

# 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



For AFWA, summer is a time of transition as we bid a grateful farewell to our outgoing Board of Directors for 2012-2013, and welcome our incoming Board for 2013-2014. We extend 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 to be held Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Ledgent.

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. There is no regular meeting in July, but we encourage everyone to join us on July 18<sup>th</sup> for our Summer Networking Mixer at Finbars. Reference the flyer below.

Have a wonderful summer, and hope to see you at the July Mixer. Share with your colleagues, friends, clients, the value of our organization and the diverse resource it has become for all involved.

For more information on any of our events, please visit our website at [www.afwaoc.org](http://www.afwaoc.org).

**Millie Culpepper**  
President

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### Upcoming Events

07/13/2013  
Annual Planning  
9am - 3pm  
Ledgent

07/18/2013  
Networking Mixer  
Finbars  
5:30

08/21/2013  
Dinner Meeting  
6 pm TBD

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

10/20-23/2013  
AFWA Conference  
Hyatt Indianapolis

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

### Board of Directors

President  
Millie Culpepper

President-Elect  
Open

V.P. Membership  
Kristina Diaz

V.P. Special Events  
Gina Webber

V.P. Communications  
Karen McGarrigle

Recording Secretary  
Jessica Clarke

Treasurer  
Alison Aldrich, MBA



**Directors**  
Sandra Maldonado  
Doris Cerna  
Cindy Taylor

 **Join our Mailing List**

Enjoy a few pictures from June 18<sup>th</sup> Rebranding Launch Celebration!



**Millie Culpepper accepting the gavel from Alison Aldrich**



**2013 – 2014 Board of Directors**

Sandra, Doris, Cindy, Alison, Jessica, Kristina, Karen, Gina and Millie



Karen McGarrigle and Alison Aldrich



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](#)

## July Networking Mixer

Finbars Italian Kitchen



### Please join us for our Summer Mixer

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.

**Date: July 18, 2013**  
**Time: 5:30 pm to 8 pm**



**901 South Coast Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**  
**(Located directly beneath Edwards Cinema)**

Pre-pay at [www.afwaoc.org](http://www.afwaoc.org) PayPal:  
\$15 for Members and \$20 for Non-Members

To RSVP, send email to: [networking@afwaoc.org](mailto:networking@afwaoc.org)  
or contact Gina Webber at 714.929.1320

**FREE PARKING**

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

# Attention Members-Annual Planning Meeting

Millie Culpepper

**Date:** Saturday, July 13th, 2013  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm  
**Location:** **Ledgent**  
949 S. Coast Drive, Suite 150  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
714-929-1320

Welcome to the 2013-2014 AFWA chapter board and committees. We're looking forward to having another great year together!

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.

What to bring if you have a position as an officer, board member or chair:

- Your personal laptop or iPad
- Pen & paper or notebook
- Your Calendar
- Your enthusiasm & leadership knowledge
- Your job descriptions and a clear understanding of them
- An open mind and new ideas
- A goal that you want to accomplish in your positions next year and a list of 3 to 5 critical success factors that will need to happen in order to accomplish your goal.
- A blazer for pictures

Please remember to meet with your predecessors before this meeting. It is crucial that you understand your new position and how you can succeed on the 2013-2014 AFWA Orange County Board of Directors!

Lunch will be provided from Cosi - Please see menu options below and RSVP to Millie Culpepper at [aswa.culpepper@aol.com](mailto:aswa.culpepper@aol.com) or call (714) 402-5535 with your lunch choice by July 12<sup>th</sup>, noon.

Select one of the menu options:

**Sandwiches:**

- Turkey Light - shredded romaine, spicy honey mustard (391 cal)
- Hummus & Veggies - tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, basil (397 cal)
- Tandoori Chicken-blended with Eastern spices, red peppers, Cosi vinaigrette (533 cal)
- Cosi Club - roasted turkey, bacon, tomatoes, shredded romaine, low-fat mayo (455 cal)

**Salad:**

- Chicken Caesar (608 cal), Shanghai Chicken (316 cal) or Greek Salad (516 cal)

## 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 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer 26 miles in two days held each year in Santa Barbara, CA.



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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://info.avonfoundation.org/site/TR/Walk/LosAngeles?px=7232652&pg=personal&fr_id=2240)

If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to "Avon Walk for Breast Cancer" and send it to me at 19131 Willow Brook Lane, Trabuco Canyon CA 92679.

As she crosses that finish line as a Survivor, she will carry with her the hopes of each and every person who has helped her to thrive since that life-changing day when she first heard that diagnosis. And that includes you!

On behalf of the tens of thousands of people whose lives may be saved by your actions, we thank you.

## 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](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to network with other women in accounting and finance from across the country. Join us this fall in Indianapolis and learn from leading experts on ways to develop a variety of your skills. The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference will be loaded with opportunities for networking, leadership development, education and fun!

**Online Registration** and the **Program Schedule** are coming soon. Stay tuned!

**Hotel Accommodations:** For hotel reservations at the [Hyatt Regency Indianapolis](#), please call 1-888-421-1442 no later than **September 27, 2013** and be sure to mention "Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance" to receive the group rate of \$159/night.

**Sponsorship and Exhibit Opportunities:** [Click here](#) to view the sponsorship prospectus, please contact Kathy Bradley, Director, Fundraising & Partnerships at AFWA's National Office, 703-506-3265 or [kbradley@afwa.org](mailto:kbradley@afwa.org) for more information.

## 2013 Member of the Year



**Kristina Diaz**  
**VP- Membership 2013-2014**

The Member of the Year 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 Kristina Diaz at our June 19<sup>th</sup> AFWA-OC rebranding launch celebration and Board installation.

Kristina joined AFWA in 2011 and has held various roles of responsibility on the Board of Directors this past year. She currently served as our chapter Vice President of Special Events; she has had a full year of planning and organizing networking events, the 2012 student night, a fabulous holiday party, and most recently the spring tea. She has also contributed to the local universities and colleges meeting with the business advisory board and volunteering for various job fair events and mock interviews, making sure to communicate the mission and purpose of AFWA to the students and faculty alike. She has graciously accepted 2013-2014 Vice President of Membership.

She was nominated by several of her peers who stated, "Amazing contributions as VP of Special Events and Scholarship Awards Event, she is fabulous ambassador for our chapter!"

As AFWA's Member of the Year, Kristina will be honored at National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Remarkable Women Dinner on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We have reserved a table for AFWA 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 us in thanking Kristina for her contributions to the chapter, and in wishing her warmest congratulations on being elected our 2013 Member of the Year!

## 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:

\$50 gift certificate to the Lazy Dog won by Member Irene Mack

Donated by Lynn Parker, Thanks Lynn!

4 Gold Anytime Tickets to the AMC Theatres won by Member Doris Cerna

Donated by Alison Aldrich, Thanks Alison!

Natasha Bajwa won the guest drawing valued at \$50 for a future dinner meeting!

Looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Turned out to be a great day to win...

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## Membership Corner

Kristina Diaz

### Here's why you should join!

1. Leadership opportunities in supportive arena
2. Local contacts for networking and professional information
3. Subscription to *Accountability* e-newsletter

### National Benefits of Membership

The following is a list of current benefits enjoyed by members:

- o Prestigious status of professional affiliation
- o National contacts for networking and professional information
- o Forum for CPE
- o Scholarships
- o Leadership opportunities in supportive arena
- o National and regional conferences at a discounted rate
- o Access to Career Center
- o Access to LinkedIn group
- o National online membership directory
- o Discounted membership to the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA)
- o Discounted products and services through affiliation agreements (CPA review courses, CCH tax & accounting books and Long Term Care insurance.)

If you are interested in becoming a member of AFWA, please fill out a registration form at [www.afwaoc.org](http://www.afwaoc.org)

**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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