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The mission of ASWA 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.

President's Message

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow. Boy, haven't we had a lot of it lately? We were also fortunate enough to experience a magical "White" Christmas. Hopefully, everyone was able to play in the snow or at least to make a snowman or snowwoman.

With the New Year comes a chance for new beginnings. What are some of your resolutions? Spend more time with family and friends and less time at work? Eat better and exercise more? Join an organization and volunteer some of your time in the community? Well, I have some tips on all three. Arrive at work on time and leave (if you can) after putting in eight hours of good quality work. Eat six small meals a day and find a buddy to keep you accountable when it comes to exercising. Lastly, join ASWA and help us make our community great. Already a member? Awesome! I would love for you to become active in one of our many committees, if you aren't already. Don't know what committees we have? Check out <http://www.aswa136.org/Committees.html> for a complete listing.

Be sure to attend our January meeting and support one of our own, Stephanie Kingsford. Stephanie will give us some tax updates, so make plans to attend this informative meeting.

Best wishes to everyone for a prosperous New Year.

Nicole Keel

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JANUARY MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2011
Huntsville Country Club
2601 Oakwood Avenue

5:40 pm – Networking
6:00 pm – Dinner
6:30 pm – Program

Speaker

Stephanie Kingsford, CPA, MST
Managing Consultant
Womack & Associates, LLC

Topic

“Income Tax Update”

Learning objective – To learn what is new and what is the same for filing 2010 income tax returns and tax planning for 2011. This program will be a group live seminar qualifying for 1 hour Tax CPE, Basic level. No prerequisites.

Cost

\$20.00 – Members, spouses, and first-time visitors
\$25.00 – Non-members (after first visit)
\$10.00 – Full-time undergraduate students

Reservations for dinner must be made no later than Noon on Tuesday, January 18. Reply “yes” to your Evite invitation or contact Florence Royer at 256-830-0377 or roverfe@juno.com. The treasurer will bill for reservations made, but no honored. **All cancellations must be made no later than Noon on Tuesday, January 18 by calling Florence Royer at 256-830-0377.**

CPE Credits: In accordance with the standards of the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, CPE credits have been based on a 50-minute hour. ASWA is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education of the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. ASWA's National Registry Sponsor Number is 105423. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be addressed to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, 150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 700, Nashville, TN, 37219-2417 or www.nasba.org Telephone: (615) 880-4200.

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FEBRUARY INFORMAL LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 3, 2011

Logan's Roadhouse
6226 University Drive
(next to Rosie's Cantina and across from the Target shopping center)

Come and go any time between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm to suit your schedule.

Please reply “Yes” to your Evite invitation or contact Rozella Coggin at cogginr@uah.edu if you are planning to come so she can arrange to have adequate seating.

No First - Time Visitors in December

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Accountant / Controller

A Huntsville company involved in the nationwide sale and distribution of architectural products is seeking a Senior Accountant / Controller with full oversight of the day-to-day operations of finance, general accounting, tax, budgeting, forecasting, and management. A Bachelor's degree in Accounting (or related discipline) plus 8 – 10 years of experience in the areas of controller, accounting and financial reporting is required. Salary range is \$50,000 - \$100,000. Interested applicants can e-mail Mike Duesing at: mike@produktglas.com.

Other job opportunities are listed on our website at <http://www.aswa136.org/Jobs.html>.

If you wish to receive an email with new listings every other week, or wish to post a new listing, please contact Amanda White at awhite@quadruscop.com.

ASWA SCHOLARSHIPS

Once again, the ASWA Educational Foundation is offering Scholarships for ASWA members who obtain a Professional Certification and for ASWA members who wish to take a Kaplan CPA Review Course. Applications can be printed from a link on our chapter's website at www.aswa136.org/StudentInformation.html. Applications are to be submitted directly to the Foundation by March 1, 2011. Winners will be notified by May 1, 2011.

The Professional Certification Scholarship reimburses the costs of the CPA, CFP, CFE, CIA, CMA, CVA or CGFM exams. To be considered, all parts of the exam must be passed between February 15, 2009 and February 15, 2011.

The Kaplan CPA Review Course Scholarship provides a scholarship certificate to be redeemed directly with Kaplan CPA Review when registering. This scholarship does not reimburse the winner for a review course already completed or for which she has already registered.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sixty-two percent of Accounting and Finance professionals believe having a mentor or role model is necessary for a successful career.

Yet, two-thirds of Accounting and Finance professionals have not had, or currently do not have, a mentor to support their career.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Way of Madison County has a partnership with AARP and Impact Alabama entitled CASH – Creating Assets, Savings and Hope. This is a free tax preparation service to families with household incomes less than \$49,000. Last year, the program provided help to 524 families!

CASH was formed to help these families in several ways:

- 1) Free tax preparation saves each family an average of \$250.00 in fees.
- 2) Many families do not know they are eligible for tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.
- 3) The CASH program helps families receive their refunds fast so that Refund Anticipation Loans with high interest rates can be avoided.

The CASH program is implemented by volunteers and supervised by United Way of Madison County staff. Volunteers staff the United Way of Madison County office on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and throughout the day on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from late January through April.

Please consider volunteering your time. Volunteers will work shifts that accommodate their own work and personal schedules. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, contact Fariba Tabarrok at fariba.tabarrok@uwahsv.org to sign up for the required training.

DON'T FORGET OUR ONGOING PROJECT: TREATS FOR TROOPS

THE LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS CAN BE FOUND AT www.aswa136.org/TreatsforTroops.pdf

You can purchase one or two items each time you shop. Bring your donations to any chapter meeting and place in the basket at the registration table.

Or donate money to help with shipping costs. Checks should be made payable to Mary Conway and marked "Treats for Troops"

January Birthdays

5	Annette Mills
6	Louise McLenithan
18	Emilie Gilliland
23	Stacy Smith
24	Cindy Golub
27	Amanda White
29	Pam Hayes



February Birthdays

14	Mary Maxwell
16	Bonnie Banks
18	Beverly Peckham
26	Dana Bradford

About Us...

ASWA was organized in 1938 to increase the opportunities for women in all fields of accounting and finance. The first chapter was chartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members include partners in national, regional and local CPA firms, financial officers, controllers, academicians, financial analysts and data processing consultants, college students and recent graduates, and women returning to the work force. Many of our members have attained professional certifications such as CPA, CMA, CIA, and CFP.

The Huntsville chapter was chartered on December 4, 1982. We hold monthly meetings with programs of technical and educational value in a wide range of topics of interest to professional women.

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