

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

Irene Mack



Fall is here, and so is our annual Student Night. We've had a good number of responses to our scholarship applications, and I will be excited to meet the four well-deserving student winners receive their scholarship awards at our November meeting. As a reminder, all accounting and finance students are invited to attend for free. To cover their attendance costs, we have a number of terrific corporate and individual sponsors helping us out with underwriting, and we welcome more if you would like to contribute and haven't done so yet.

Our Financial Literacy project planning is moving forward. The FDIC offers a free version of ten to twelve different program presentations on CD, geared to audiences ranging from individuals with no experience owning bank accounts, all the way through how to plan financially for a college education, and how to budget for home purchase and ownership. There are many people in our area that can benefit from this knowledge, and many of our members who are interested in presenting it to them. We'll let you know more about this volunteer opportunity as our planning progresses.

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Upcoming Events

11.16.2011
November Student
Scholarship Night
Dinner

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



We are very happy to report that employment opportunities are starting to open up in Orange County and surrounding areas. Be sure to check out new postings on our ASWA chapter website, if you're looking for a new job or contemplating a career move.

November Dinner Meeting 2011 Student Scholarship Night

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Registration at 5:30pm

DoubleTree Hotel

201 East MacArthur Blvd

Santa Ana, CA 92707



We are excited to announce the 2011 Student Scholarship Awards Dinner on November 16, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel, Santa Ana. We will be presenting \$3,500 in scholarships to four accounting students from local universities and community colleges.

Hosting a panel of experts from within the accounting and financial community to discuss "Mapping Out Your Strategic Career Plan," even if you are further along in your career, what a great opportunity to hear from our panel of experts, their accounting professional experiences.

- **Michelle Wroan**, KPMG LLP, Partner Audit (public accounting)
- **Diane Wittenberg**, Partner at Haskell & White (for public accounting)
- **Andrea Weinstein**, North America Controller, Epicor Software (private, for profit sector)
- **Wendy Sobeski**, Controller, Habitat for Humanity (not-for-profit accounting)
- **Irene Mack**, (representing small business owner in public

accounting)

This event is designed to build coalitions within the business community while at the same time offering students and other attendees an opportunity to meet prospective employers.

Pre-pay at www.aswaoc.org

PayPal \$38 MEMBERS \$48 NON-MEMBERS

FREE for all STUDENTS that RSVP!

RSVP by Nov 14,2011 send email to reservations@aswaoc.org

Or contact Millie Culpepper at 714-402-5535

Special Thanks to our 2011 Corporate Sponsors:



2011 Scholarship Sponsors



2011 Student Sponsors

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ASWA OC Member of the Year Honored at NAWBO Luncheon

Alison Aldrich

Each year, the ASWA OC Chapter partakes in honoring our Member of the Year as a participating women's organization with the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). The October 4th Remarkable Women event was an elegant and inspiring evening as we listened to the remarkable stories of NAWBO's 3 honorees. Within a room of more than 600 attendees, and 15 different women's organizations, we had 10 individuals at the ASWA table coming together to honor our own Remarkable Woman, Adriana Estrada. NAWBO recognized three top women business owners for Orange County, as well as 14 other women from each of the participating organizations.



As ASWA's VP of Communication, Adriana was selected by her peers and fellow chapter members for her hard work and accomplishments during the past fiscal year. Her May 2011 Newsletter even won the Presidents award at this year National Conference! She's continues to serve ASWA's Orange County Chapter as our OC Komen Race Team Captain, Student Night Committee member and Meet the Firms attendee. Congratulations Adriana and thank you for your wonderful contributions to our chapter.

For more information on NAWBO, visit their website at www.nawbo-oc.org.

Members' Corner

Alison Aldrich, VP of Membership



Please welcome new member **Claire Maugham** from **PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP**

ASWA Opportunity Drawing Winners

Nancy Liming

Congratulations to Last Month's Opportunity Drawing Winners!

Claire Maughm won a \$25 Gift Certificate to Barnes & Noble, donated by Alison Aldrich

Chris Wellenstein won a \$25 Gift Certificate to The Cheesecake Factory, donated by Maria Beechan

Alessandra Fleming won a Free Ticket to our next ASWA Dinner, donated by our chapter

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.

2011 Annual Conference for Women in Accounting

Millie Culpepper



MORE CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

ASWA Orange County Chapter is the proud recipient of this year's "Presidents' Communication Award" for the best overall chapter newsletters or bulletin, presented at the 2011 Annual Conference for Women in Accounting, ASWA Annual Meeting held on October 25, 2011 in Charlotte, NC.



ASWA Silent Auction Foundation Fund-raiser donated by the Orange County and Los Angeles chapter members, themed California Dreamin' raised \$200 for the ASWA Foundation.

**Congratulations to winner
Melody Stone, CPA, MBA from
Richmond, VA**

Thank you so much for all who participated in this wonderful event!



ASWA Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 7th, 2011
6:00 p.m. at
Our Immediate Past President, Lynn Parker's home in Yorba Linda

Join us for a fun evening of socializing, appetizers, wine, and a cookie exchange! Bring 3 dozen of your favorite Holiday Cookies to exchange with others.

To RSVP or for more information:
Email: president.elect@aswaoc.org
Phone: (714) 402-5535

Dinner and wine \$30 per person

Spots are limited so please prepay by November 30, 2011

Payment methods:

Credit Card: Visit our website at www.aswaoc.org to pay via PayPal

Check: Make checks payable to ASWA and mail to ASWA OC Chapter 3857 Birch Street, PMB 169, Newport Beach, CA 92660

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