

**Seattle Chapter Meeting  
Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

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

Dress Policy: No Jeans Please

**Agenda:**

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

**Menu:**

**Entrée:** Seafood Cannelloni  
**Vegetarian Entrée:** Grilled Vegetables in a Portabello Mushroom  
**Dessert:** New York Cheesecake with Amarena Cherries

**Cost:**

<u>Program &amp; Dinner</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Regular/Affiliate	\$27.00	\$29.00
Standing Res	\$26.00	
Student/Associate	\$19.00	\$21.00
<u>Program Only</u>	\$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](mailto:reservations@aswaseattle.org)**

**Reservation deadline: 5 pm, Thursday, Jan. 19**

**Cancellation deadline: Noon, Monday, Jan. 23**

**No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.**

**Walk-ins are welcome but with no meal availability guarantee.**

**January 25, 2012**

**Monthly Dinner Meeting**

**1 Hour CPE**

**Speaker: Susan Weihrich, Associate Dean, Seattle University School of Business and Economics**

**Topic: Federal Tax Update**

Susan Weihrich was appointed associate dean for Academic Affairs in 2008. Prior to that she served as chair of the Department of Accounting. She teaches primarily in the area of taxation. She is a frequently invited speaker in the areas of Federal tax policy and annual tax updates. Her research has been published in *Tax Adviser*, *Journal of Accounting Education*, *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, and Finance*, *Taxation for Accountants*, *Issues in Accounting Taxation*, and *Advances in Taxation*. She has many years of experience in tax compliance and has assisted in the Seattle University's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for nearly 20 years. She has received numerous teaching awards and also was the first recipient of the Seattle University "Spirit of Community Award." In her free time, she enjoys travelling with her husband and experimenting in art classes.

**CPE Info:**

- Program level: Basic
- Program prerequisites: None
- Instructor delivery method: Traditional
- Recommended amount of CPE credit: 1

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## President’s Message January 2012

Can you believe that we are now in 2012? How many times have you written 2011? This is the year that the Mayans claim will be the end of world as we know it. Will you approach this year differently from other years? I am making a few resolutions for this year – check with me in six months to see if I have kept any of them!

**Resolution #1: Spend more time with friends and family.** I live with my sister but it is amazing how little time we actually spend together. Sometimes a whole week goes by and we haven’t even seen each other enough to say “hi.” Although I am involved in numerous activities, it seems like I don’t spend that much time intentionally with friends. It’s almost like they just happen to be where I am.

**Resolution #2: Spend less time watching TV and more time on hobbies and reading.** I admit that I have become rather addicted to the TV since I lost my job. I need to turn that thing off and open a book as I have more books than I will ever read. My pile of crafting projects keeps growing. I did find a group of ladies that meets once a week to work on knitting (or fiber) projects.

**Resolution #3: Spend some time volunteering.** Now that I am in semi-retirement, I have made a commitment to have enough free time to volunteer. My first attempt at this will be the Lake City Food Bank. The Internet is full of opportunities to volunteer. Of course, you could always volunteer some of your time with ASWA.

**Resolution #4: Spend some time exercising.** I haven’t been to the gym for months and I hate exercising just for the sake of exercising but I know that it will be good for my long term health. I always think that I will get outside and walk but I must admit that I’m not too keen on walking in the rain. I found a couple of exercise programs that will download to my iPod. Now I have to make use of them.

**Resolution #5: Spend some time taking advantage of what is around me.** I love to travel but there is also much to see and do in Washington state or even the Seattle area. The *Seattle Times* prints a list of summer activities and I mark lots of things I want to do – especially those that are free – but, somehow, the summer comes and goes and I haven’t done any of them. Wouldn’t it be great to just wander around the Center or stop by the Ballard Locks or visit one of the museums?

Those are my resolutions. What are your resolutions for 2012? Hopefully, one of your resolutions will be to volunteer with ASWA Seattle. There are several opportunities available:

**Student Night** – speak with Mary Dunlap.

**Guest Night** – need someone to take leadership on this.

**Regional Conference** – registration, session monitors, hospitality suite hosts and much, much more.

**Board or Committee** – the Nominating Committee will be speaking with members regarding positions for the upcoming fiscal year.

Here’s to a great 2012.

Marilyn Wilt, President

## Calendar of Events

**2012:**

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| January 14  | New Member Tea – an opportunity to meet our new members – see flyer on website                                       |
| January 25  | January Dinner Meeting – Speaker: Susan Weihrich, Seattle University, Federal Tax Update                             |
| February 22 | February Dinner Meeting – Student Night<br>Speaker: Doug Hoselton, Growing Your Business & Career through Networking |
| March 28    | March Dinner Meeting – Joseph Cunha, Tax Manager, City of Seattle Business License Division                          |
| April 25    | April Dinner Meeting – Sue Danbom, Volt Staffing, Learning LinkedIn – Making it Work for You                         |
| May 18 & 19 | Northwest Regional Conference, hosted by Seattle Chapter, Cedarbrook Lodge, SeaTac                                   |
| Oct 22-24   | ASWA Annual Conference, San Diego  |



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## REPORT OF THE 2011 NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**President** Elected for a term starting July 1, 2012: Cheryl Heitz Flagstaff Chapter  
**President-Elect** To serve as National President in 2013-2014: Catherine A. Mulder, CPA Ames Chapter  
**Vice Presidents** Berranthia Brown, CMI Atlanta Chapter, Dianna M. Patton, CPA, CFP Richmond Chapter, Gina Slack, CPA, MBA Des Moines Chapter  
**Secretary** Linda E. Harris, CPA Billings Chapter  
**Treasurer** Kathryn Sharp, CPA, MST Houston Chapter  
**Directors** To serve two years, July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014: Karyn Hartke, CPA Northeast Florida Chapter, Tyna Gaylor, CPA, CMA Washington D.C. Chapter, Laura Mangan, CPA, MBA, CMA Mesa East Valley Chapter, Eleanor Siverts-Akerman, CPA Bellevue Chapter  
**Directors** Serving the second year of a two-year term until June 30, 2013: Mary Burns, CPA Oklahoma City Chapter, Mary Duff, CPA Philadelphia Chapter, Lori K. Kelley, CPA Fort Walton Beach Chapter, Barbara Steelman Orange County Chapter, one Director position Vacant  
**Immediate Past President** Monika P. Miles, CPA Silicon Valley Chapter

Respectively submitted by the National Nominating Committee:  
 Vivian L. Moller, CPA Milwaukee Chapter, N. Sue Blake, CPA, CHFP Omaha Chapter, Julianne Dorsett Houston Chapter

## January Anniversaries

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

Suzanne Lindsley	Diane Cunningham	Eleanor Madsen	Shkurte Ejupi
Mingni Weis	Rebecca Mitchell	Michelle Anderson	

## Welcome New Members

**Please welcome the new members so far this fiscal year, since July 1. We're glad you've joined us!**

Madalina Dobra	Jessica Dreier	Lisa Boyd	Kimi Willison
Mimi Park	Olga Moore	Alexandra Castoe	Chenge Li
Malaika O'Rourke	Oanh Tran	Heather Guzha	Gillian West
Yukari Horikawa	Robin Amundson	Denise Rasch	Phengky Sim

## Update on Changes in Seattle Chapter Communications

Have you checked out our brand new chapter Facebook page yet? Sue Danbom has the new Facebook page going. Check it out at [facebook.com/ASWASeattle](http://facebook.com/ASWASeattle). We "Like" it!

As previously mentioned in the Journal, the Communications and Website committees are working on a new website. The committee has completed the RFP process and a contract with CHCS is in the works. CHCS is our current website provider and the committee decided to continue with CHCS and Charlie Hamilton. We were shooting for a March 1 launch date to be able to do on-line registration for the 2012 Regional Conference the Seattle Chapter is hosting but it finally dawned on us that is a tough time of year for us to launch such a big project! So we will delay the launch until after tax season. To accommodate web-based conference registration and payments, we'll add a page to the existing website.

As part of the new website project, a few other changes are in the works. We'll be moving to Constant Contact (or as Jan Aug says, Constant Comment) for chapter e-mail, e-blasts and maybe even the Journal. In addition, the Board has made the decision to use the National ASWA logo and branding for the new website. So our ASWA Seattle logo will become a relic! You will start to see some of the new changes over the next few months. We'll keep you in the know!  
 - Mary Fisher, Director of Communications



*Greetings from your Regional Director...*

Welcome to December! It is the month of frantic shopping, cooking, baking, and Christmas parties. Not to mention the other million things that are on our multiple to do lists, depending on what hat we are wearing (work, home, volunteer, Santa's elf, etc.) I don't have any idea of where to start...

I want to take this time to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. I am looking forward to a nice, quiet, Christmas at home with my husband, Dave and our four furry children. I was fortunate enough to get the family visiting requirements out of the way for Thanksgiving. I hope you all receive something special on your wish list, even if it is just five minutes to close your eyes and breathe deeply before getting back into the hustle and bustle.

While I understand that every single one of us is busy this time of year, don't forget about ASWA. I know a lot of chapters take December off or have a quick social event instead of a full meeting. However there are still some important things going on. By now, I hope you have had a moment to look over the last two blogs. Did you notice that the name of our blog has changed? "Women Who Count" was the name that was voted on at the Annual Conference for Women in Accounting (ACWA). I like the new name – it makes me feel valued, and I think it is catchy. The link to Women Who Count is <http://aswa-president.blogspot.com/>

Make sure and check out Monica's posting from Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are ongoing discussions that you will want to participate in. There were two focus group discussions held during ACWA, and by now I hope that your members that were able to attend the ACWA 2011 have shared what they heard. If not, you can hear it for yourself. National has made available an abbreviated version of Monica's address and the related video presentation from the 2011 ASWA. You can find it at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ASWAHQ>. As ASWA "Considers Change", I invite each and every member to make sure that their voice is heard. They are seeking your thoughts and opinions. So as you see requests for online surveys and focus groups in your inbox, please do not just pass them over. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any National Board Member or your Regional Directors. We truly want all of your feedback.

Happy New Year!!

Kris Culliton  
Regional Director

Editor's Note:

Sorry for the late inclusion of this article – it was received after the December Journal was already put to bed. But it is great to hear from our Regional Director so I wanted to include it even if it is late. Kris Culliton is our new Regional Director. She lives in the Wichita, Kansas area.

Mary Fisher, Editor



## Announcements

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### **Next Journal Deadline: Friday, February 3, 2012**

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.