

# 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



What does not kill me makes me stronger. This has been my mantra for as long as I can remember. This is exactly what I repeated to myself just after I accepted the position of ASWA President for the 2012-2013 year, on January 18, 2012. Please don't get me wrong; I'm honored to be the president of the Orange County Chapter of ASWA; it just wasn't a commitment I had planned on for the next 18 months. Then after you are President, you are automatically signed up for another 12 months as the Immediate Past President on the board.

Additionally, I have the honor of serving as Regional Director for several Southwest ASWA chapters for the past three years. With planning involving Southwest Regional Conference held on May 24- 25, 2012, San Marcos Resort, Chandler, AZ. As well as planning is underway for ASWA's 2012 Annual Conference is going to be held in San Diego, California during October 22-24,

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### Upcoming Events

- 02-23-2012  
February Mixer Blue Water Seafood Grill
- 03-08-2012  
Joint Mixer with ALPFA
- 04-21-2012 Saturday  
Tea Luncheon
- 05-16-2012 May  
Dinner Meeting
- 06-27-2012 June  
Dinner Meeting

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



2012 and we are in search of a few good women to help serve on the conference committee. There are several ways you can get involved and they include:

- Program Committee
- Credentials Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- Workforce Committee

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in serving.

Our **February event** will be hosting a networking mixer on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> at Bluewater Grill** in the Tustin District. We have the enclosed patio area, and hope to see your there!

Mark your calendars, on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** we are teaming up with **ALPFA**, this event will mark the first time that all of OC's Latino professional organizations come together and with our efforts it will also mark the beginning of an annual tradition. Look for details in our March Newsletter.

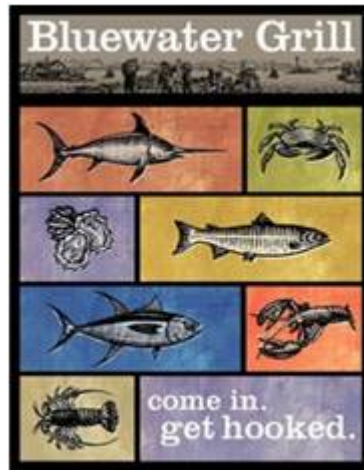
- Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)
- Hispanic Bar Association (HBA)
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (HCOC)
- National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP)
- American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA)
- National Latina Business Women's Association (NLBWA)
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)
- Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists (MAES)
- United Latino Students Alumni Association (ULSAA)
- National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA \*pending further discussion)

In **April** will be our fun event - **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

After the busy tax and annual year-end audit season is over we deserve a break, please join us for tea at The Tea House on Los Rios, 31731 Los Rios Street, San Juan Capistrano, CA 11am-1pm, Cost \$38 Members & Non-Members. Several of us are making plans for a mini-day vacation to ride Metrolink, \$10 Weekend Pass, allows passenger to ride from Fri 7pm-Sun 11:59pm, to ride rail and bus anywhere in SoCal.

## Networking Mixer

### Bluewater Grill



Networking plays a vital role in the business world today. Deals are made, partnerships are formed, and employment opportunities arise, all as a result of business and social connections. We encourage you to take advantage of our networking mixer to expand and develop your contacts in a relaxed, business-casual atmosphere! This event is open to all (members and non-members) so feel free to invite your co-workers, clients, etc. Make sure to bring plenty of business cards as we have found this is the best way to connect with everyone even if you don't get a chance to speak them!

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012

Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Place: Bluewater Grill

2409 Park Avenue

Tustin, CA 92782

Phone 714 258 3474

[www.bluewatergrill.com](http://www.bluewatergrill.com)

Pre-pay Price: Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$20

Price includes appetizers

Please RSVP, (by Monday February 20, 2012)

#### **Three convenient ways to register:**

Online: [www.aswaoc.org](http://www.aswaoc.org)

Email: [networking@aswaoc.org](mailto:networking@aswaoc.org)

Phone: Contact Millie at 714-402-5535

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

## ASWA National Scholarships

Millie Culpepper

ASWA National Scholarships (Members Only)

Scholarship Application DUE to the Foundation by MARCH 1, 2012

Scholarships to be awarded seasonally, the Fall and Spring are as follows:

### *ASWA Member Scholarships*

Applicants must be a current member of ASWA to be considered. Applications are located under Member Resources after logging into the website. Contact your chapter scholarship chair or president for more information.

- *Certification* - To support the exam fees of ASWA members for any one of the following certifications: CPA, CFP, CFE, CIA, CMA, or CVA.
- *CPAexcel Review* - To provide registration for a CPAexcel CPA Review Course
- *Kaplan CPA Review* - To provide registration for a Kaplan CPA Review Course
- *PhD Scholarship* - To cover the cost of research for a student seeking a PhD degree in accounting
  
- [Spring 2012 Certification Application](#)
- [Spring 2012 CPA Review Scholarship Application](#)
- [2012-2013 Accounting PhD Scholarship Application](#)

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## January Dinner Opportunity Drawing

Nancy Liming

Congratulations to Last Month's Opportunity Drawing Winners!

### **Karin Marcum**

won a \$25 Gift Certificate to Bucca Di Beppo donated by Maria Beechan!

### **Lynn Parker**

won two Admission Tickets to Aquarium of the Pacific donated by Aquarium of the Pacific!

100% of the proceeds from our monthly Opportunity Drawings go toward funding our annual scholarship awards. We are currently in need of donations. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Nancy Liming at [director3@aswaoc.org](mailto:director3@aswaoc.org).

## Members Corner

### Alison Aldrich

We had a great start to 2012 at our January 18<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting. We had a terrific turn out for a very entertaining and enlightening speaker. We also signed up a new member, Ruth Rutkouski, CPA. Two potential members, Nancy Moeller, CPA with Seven Gables Real Estate and Kipp Burrige of TriNet, also attended the evening. I would also like to welcome several new members who attended for the first time: Theresa Kholoma, Cathy Hawkins, and Janet Kim. I hope to see all of you at our next event, a mixer on Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bluewater Grill.

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## **ASWA Leadership Opportunities**

Interested in volunteering? If you would like to contribute to a dynamic organization, we would love to have you. ASWA's Orange County Chapter is looking to fill various committee positions. We have opportunities for short term and annual commitments.

Please contact Irene Mack via email at [president@aswaoc.org](mailto:president@aswaoc.org)

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