

# ASWA Orange County Chapter Newsletter

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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



Millie Culpepper

There are seats on the Board of Directors coming up for next year, as well as open slots on various Committees. Karen Widener, a new member, stepped forward to accept current open position as Recording Secretary. Thank you Karen!

ASWA board and committee members get "paid" for the work they perform in lots of ways. In addition to education and networking opportunities, ASWA provides a safe, non-threatening environment for its members to develop the skills they need to move ahead in their own careers. If you are interested in serving, or would like more information about positions coming open, please contact either myself or the nominating committee.

### **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 is the day of our annual fun event.**

After the busy tax season is over we deserve a break, please join us for tea at The Tea House on Los Rios in San Juan Capistrano. Bring your colleagues, friends, clients or make an early Mother's Day outing. Let's share the value of our organization and the diverse resource it has become for all involved. In any case we hope to see you there! Last day to sign up is April 18<sup>th</sup>; reference the article below for more information.

Have you noticed it yet? The national ASWA [website](#) has been refreshed with new photos. Also, there is a new link to the People to People delegation to China that will be led by Cheryl Heitz, ASWA President-Elect on November 3-12, 2012. It's a great

opportunity to travel and meet other accountants across the globe!

It's official... ASWA is on YouTube..."Why Did I Join ASWA?" video was posted on the national website and on [YouTube](#). Filmed at the 2011 Conference in Charlotte, various members provided their reasons for joining ASWA. Check it out; the YouTube video is national's latest initiative to market ASWA to potential new members. National is looking into doing more webinars and instructional videos to help chapters with their needs.

Have you read the ASWA [Blog](#) this month? It discussed our Special Report that will be published later this month on Diversity in Accounting & Finance. Contributors included leaders of NABA (National Association of Black Accountants), ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting), and ASCEND (Pan-Asian Pacific Leaders).

On Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, our chapter along with ten other OC professional organizations came together for a networking mixer hosted by ALPFA at the Disneyland hotel. This soldout event was free for our members and guests who participated as part of over 225 attendees. We can thank Disneyland, one of ALPFA corporate sponsors. This was a fabulous event, and we will definitely participate again next year!

The Southwest Regional Conference is well underway. This year's theme "Fun in the Sun" will take place in Chandler, AZ on May 24-25 preceding Memorial Day weekend. You can earn 16 hours of CPE. For more information, reference the article below.



**Members! Please join our LinkedIn group**

**Connect and network online with other professionals, start discussions and more! [Click here to view our group profile.](#)**

For additional ASWA networking click below:

**[Face Book](#), [Linked In](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Blog](#)**

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## ASWA Tea Time Saturday April 21, 2012

Lynn Parker

Please join ASWA for a little cup of friendship at

### *The Tea House on Los Rios*



Date: Saturday, April 21, 2012  
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm  
Place: The Tea House on Los Rios  
31731 Los Rios Street  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
949 443-3914  
[www.theteahouseonlosrios.com](http://www.theteahouseonlosrios.com)

**Menu: The Mission Tea**  
(Includes lunch & tea service)

Choice of our delicious handmade soup or garden salad  
Assorted Finger Sandwiches, freshly baked currant scone  
with our own Famous Early California Cream & preserves,  
fresh Fruit accompanied by cream and brown sugar. Your  
choice of one of our handmade Delectable desserts and  
selection of tea

**Pre-pay Price: \$38 Members & Guests [www.aswaoc.org](http://www.aswaoc.org)**

Reservations Required by: **Wednesday, April 18, 2012**

To RSVP, please email [reservations@aswaoc.org](mailto:reservations@aswaoc.org).

For more information call Millie Culpepper at 714 402-5535

**With gas prices as they are, share a ride: Metrolink Rail has a \$10 weekend pass which will drop you off right by the Tea House, for more information and weekend schedule visit Metrolink website at [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com)**

***We look forward to seeing you there!***

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## ASWA Southwest Regional Conference

Millie Culpepper

Join the ASWA Mesa East Valley Chapter for  
"Fun in the Sun" at the  
2012 Southwest Regional Conference  
May 24 - 25, 2012  
Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort  
Chandler, AZ

Earn 16 hours of CPE with two full days of educational sessions. Thursday includes three fabulous keynote speakers! Start the conference off with an empowering session by Nona Lee, learn the keys to successful leadership from Raelynn Mackenzie and experience a new spin on ethics with Marcy Maslov. Mix things up on Friday with your choice of sessions from our Tax/Audit and Industry/Nonprofit tracks.

No Regional Conference would be complete without a Chapter Exchange. Bring your questions and suggestions to share with ASWA members from across the Southwest.

Support the ASWA Educational Foundation and have fun outbidding the competition for baskets of goodies. Members and chapters are welcome to help us with donations. Extend your stay in the Valley of the Sun for a great cause or two:

- Support the ASWA Educational Foundation by joining us at our Fun Night, Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Chase Field as the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Los Angeles Dodgers!
- Support the ASWA Paula Zanni Memorial Scholarship at the first "Putting 4 Paula" golf tournament fundraiser Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>!

Are you excited yet? Mark your calendars, book your flights and pack your business cards and sandals. We'll see you in May!!

Conference details and registration information are available on the [Mesa East Valley Chapter website](#) and on the [ASWA Events Page](#).

Follow us on Twitter @aswa\_mev for updates on the #2012SWRC.

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## Members' Corner

Alison Aldrich

**Please join me in welcoming our new members:**

Jennifer Castillo

Amy Davey

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## Member of the Year Nominations

Adriana Estrada

Each year we recognize one outstanding individual as our Member of the Year for the ASWA Orange County Chapter. This honor is voted on by the membership in appreciation for the personal contributions and leadership demonstrated by one of our members. **As we prepare to select our nominees for this year's honoree, please consider the following:**

- Who sets a great example with personal and professional accomplishments?
- Who inspires you to be the best that you can be, to explore your professional potential?
- Who offers advice, encouragement, mentorship or professional guidance?
- Who consistently demonstrates a commitment to the growth and development of our local chapter, and to the goals of professional women in accounting?
- Who has made you feel welcomed, and made a difference in your life since you have been a part of ASWA?

Nomination forms will be available on our website or you may request directly by e-mail at [astrada@volt.com](mailto:astrada@volt.com). Voting will take place during the regular dinner meeting in May and the winner will be revealed during our June installation and dinner meeting.

For more information, please contact:  
Adriana Estrada (310) 408-5535.

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## Calling All ASWA Members The Board of Directors Wants You!

Lynn Parker

It takes a team of dedicated volunteers to keep our organization growing and thriving. Whether you're interested in contributing leadership skills that you already excel in, or want to try your hand at developing new ones, we need your expertise! Serving on ASWA's Board of Directors provides great opportunities for personal and professional growth, as well as developing lasting friendships along the way.

We are currently reaching out to all ASWA members who are interested in joining the 2012-13 Board of Directors. The Board meets once a month, separately from our regular meetings. Not sure if you are qualified? There are plenty of experienced members who will be glad to show you the ropes.

The following positions are available, and include a brief description of responsibilities:

President:

Millie Culpepper will be serving as our President and leading us into 2012-13

President-Elect:

This role focuses on finding great program speakers for our monthly dinner meetings and preparing to take over the reins in 2013-14.

VP - Communications:

The lifeline of our chapter, this position oversees our website and newsletter activities, as well as all special communications with our members.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Membership:

Help us welcome new members and grow our chapter, as well as focusing on retaining our current members.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Special Events:

Put your event planning skills to work in planning chapter events like our popular networking mixers, as well as our annual scholarship dinner and holiday party.

Treasurer:

Share your accounting expertise by handling all the chapter's financial transactions

Recording Secretary:

Your great organizational skills will be a plus in recording the monthly meeting minutes of our Board meetings.



Director (3 positions available):

These Board members are not committed to responsibility for a specific area, but contribute their expertise as needed to any of the Board's projects.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Lynn Parker, Alison Aldrich or Diane Randall as soon as possible for further details. Come join us and make a difference!

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