

# AFWA Orange County Chapter Newsletter

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Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance  
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The mission of AFWA 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



*April is one of my favorite times of the year living in California. Sure I am in deep with "busy season" but those brief moments where I get to be outside this time of the year are glorious!*

Have you noticed it yet? We are continuing our efforts toward our chapter rebranding. You will begin to notice all of the changes to our as well as national social media groups, website, and communications. Our board is hard at work to ensure we make the transition smooth. Beginning with our new website address [www.afwaoc.org](http://www.afwaoc.org) changed from [www.aswaoc.org](http://www.aswaoc.org), then updating E-mail addresses for all board members. If you haven't already, check out our social media groups, website and national by clicking on each link below:

### 2013/2014 Board of Directors

There are seats on the Board of Directors coming up for next year, as well as open slots on various Committees. AFWA board and committee members get "paid" for the work they perform in lots of ways. In addition to education and networking opportunities, AFWA provides a safe, non-threatening environment for its members to develop the skills they need to move ahead in their own careers. The nominating committee is still looking to fill a few positions for the 2013/2014 board; if you have any interest in serving on the board, please find Alison Aldrich, Millie Culpepper or Irene Mack. We need to fill the positions for VP of Communication, VP of Membership and President Elect.

**Saturday, April 20th, 2013 is the day of our annual fun event.**

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### Upcoming Events

04/20/2013  
After Tax Event  
Spring Tea Garden  
Fullerton 2pm

05/15/2013  
Dinner Meeting  
6 pm  
Doubletree Hotel

06/19/2013  
Dinner Meeting  
6 pm  
Doubletree Hotel

07/18/2013  
Networking Mixer  
TBD  
5:30 pm

08/21/2013  
Dinner Meeting  
6 pm  
Doubletree Hotel

[Visit our chapter website for more details](#)

### Board of Directors

President  
Millie Culpepper

President-Elect  
Open

V.P. Membership  
Alison Aldrich, MBA

After the busy tax season is over we deserve a break, please join us for tea at Spring Tea Garden in Fullerton. 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 17<sup>th</sup>; reference the article below for more information.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** - The last day to turn in nominations for **Member of the Year**.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly membership meeting and CPE  
o Helen Ramirez - Program Coordinator of Vital Link / OC-Department of Education Business Application collaborating with Business Professionals

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly membership meeting, Officers Installation and CPE  
o Scott Hamilton - The Crucial First 100 Days of the New Leader & Beyond.



**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 AFWA networking click links below:

[AFWA Orange County Chapter's Website](#)

- National [Website](#)
- National [Facebook](#)
- National [Twitter](#)
- National [Blog](#)

V.P. Special Events  
Kristina Diaz

V.P. of  
Communications  
Diane Randall

Recording Secretary  
Lynn Parker

Treasurer  
Alison Aldrich, MBA

### Directors

Immediate  
Past President  
Irene Mack, CPA

Director  
Lynn Parker

Director  
Gail Campbell



## AFWA Tea Time Saturday, April 20, 2013

Kristina Diaz



**Please join AFWA for a little cup of friendship at**

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2013

Time: 2 pm to 4 pm

Place: Spring Tea Garden

501 N. Harbor Blvd.

Fullerton, CA 92832

714-447-0579

[http://www.springfieldbanquet.com/Spring\\_Tea.html](http://www.springfieldbanquet.com/Spring_Tea.html)

### **Menu: Spring Tea Garden Lunch**

Includes lunch & tea service

- Smoked Turkey and Smoked Ham Croissant Sandwich
- Finger Sandwiches
- Scones with Devon Cream and Jam
- Fresh Fruit Platter
- Mini Desserts

**Pre-pay Price: \$25pp Members & Guest** [www.afwaoc.org](http://www.afwaoc.org)

Reservations Required by: **Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

To RSVP, please email [vp.special.events@afwaoc.org](mailto:vp.special.events@afwaoc.org)

For more information call Kristina Diaz at 714-726-0775

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

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

Millie Culpepper

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 AFWA'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 AFWA members who are interested in joining the 2013-14 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: M. Culpepper will be serving as our President and leading us into 2013-14.

President-Elect: This role focuses on finding great program speakers for our monthly dinner meetings and preparing to take over the reins in 2014-15.

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.

### Officer Responsibilities

#### President

- Preside over all Board and Membership Meetings
- Preside over Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)
- Delegate & coordinate all committees
- Prepare President's Message for monthly newsletter
- Monitor chapter progress and performance
- Prepare summary report at end of year
- Acts as ex-officio to all committees except Nominating Committee

**President-Elect**

- Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)
- Attend all Board and Membership Meetings
- Fill in when President is not available or for special assignments
- Select a gift for outgoing President
- Send in "slate of new officers" to National after the election
- Chair Administrative Reporting & Nominating Committee

**Secretary**

- Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)
- Attend all Board and Membership Meetings
- Record minutes of all Board Meetings and submit to Board for approval
- Record minutes of Membership Meetings and submit to General Membership for approval via monthly newsletter
- Submit Minutes to National as required
- Prepare and respond to correspondence locally and nationally

**Treasurer**

- Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)
- Attend all Board and Membership Meetings
- Prepare monthly Treasurer's Report and submit to General Membership for approval via monthly newsletter
- Prepare budget for submission to the Board
- Responsible for all financial transactions for the chapter
- Responsible for seeking annual Financial Review and maintaining all financial records

**Directors**

- Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)
- Attend all Board and Membership Meetings
- Oversee assigned committees and report monthly to the Board
- Submit written goal implementation report and budget for assigned committees at July Board meeting

**Past-President**

- Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)
- Responsible for Bylaws and Compliance

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Millie Culpepper at [president@afwaoc.org](mailto:president@afwaoc.org) or Alison Aldrich at [vp.membership@afwaoc.org](mailto:vp.membership@afwaoc.org) as soon as possible for further details. Come join us and make a difference!

## AFWA National News



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Dear AFWA Member,

It's never been so easy to win an iPad or a Kindle Fire. All you need to do is recruit one (1) AFWA member and your name will be added to a drawing for 2 iPads and 2 Kindle Fires. Recruit more members and increase your chances to win! There is no limit to how many members you can recruit, and your name will be added to the drawing each time that a member indicates your name as a sponsor on their membership application.

Please note that in order to sponsor a member, your name should be included in the "referred by" line on the online membership application between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. For the full details on this "Individual Stargazer" competition, [click here](#).

Hurry, there are less than 3 months remaining in the fiscal year!

Best,

2012-2013 National Membership Committee

Looking forward to the annual conference and sharing memories of the last 75 years with members.

Save the date for the 2013 Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference! Don't miss this opportunity to network with other women in accounting and finance from across the country. Visit [www.afwa.org/events](http://www.afwa.org/events) for more information.

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**About Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance** (formerly American Society of Women Accountants): The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance promotes the professional growth of women in accounting and finance. Members of the association benefit from opportunities to connect with colleagues, advance their careers, and become industry leaders. For 75 years, the organization has proudly upheld its mission 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. Visit [www.afwa.org](http://www.afwa.org) for more information.

## Recap OC Business Women's Mega Mixer

Alison Aldrich

On March 28th Millie and I attended the first Orange County Business Women's Mega Mixer at the OC Airport Hilton. There were approximately 300 attendees, and we met some interesting women. However, the event was not what I expected. There was a huge variety of booths selling such things as jewelry, clothing, and vacations. Fortunately, we were placed across from NAWBO OC but due to cramped quarters, people could barely get by us and talking was difficult. We have a lead on a potential new member, so that would make the evening a success in my book. Reference Link: <http://businesswomensmegamixer.com/>

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## Member of the Year Nominations

Millie Culpepper

Each year we recognize one outstanding individual as our Member of the Year for the AFWA 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 consistently demonstrates a commitment and 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 their 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 AFWA?

Nomination forms will be available in April and voting will take place during the regular dinner meeting in May. The winner remains a secret, and will be revealed during our June installation and dinner meeting.

For more information, please contact:  
Millie Culpepper (714) 402-5535 or E-mail [president@afwaoc.org](mailto:president@afwaoc.org)

## AFWA Southwest Regional Conference

Millie Culpepper

**Please join us on May 30-31 in Denver, Colorado**

We are offering 12 hours of CPE and a Fun Night at the Colorado History Museum included in your conference fees of \$175.

**Where: Metropolitan State University of Denver - Tivoli Building, Denver, CO**

Registration: Link will soon be provided

### **Hotel Information**

Block of rooms are available at special conference rate of \$149 until May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Marriott Spring Hill Suites (right next door to the university)

See link with the attached flyer to reserve your room.

Hope to see you in May!

Heather Russ  
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Denver Chapter President  
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## March Opportunity Drawing Winners

**Kristina Diaz**

### **\$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR MACARONI GRILL**

Graciously donated by PENNY KINNEAR

Won by Member **Sharon Bujacich**

### **2 TICKETS TO THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY**

Won by Member **Anne Solis**

**Guest Drawing** next event Won by **Diana Meyers**

**See you soon!**

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## Membership Corner

Alison Aldrich VP Membership & Treasurer

Please join me in welcoming our newest member - Karen Espinoza McGarrigle, President of Accounting Technology Resources.

*Members: Keep our records current--log in to AFWA National at [www.afwa.org](http://www.afwa.org) to update your contact information.*

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