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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



In 2013 AFWA turns 75! Happy anniversary AFWA, I am truly honored to be serving as the 2013-2014 Orange County Chapter President during this landmark year for our newly named Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance. This year's board has already hit the ground running and we have only just started the new fiscal year! At our board annual planning meeting we discovered that we are of one mind when it comes to this year's

board goal:

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP!

The expansion of our organization to include the financial sector is an amazing opportunity to grow our chapter and we are asking for your help! If you haven't done so already, please bring a guest to one of our events and share with them the magic of AFWA. Like many of us, we are constantly striving to strike the right balance between work and home life. Every time I attend an AFWA event I come away feeling enriched personally and professionally and that keeps me coming back. I have made lifelong friends, enriched my business connections and I thrive on the motivation and enthusiasm of my fellow members. I encourage all of you to share AFWA and together we will achieve our goal of increasing our membership.

In July, we hosted another successful Summer networking mixer at Finbars. Join us August 21st for our next dinner meeting and CPE. Please note we will meet at a **new location Claim Jumper, Fountain Valley**, reference article below.

For more information on any of our events, please visit our website at www.afwaoc.org.

Millie Culpepper
President

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Upcoming Events

08/21/2013
Dinner Meeting
6 pm
Claim Jumper
Fountain Valley

09/07-09/08 2013
Avon Walk
Santa Barbara

09/19/2013
Networking Mixer
5:30 pm
Finbars
Costa Mesa

10/8/2013
Annual NAWBO-OC
5pm
Anaheim Grove

10/16/2013
Dinner Meeting
6pm TBD

10/20-23/2013
AFWA Conference
Hyatt Indianapolis

11/20/2013
Student Night
Scholarship Awards

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

Board of Directors

President
Millie Culpepper

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Open

V.P. Membership
Kristina Diaz



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](#)

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August Dinner Meeting Claim Jumper Fountain Valley **"Note New Location"**

Date: August 21, 2013

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Claim Jumper
18050 Brookhurst Street
Fountain Valley, CA , 92708
Ph: 714-963-6711

This Month:
TIPS AND TRICKS FOR USING EXCEL MORE EFFICIENTLY

Guest speaker Cliff Beacham, CPA, CITP, MBA, Chartered Accountant,
MCDBA, CBMA



Cliff Beacham

CPA, CITP, MBA, Chartered Accountant, MCDBA, CBMA. Excel User Group
IFRS USA Organization

<http://ocexcelusergroup.com> IFRS USA Organization <http://ifrsusa.org>

Cliff has been using spreadsheets for 30 years, since they were first released as VisiCalc. Since then he has consulted using Lotus 1-2-3 as a tool and, for almost 20 years he has used Excel as his tool-of-choice. His approach is always the practical application of Excel.

In 1996 he was chairman of the Excel User Group in Orange County and he again formed such a group in 2009 (alive and well in OC). He expresses his desire to help any user that wants to put in the effort to learn Excel as an accounting tool.

Cost: \$38 Member, \$45 Non-Members, \$30 Current Students

Menu: Rotisserie Chicken, California Citrus Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Red Velvet Cupcake.

Advance reservations are requested and must be received by noon on Monday August 19th.

Free Open Parking!

Three convenient ways to register:

By phone: Contact AFWA voice mail at 949-862-0777

By email: Contact reservations@AFWAoc.org

On-line: Register via our PayPal link <http://www.afwaoc.org/dinners.php>

Ledgent CPE Hours

Gina Webber

August 14th at 8am

Ledgent has partnered with AFWA offering the opportunity for FREE CPE credit hours on a monthly basis worth 3 interactive CPE credit hours. Our next session is confirmed for Wednesday, 8/14 at 8 a.m. located at Tax & Financial Group Building, 4001 MacArthur Boulevard #200, Newport Beach, CA.

Topic: Accounting & Auditing Report, Volume 26, Issue 6

Part 1. Accounting - Asset Impairment

Part 2. Auditing - Yellow Book and Single Audit Reporting

Part 3. Small Business - Disaster Losses

Contact: gwebber@ledgent.com or ctaylor@ledgent.com

Limited space is available!

Affordable Care Act 101 Weekly Webinars

August 8th and August 15th at 11am

<http://www.sba.gov/community/blogs/community-blogs/health-care-business-pulse/affordable-care-act-101-weekly-webinar-se>

Check out these weekly webinars being held by the Small Business Administration. Take advantage of this free webinar series to get educated on both federal and state provisions to help Small Business owners understand the up and coming requirements.

2013 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer

September 7th and 8th Santa Barbara, Ca.

This year we are proud to support one of our members Sharon Bujacich in her effort to complete the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer 26 miles in two days held each year in Santa Barbara, CA.



UPDATE 07/29/2013

It's hard to believe it's already the middle of summer. Tricia and I are continuing to train for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in September. Last weekend I did a 5K with my other sister Cyndi in Washington State and yesterday my husband Bill and I did an 8 mile training walk in Santa Barbara with some people from the Avon Walk. We had a good time and met a lot of nice people who are passionate about helping save lives for those affected by breast cancer. Tricia is currently on vacation with her family and was not able to attend. I have currently raised just over \$1,000 for the walk and am getting closer to the \$1,800 that I will need to participate in the walk. Thank you to all of you who have contributed!

God Bless,
Sharon

Last year Sharon was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a mastectomy with reconstruction surgery. She feels fortunate not to need chemo since her cancer was caught early with a mammogram. She never felt "sick", just

inconvenienced for awhile with the surgeries. During her treatment and recovery, she realizes that she is blessed with an amazing circle of family and friends. Sharon feels extremely fortunate to have a good healthcare plan, and to live in a city where great doctors and quality care is readily available.

This year, Sharon will proudly walk in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer as a survivor the weekend of September 7th and 8th in Santa Barbara, CA with her sister Tricia. They will walk for those who are not as fortunate, for those who can't afford proper medical care, for those who are seeking a cure for this disease.

They are one of thousands of people all over the country who will be doing this to raise funds for the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade and support their mission to advance access to care and find a cure.

Sharon is honored to help others get the same chance at survival that she had and is looking forward to a special Avon Walk weekend of celebrating her own survivorship among a community of people who are just as passionate about this cause as she.

Please donate a tax-deductible contribution online:

http://info.avonfoundation.org/site/TR/Walk/LosAngeles?px=7232652&pg=personal&fr_id=2240

AFWA National News



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2013 Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference

****1938 - Celebrating 75 years - 2013****

October 20-23, 2013

Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN

We are excited to let you know that registration for the [2013 Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference](#) is now open! With courses and special events specifically designed for you, you'll benefit from and enjoy your time with us during an action-packed four days in Indianapolis on

October 20-23, 2013. [Click here](#) to view the schedule at a glance and [click here](#) to register online.**

Four Tracks:

Accounting, Auditing & Tax; Industry; Finance; and Career Planning

To update you on the latest professional standards and help you meet your continuing education goals (earn up to 24 hours of CPE!), the 2013 Annual Conference offers you targeted educational opportunities covering three key areas: Accounting, Auditing & Tax; Industry; and Finance - and a bonus track featuring Career Planning.

- The *Accounting, Auditing & Tax* track features sessions including, but not limited to, accounting and auditing updates, estate tax planning, ethics, and company reporting.
- The *Industry* track features sessions on industry specific topics including, but not limited to, data security, marketing, social security, and technology.
- The new *Finance* track includes a variety of subjects including, but not limited to, e-commerce, annuities, health care reform, and cost/volume/profit analysis.
- The new mini "*Career Planning*" track promises to provide resources to assist you in taking your career to the next level.

[Click here](#) to see what you can learn during four days of top-notch education programming.

Fun Spin on Fundraising to Support Women in the Industry

The 2013 Annual Conference not only provides you with valuable education and networking opportunities - it is also a chance for you to take part in fun events that benefit the work The Foundation does for women in our industry. The Foundation supports women in accounting and finance by providing undergraduate and master's degree scholarships, scholarships to support the costs of earning various designations, opportunities to improve financial literacy, and more.

At these events, socialize with colleagues, enjoy Indianapolis, and engage in some friendly competition during the Foundation Amazing Race to raise funds to support the mission of our Foundation. We will continue the tradition of hosting a silent auction and raffle too!

New Mobile App!

For the first time ever, the 2013 Annual Conference is going mobile! We're excited to offer our attendees a mobile app that will bring new functionality to the conference, allowing an interactive experience that connects attendees, speakers and exhibitors with the tap of a finger. The app will be available for free in your device's App Store in the month of September.

Details, Details, Details....

[Hyatt Regency Indianapolis](#): Book your reservation before September 27th to take advantage of the conference group rate of \$159 per night. Reserve your hotel room [online](#), or call 1-888-421-1442 and be sure to identify yourself as part of the "Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance." [Click here](#) to discover what Indianapolis has to offer during your stay.

June Opportunity Drawing Winners

Kristina Diaz

Congratulations to these individuals who won prizes from our monthly Opportunity Drawing that benefits our chapter's Student Scholarship program:

South Coast Repertory Tickets won by Guest Teri De La Cruz

Lily Gidcumb won the guest drawing for a complimentary future dinner meeting!
Looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Always a winner with AFWA!

Save the Date

CSUF BAP Save the Dates - Meet the Firms & Mock Interviews

California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) Beta Alpha Psi Events Committee chairpersons for Fall 2013.

On behalf of California State University Fullerton's Beta Alpha Psi, we would like to invite the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance to attend our Meet the Firms and Mock Interviews events.

Please save these dates, and future emails will follow with more details.

Meet the Firms - Thursday, September 26th
Mock Interviews - Friday, October 4th

Membership Corner

Kristina Diaz

Our Mission

The mission of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance 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.

Women are still largely underrepresented in leadership positions in the accounting and finance industry. The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance identifies this gap as a major problem that needs to be remedied. Our mission 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.

How Membership Benefits You

- National and local contacts for networking and professional information
- Leadership opportunities in supportive arena
- National and Regional conferences at a discounted rate
- Forum for CPE
- Scholarships
- Subscription to *Accountability* e-Newsletter and AFWA News Brief, a weekly industry news summary
- Access to Career Center
- Access to [LinkedIn group](#)
- National online membership
- Prestigious status of professional affiliation
- Discounted memberships to the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA) & to the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) , the largest Latino association for business professionals and students
- Discounted products and services through affiliation agreements (CPA review courses, CCH tax & accounting books and long term care insurance.)

Join today at www.afwaoc.org/membership.php

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