosted by Seattle Chapter, Cedarbrook Lodge, SeaTac |
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President's Message, continued

Most important, I want to share with our newer members, our young professionals who are just learning about us and charting their course for success, that now is the time to get involved. Now is the time to bring change, to put the Seattle Chapter in the minds of other professional women. We need to continue to build a diverse group of women who are willing to take the chapter to the next level, willing to share their 'lessons learned' with their colleagues and encourage others to join them into building the chapter into what we are about; women encouraging each other to dream and succeed both professionally and personally. Not just in finance and accounting, but in career life goals and in personal life goals.

I know you are out there because I have met you. I have listened to your dreams, concerns and hopes. And in each of you I see such promise that I challenge you to join me. I believe that together we can take this chapter forward into the future, because you are the future. So join me, and let's make a difference together.

Carol Bacon, CFE

President, Seattle Chapter #9

2010 - 2011

May Anniversaries

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

Carol Watson

Mellany Winters

Dennis Megaard

Megan Hightower

Kathy Clark Gatton

Lindsey Nagel

Virginia Arnoux

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our new members in April and May. We're glad you've joined us!

Maya Baxter Pawlitschek

Kate M. Stiles

Jennifer Wolfgram

To help make our new members feel welcome, please seek them out and get to know them at a meeting.



My Plans for the Coming Year

The new fiscal year is just two short months away. Thank you to all who have agreed to serve. If you haven't been contacted by the Nominating Committee and are interested in a particular position, please contact them: nominating@aswaseattle.org.

There are still plenty of opportunities for the rest of you. Your talents can be used in areas big and small.

***Would you like to help with the Dessert Auction (which will be held one week earlier this year so it doesn't conflict with the Annual Conference for Women in Accounting)? If so, then contact Amy Harris: desserts@aswaseattle.org.

***Does Guest Night or Student Night tickle your fancy? The VP of Marketing will put you in touch with the appropriate organizer: VPMarketing@aswaseattle.org.

***Is there some subject that you need to learn more about or a speaker you can't wait for everyone else to hear? program@aswaseattle.org is waiting to hear from you.

***How many members do you know by face but can't remember their names? Come early for one meeting and be a greeter. membership@aswaseattle.org.

***Here's something that everyone can do ... share the good news of ASWA with your co-workers, customers, vendors and anyone else you come in contact with!!

Some things on the agenda:

***Evaluate the Mentoring program ... how does it need to change? Where does it go from here? Do we open it up to non-members?

***Revamp the website: Carol Bacon has put together a committee for this long-term project.

***Member retention and involvement. By the way, ASWA Seattle did well in member retention this year. National called Carol to ask what we had done that worked. Way to go!! Your appreciation of ASWA will increase with your involvement; after all, you only get out of something what you put into it.

***I have not yet set the date for the Planning meeting so when I know I will make sure it gets communicated.

***Board Meetings are generally the second Wednesday of the month at my office. It is important to be at as many as possible but I do understand that we are all busy so attendance at eight meetings will be appreciated. We probably won't meet in December due to the holidays and possibly not in April depending on the make-up of the Board. Everyone is welcome to attend.

***Committees will be selected by the appropriate Board members rather than being nominated. I'm hoping that this will increase the pool of committee members and allow for some growth potential within the committees. If you have an interest in doing something in particular (newsletter, publicity, membership) now is your chance to step up to the plate by contacting presidenclect@aswaseattle.org and indicating your interest.

***Bet you thought I forgot the biggest thing on the agenda – Northwest Regional Conference will be in Seattle May 18th & 19th 2012. We have chosen Cedarbrook Lodge <http://www.cedarbrooklodge.com/> for the location. We are currently working on a theme and fun night and will soon start on sponsors, vendors and program. All suggestions, ideas, thoughts and comments are encouraged: nwrc12@aswaseattle.org. We will definitely be calling on many of you as we get closer to the conference.

I'm looking forward to a great year and Go Mariners!! (I just had to throw that in.)

Marilyn Wilt, President-Elect



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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

PAULINE CADY CALLAHAN, CPA
1961-1962

While I was studying accounting in Spokane in 1935-37, I made a friend who was determined to become a CPA. When she was unable to obtain support from the school, she dropped out, but she had planted the idea. Marriage and the arrival of two sons when I was 31 and 35, didn't interfere with my working. In 1951, we moved from Alaska, and I started night school again, my goal being to become a CPA before I was forty. I just made it. Upon receipt of my certificate, when I applied for a job, and was asked my salary requirements, the male interviewer responded, "My secretary has been here a long time, and we can't hire another woman and pay her more." I stood up and said: "Obviously this job doesn't warrant a CPA, so I wouldn't be interested." I was sent to a small CPA firm where the elderly gentleman (God bless him) said: "You don't want this job, but I know of one where they need a CPA with your experience."

About this time I became a member of the Seattle chapter. There were interesting things going on the year I served as president. The Seattle World's Fair, Century 21 opened. Later the Western Regional Conference was held in Portland during the Rose Festival. This brought many visitors to our area, including the national president of AWSCPA, who spoke at our annual banquet.

I would like to present another picture as a CPA. With the increasing number of women professionals who may be approaching retirement, many opportunities present themselves. I would like to share some of my experiences. Having never given much thought to retirement, age 62 seemed a long time away, and also I enjoyed working. Then suddenly I was alone. My husband had died after a brief illness, my oldest son was married, and my youngest was in school in Boston. I needed a change.

I volunteered for the Peace Corps and chose Botswana over El Salvador because English was the language of instruction. Then I asked the recruiter "Where's Botswana?" In April 1977 I left Washington D.C. with my group of six young men, a number of misconceptions and a supply of useless luggage. We spent the first two weeks in a small village, sleeping in a rondoval with thatched roof, carrying water from the village well, bathing in a basin and using the outside toilet which was a good way thru the bush.

My job title was District Treasury Advisor. I was pleased when I was asked to go to Francistown, one of the four cities in Botswana. The country had a technical agreement with the U.K. to furnish a city treasurer. They had sent an unqualified man who was recalled and a young Botswanan was serving as acting treasurer, I was to stay until the replacement arrived from the U.K. I was enjoying my advisory job, learning the British municipal system, the terminology, and trying to gain the confidence, and then the acting treasurer was transferred. I was asked to serve as acting treasurer until the U.K. man arrived. Several months went by before word was received that a man had been located and would arrive shortly. One of the Counsels, a large outspoken man, said: "Tell them we don't want him. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The Peace Corps gave approval and I was appointed treasurer of Francistown. When I left, the mayor said, "I told her I needed a car. She looked me right in the eye and said it's not in the budget, and I didn't get a car." I considered this a compliment.

It was a plus to make friends from many parts of the world, posted there in many capacities. Also the travel, which included a vacation in Southeast Africa, another in the Okvango Swamps, a train trip to Johannesburg and Capetown and a return trip by bus up the coast. Several times I went to Bulawago, Rhodesia which was a strict "no no" for PCV's, but only five hours by train.



Retire? Not exactly. The Peace Corps sends its returned volunteers listings of future employment. I applied on one for senior accountant on the Hopi Indian Reservation. After about a year and a half on that assignment I spent some time as grant accounting supervisor. I liked the Hopi Reservation.

After a year with a CPA firm in Flagstaff, I returned to Missoula, bought a condo, played bridge and took a class at the University. There a Peace Corps recruiter presented an assignment to Honduras. After training I was assigned to an organization formed to help cooperatives. Financial cooperatives were; numerous as they were the only source from which an average citizen could borrow money. The first job was an audit. I was lucky to find a young auditor who knew a little English and wanted to learn more. The first hour of every day was devoted to him speaking English and I Spanish. I asked to be transferred from audit to the training division and started working with young accountants. They wanted to learn and tried hard. I solved one theft without hard feelings. The young bookkeeper knew where the money was, but true to training ("elders know best") could not say anything.

I met Clayton Callahan in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. I said retirement isn't easy unless you have a plan. Be flexible! It took me a while to find the right plan.

Announcements

Next Journal Deadline: Friday, June 3, 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.