

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



For ASWA, summer is a time of transition as we bid a grateful farewell to our outgoing Board of Directors for 2011-12, and welcome our incoming Board for 2012-13. A very special thanks to our hardworking Board of Directors, committee chairs, and

volunteers. Your contributions, great and small, are deeply appreciated! They are the glue that holds our organization together.

To our incoming Board and committee chairs, thank you for committing your time and talent as part of the leadership team. We welcome everyone to attend this year's Annual Planning Meeting, which will be held Saturday, July 14th at Volt's Corporate office. For more information on any of our events, please contact Millie Culpepper at president@aswaoc.org.

To all our members, thank you for being a part of our chapter, and contributing to the ongoing personal and professional growth and development of our community. We welcome you to get involved, whether you can volunteer for an hour, a day or something more extensive. We encourage everyone to join us on July 26th for our Networking Mixer at the Bluewater Seafood Grill as referenced below.

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Upcoming Events

07-14-2012
2012-2013
Planning Meeting

07-26-2012
Networking Mixer
Bluewater Grill

08-15-2012
August Dinner Meeting

09-23-2012
Race for the Cure

10-16-2012
NAWBO Dinner

10-22-24-2012
Annual Conference

11-28-2012
Student Night

12-27-2012
Holiday Event

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

Board of Directors

President
Millie Culpepper

President-Elect
Diane Randall

V.P. Membership
Jennifer Castillo

What's ahead for us? A mixer in July, a dinner meeting in August, and The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in September with Adriana Estrada as our enthusiastic chair. On October 16th, our chapter will participate in NAWBO's Remarkable Women Awards dinner where I am privileged to be this year's honoree as ASWA's Member of the Year. Then there's the ASWA National conference in San Diego, October 22 - 24. Registration is now open and you'll save \$50 for registering by September 28th! I've heard from at least six members of our chapter who plan to attend. Student Night with scholarship awards is in November, and we're putting a committee together to get the word out to college students and professors about the event.

We have so much to look forward to this year! Have a wonderful summer, and I hope to see you at the July Mixer. Feel free to pass the invitation to your colleagues, friends and clients as we always want to enhance the value of our organization and the diverse resource it has become for all involved.

National News:

Have you noticed it yet? The national ASWA [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 November 3-12, 2012. It's a great opportunity to travel and meet other accountants across the globe!

ASWA National Board Proposes New Name for Organization
It's official... ASWA is on YouTube [Watch the new video](#) in which ASWA President Monika Miles unveils the National Board's proposed new name "Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance" has unanimous support from the National Board of Directors because it is powerful enough to attract and welcome more members, and it aligns better with our mission and long-term strategic plans. ASWA members are encouraged to watch the video and share the recommendation frequently with the full membership in the upcoming months so that all of our members are aware of and are considering this important decision that may come up for a vote at the Annual Business Meeting in San Diego, CA, on October 23rd.

Have you read the ASWA [ASWA Blog](#) this month? This month's blog 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).



V.P. Special Events
Kristina Diaz

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Directors

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Past President
Irene Mack CPA

Director
Lynn Parker

Director
Gail Campbell



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 links below:

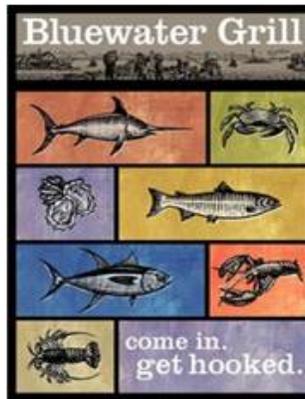
[Face Book](#), [Linked In](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Blog](#)

ASWA Summer Networking Mixer

Thursday, July 26th at 5:30

Bluewater Grill at The District
2409 Park Avenue
Tustin, CA 92782
(714) 258-3474
[Tustin Bluewater Grill](#)

Complimentary Valet Parking
\$15 for Members
\$20 for Non Members
RSVP by Monday, July 23rd through our website: www.aswaoc.org



Member of the Year: Millie Culpepper

The Member of the Year Award represents the highest honor our chapter can bestow, and is awarded each year in recognition of a member's outstanding contributions and leadership. This year we were very pleased to present the award to Millie Culpepper at our June 27th dinner meeting and Board installation.



Millie joined ASWA in 2004 and has held several roles of responsibility on the Board of Directors over the past 8 years. She currently serves as our chapter President, a role she graciously accepted, and has been instrumental in keeping the chapter

running during a difficult transition year. Millie also serves as Regional Director for four additional chapters and has volunteered her time as a Regional Conference Consultant. She was nominated by two of her peers who stated, "She has consistently been someone who jumps in whenever needed, and has a positive attitude that lifts us all up. Millie exemplifies what a great Member of the Year is all about!"

As ASWA's Member of the Year, Millie will be honored at NAWBO's Remarkable Women Dinner on Tuesday, October 16th. We have reserved a table for ASWA members and guests, and tickets are available at a cost of \$85 per person. Tickets are already being purchased and will sell out well before the event date so contact Alison Aldrich to purchase your ticket.

Please join me in thanking Millie for her many contributions to the chapter, and in wishing her warmest congratulations on being elected our 2012 Member of the Year!

**ASWA OC Honors 35 Year Member
Deborah Szul**



**ASWA OC Honors 25 Year Member
Ann Marie Broderick**



ASWA Annual Conference Registration is Open!

October 22-24, 2012

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

Register by September 28th and save \$50!



Dear Accounting and Finance Professionals,

We hope that you will join us in October for the 2012 Annual Conference for Accounting & Financial Women in San Diego, CA. Hosted by the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA), this year's Annual Conference provides a program that offers a myriad of opportunities to help you meet your continuing education goals, whether technical or "soft-skills" focused, as well as an opportunity to network with other women of similar backgrounds.

The 2012 ASWA Annual Conference offers the opportunity to earn up to 24 hours of continuing professional education at an affordable price. This conference is a wonderful opportunity to network and learn in a relaxing and supportive environment. We encourage you to take advantage of all that the conference has to offer. We promise... it will be worth it! [Click Here](#) to learn more details and register.

See you in San Diego!

Calling All ASWA Angels!!
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
September 23, 2012

Adriana Estrada



There are several options to provide your support, including "sleeping in for the cure", and we are looking forward to having our friends, family, co-workers and colleagues join in supporting this worthwhile cause. You can access the ASWA Angels team page by clicking on this link: [ASWA Angels Team Page](#)

Our fundraising goal this year is \$5000 and keep in mind that we are not only raising funds for the Cure, but we also earn gift cards which we use for our Opportunity Drawings which support our scholarship fund!

Once you register as an ASWA Angel, you will be notified on further details. Feel free to reach out to your team captain, Adriana, with any questions: aestrada@volt.com or (562) 402-5357.

2012-2013 Annual Planning Meeting

Millie Culpepper

Date: Saturday, July 14th, 2012
Time: 8:30am - 3pm
Where: Volt Corporate Park
2401 N. Glassell ,Orange, CA 92865

Welcome to the 2012-2013 ASWA chapter board and committees. We're looking forward to having another great year together!

Our annual chapter planning meeting is held in July each year, usually on a Saturday from about 8:30am to 3pm.

If you're new to the board or as a committee chair, please meet with your counterpart from the current board or committee, before our

annual meeting. Please ask them to pass last year's records or notebooks to you and to give you guidance about your new position.

Committee chairs and members, we welcome you to attend the meeting, and encourage you to come for at least the period where we talk about your committee functions.

Thank you,

Millie Culpepper President, Orange County Chapter 2012-2013
president@aswaoc.org

Members' Corner

Jennifer Castillo

I want to take a few moments to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Castillo and I'm the new 2012 - 2013 Vice President of Membership for the Orange County Chapter of ASWA. I'm thrilled to be joining such a spectacular group of professional women and add value to such a wonderful organization!

This past May, I had the pleasure of attending the ASWA Southwest Regional Conference and wanted to share my experience with all of you. The conference was held at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort in Chandler, AZ, and was hosted by the Mesa-East Valley Chapter. From the start, the program was jam packed with fun. The first evening we arrived, two dozen members and sponsors attended the Ledgent sponsored Fun Event at Chase Field where the Arizona Diamondbacks rivaled the Los Angeles Dodgers. As an Angels fan, I chose to root on the Diamondbacks with the majority of the ASWA group!

The conference itself was held on Thursday and Friday and was a continuous stream of incredible speakers and educational seminars. 16 CPE credits in total were offered to the attendees. Perhaps my favorite event of the conference was the speech given by Nona Lee on "Empowerment". Nona Lee, who is the Vice President and General Counsel for the Arizona Diamondbacks, gave an utterly inspirational and motivational presentation on how empowerment can be found through life experiences if we embrace them. I walked out of the session feeling moved with the sense that I could conquer the world. Talking to my fellow attendees, I wasn't the only one.

The Southwest Regional Conference was the first ASWA conference I have attended. I can't wait until the National Conference in San Diego in October and encourage you all to join me!

Once again, I'm thrilled to be a part of the 2012 - 2013 Board of Directors. Here's to another successful year!

June Dinner Meeting Opportunity Drawing

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Congratulations to Last Month's Opportunity Drawing Winners!

Adriana Estrada

won two guest passes for "OC Museum of Art" donated by OC Museum of Art

Kristina Diaz

won a \$25 gift certificate for the "Yard House" donated by Susan G. Komen for the Cure!

Donna Bernbrock

won a \$25 gift certificate for the "Yard House" donated by Susan G. Komen for the Cure!

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 Millie Culpepper at president@aswaoc.org.

ASWA Needs You

Millie Culpepper

There are seats on the Board of Directors and open slots on various Committees. ASWA 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 any of these positions, please contact Millie Culpepper at aswa.culpepper@yahoo.com as soon as possible for further details. Come join us and make a difference!

Director (1 position 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.

Recording Secretary- Records minutes of monthly Chapter Board meetings

Committee Chairs:

Scholarship Chair - Short term from September - November

Website Chair - Update ASWA-OC website monthly
www.aswaoc.org

Constant Contact/Database Chair - Update E-mail address changes, send Constant Contact announcement to membership as required

Marketing & Promotion Chair - Identify and work with Corporate Sponsors

Opportunity Drawing Chair - Solicit Scholarship gift donations for monthly drawings and announce winners in newsletter

CPE Chair - Prepare CPE forms and collect at dinner meetings; submit to ASWA National

Employment Chair - solicit job opportunities to post on website, LinkedIn page, newsletter, etc.

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