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In This Month's Newsletter

Dinner Meeting Program Announcements

October 17, 2012 Dinner Meeting Information

Location:

Rainier Golf & Country Club
11133 Des Moines Memorial
Drive South
Seattle, WA 98168
Dress Policy: No Jeans Please

Agenda:

5:30-6:30
Social Hour & Networking
6:30-7:20
Dinner & Announcements
7:20
Live Auction
8:30
Adjourn

Menu:

Entrée: Will be either
Mediterranean Bar or Taco
Bar with tasty options for
meat-lovers and veggie-lovers
alike

October Dinner Meeting:

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Please Note: Third Wednesday - One Week Earlier than
Normal

It's the 19th Annual Scholarship Dessert Auction!

No speaker tonight. The desserts will take center stage! Assorted delicacies and confections will be available for purchase by the highest bidder. For those of you not familiar with our annual fundraising event, there are typically over 50 items showcased in the Silent Auction with tables closing at regular intervals during the evening. After dinner, the fun really begins with the Live Auction, featuring outstanding cakes made by top area bakeries. Individuals at one table, or among several tables, often agree to pool resources to obtain one of these delights (collusion is most enthusiastically encouraged). If someone else won the item you had your heart set on, don't worry. That someone will quite likely sell you a slice, or maybe two!

Rumor has it there will be some never-before-offered items. Something unique is being shipped cross-country for the event! Are you curious yet?

Plan to attend this festive evening - the SINGULAR fundraising event on our calendar. ASWA's mission is to support women, including students, in all accounting and related fields, to achieve their full potential. The Seattle Chapter recently awarded \$17,000 in scholarships to five exceptional candidates, each of whom is profoundly grateful for the financial assistance, which will aid them in achieving

Dessert: Scrumptious
Dessert Auction Purchases

Reservation Deadline:

Please make your reservation no later than 5pm on Thursday, October 11, 2012.

We are charged for all meals reserved, therefore cancellations must be received no later than noon on the Monday before the meeting.

No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.

[Click here to make your reservation online](#)

--- OR send email with the pertinent information to: reservations@aswaseattle.org

--- OR leave a voicemail on the Reservations line at 206-467-8645

--- OR sign up for standing reservations and save \$1

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their goal - education, graduation, a career. What better way to make a difference in someone's life, while also satisfying your palate? Giving never tasted so sweet! Please pass the invitation along to other members, friends, and associates.

If you have any questions, would like to contribute to the Silent Auction, or sponsor a Live Auction item, please e-mail desserts@aswaseattle.org.

Reservations are required (even if choosing the "coffee only" option), and can be made via our website at www.aswaseattle.org, by e-mailing reservations@aswaseattle.org, or by calling the reservation line at (206) 467-8645. Please make your reservation before 5pm, Thursday, October 11th to allow for proper seating and meal count.

The dinner menu is set; dessert is up to you! So many delicious possibilities - what will it be?

[Click here to make your reservation online and please check out the additional dinner meeting info below.](#)

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NOTES FROM A DESSERT AUCTION NOVICE

I've been hearing about it all year. I missed out on it last year. I thought, okay, this time I get to see what all the fuss is about. Well, "fuss" hardly describes the terrific fun of the Seattle Chapter's annual scholarship dessert auction! I'm still totally unclear as to how it all comes together, and I'm a bit "squishy" as to how it all works (frankly, I think that the way it works is, in fact, more than a bit squishy - which is part of the fun). I do recall that last month someone asked me to "sponsor" a dessert of my choice (which I did), and that somewhere along the line, I realized that this did not mean the dessert was mine after it was made. Oh no! If I wanted it, I would have to bid on it. Well, all the proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund, so I figured that was okay.

So I arrived at the dinner meeting, and cruised all of the dessert tables. I quickly realized that I wanted some of everything, and was discouraged at the impossibility of that happening. But wait! It turns out that long-time custom (ha ha) dictates that the proud winner of a dessert should try to privately auction-off pieces of it for additional donations!

My disappointment fled, and I prepared for action. The silent auction winners picked up their booty, and I immediately snagged an almond thingy from Kathy Gatton, who was reselling them at an exorbitant amount per each (an amount that I chose, actually, when asked to bid on one). The public auction began, with Auctioneer Liz Pray, by which time my table and a neighboring table had pooled our resources for a total budget of \$210, with our eyes on the blackberry

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cheesecake (made by Amy Pierce and Rachel Bruna) and the Key Lime Cake.

After snagging the cheesecake for a very respectable donation, (and splitting it among the two tables - everyone was ready for their dessert by then), we patiently waited while the bidding wars surrounded us for various items - until the Key Lime Cake came up. We jumped into the fray, only to have our remaining budget immediately outbid - at which point Donna Lipsky decided we had to have it, so she upped her contribution and we bid again - but it still wasn't enough! Another table got the cake for an amount that was too rich for us - but did that stop us? There are no rules here - we just took our original budget, went over to the other table, and offered them the entire wad for half of that cake - which they accepted!

That cake, all on its own, brought in a grand total of \$350 to the scholarship fund in less than 5 minutes! And bidders at three tables all got a piece of the pie (so to speak!).

While we were busy dividing up the loot, this craziness was being repeated in honor of several outrageous chocolate things. In the meantime, all kinds of individual wheeling-n-dealing in slices, cookies, bars, and Presidential candies was taking place behind the scenes, under the tables, and back and forth across the room.

Now, I love going to the dinner meetings, I think they're very enjoyable on many levels, but this was definitely the most fun I've ever had at a dinner meeting. The last I heard, we raised a serious amount of cash (and some IOUs) for the Scholarship Fund. I got to enjoy, or go home with, a nice serving of about 5 different yummy desserts - not an indelicate excess, by any means, and everyone had a great time. Hey, Liz - when can we do it again?!

~ Jan Augustin

Other Dinner Meeting Information:

Reservations must be made no later than 5pm on Thursday, October 11, 2012. You will receive an acknowledgement when your reservation is received. You can also sign up for the convenience of a Standing Reservation at any time (and save a dollar).

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The complete reservation and cancellation policy is on the online form.