

Seattle Chapter Meeting Wednesday, March 25

Rainier Golf & Country Club
11133 Des Moines Memorial Drive South
Seattle, WA 98168
(206) 242-4460

Dress code requirement: no jeans

Menu:

Salad: Tossed Green

Entrée: Roasted New York Sirloin Strip

Dessert: Apple Crisp

Vegetarian Option: Filo Wrapped Strudel

Members/Faculty	\$27.00
Guests	\$29.00
Students Members	\$19.00
Student Guests	\$21.00
Coffee Only	\$ 5.00

Reservation/Cancellation Policies

Use the on-line form

Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645

Send email to reservations@aswaseattle.org

Reservations deadline:

1pm, Thursday, March 19

Cancellations deadline:

Noon, Monday, March 23

**No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.
Walk-ins are welcome but with no meal availability guarantee.**

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1 Hour CPE

Speaker: Kirk Larson

Topic: Social Security Administration: History, State of the Fund & Online Tools

Kirk Larson is the Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration. He has worked with the agency for over 15 years in both technical and managerial roles. Kirk has presented Social Security information across the United States and Canada. He has been recognized for his outstanding public service by his own agency and other Federal Government organizations. Kirk has a degree in Business Administration from California Polytechnic University at Pomona and is the owner of a small business.

The Forum for Women in Accounting Wynn Las Vegas June 22 – 24, 2009

Join the profession's top consultants for The 2009 Forum for Women In Accounting, an event for women working in public accounting (partners, managers, and other firm leaders) as well as male and female COOs, partners, HR directors and others involved in building a strong firm culture and a women's program for their firms. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Have you filled out the **survey**? Please take the time to do so as it helps with the planning of activities for the upcoming year.



Calendar of Events

March 9, 2009	ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn Speaker: Rick Sweeney Topic: Challenges & Opportunities for CPAs
March 17, 2009	ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue Joint IMA Meeting
March 17, 2009	ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger & Brew Speaker: Deana Lewis Topic: HRAs, HSAs & Health Benefits
March 18, 2009	ASWA Big Sky: Yellowstone Art Museum Speaker: JoAnne Beringer Topic: Annuities & Other Retirement Plans
March 19, 2009	ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park Social Security Administration
March 25, 2009	ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club Speaker: Kirk Larson Topic: Social Security Administration
April 15, 2009	ASWA Big Sky: Yellowstone Art Museum Speaker: Renee Richards Topic: ASWA Financial Literacy Programs
April 16, 2009	ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park Speaker: Bill Rickard Topic: Spokane City Environmental Programs
April 20, 2009	ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn Speaker: Wayne Borkowski Topic: Movement to International Accounting Standards
April 21, 2009	ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue Speaker: Patricia Graf-Hoke Topic: Public Speaking & Networking
April 21, 2009	ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger & Brew Speaker: Karen Bradley Topic: Why Women are Underrepresented in Math & Science
April 22, 2009	ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club Speaker: Sharon Phillpott Topic: Fair Value Accounting Issues
April 28, 2009	ASWA Portland: Crowne Plaza, Lake Oswego Spa Night & Networking
May 11, 2009	ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn
May 14 - 16, 2009	Regional Conference: Lakeway Inn, Bellingham
May 19, 2009	ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue Student Night & Scholarship Award Presentation
May 20, 2009	ASWA Big Sky: Yellowstone Art Museum
May 21, 2009	ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park Public Relations Event
May 26, 2009	ASWA Portland: Talbot, Korvola & Warwick Speaker: Noella Kitterman Topic: License Updates
May 27, 2009	ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club



Announcements

Scholarship Application Deadlines. May 15, 2009 is the application deadline for ASWA Seattle Chapter 2009 – 2010 Scholarships.

Other organizations that offer scholarships for accounting students: Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting (EFWA) www.efa.org. American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) www.aicpa.org.

Next *Journal* Deadline: Wednesday, March 25. The Seattle Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants, to serve its members’ interests, publishes the *Journal* monthly. If you have news, seminars, community meetings, committee meetings or an article you would like published, attach the file (preferably in Word™, single spaced with no tables, boxes or irregular formatting) and send via email to **Marilyn Wilt** at journal@aswaseattle.org.

Employment Opportunities Newsletter will be posted after the dinner meeting to the Members Only section of the web site. You will need your 5-digit ASWA member ID number to log in. Send email to update@aswaseattle.org if you can’t find your member number.

ASWA LinkedIn Group Please visit our [LinkedIn page](#) and join our group to network with other ASWA members. This is a great way to get connected – and stay connected – with women in New York or California or Texas. Nearly 300 members with 13,600 connections have already joined. Are you one of them? New features have been added to enhance services for users including “news”, “discussion” and “jobs.”

Internship Program We are putting together a list of Schools in the area with accounting Internship programs and the appropriate contact information. The intent is to create a resource for our members who might want to hire seasonal help. Ultimately, we would like to post this on our website. We are working closely with DeVry. We have members who represent other institutions, however, and would like to post the contact information for those programs as well.

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is hard at work filing the slate for 2009 – 2010. If you have never served before but are thinking this might be a good time to get involved, talk to Rachel Petrich. There are plenty of good opportunities and this is a great way to learn new skills. If you just have a little time to give then you can serve on a committee for Guest Night, Student Night or Dessert Auction. For those with a little more time, you could volunteer to be on the Strategic Planning Committee. Say “yes” to serving with the American Society of Women Accountants, Seattle.

Mentoring Program Has someone helped you out on your professional journey? Would you be willing to return the favor and help out a newer or younger member of ASWA? Are you interested in developing a deeper friendship with another member of ASWA? Have we got the ticket for you! The Board still plans on kicking this off in the near future. Let us know if you are interested in either being a mentor or being mentored and stay tuned for more details.



American Society of Women Accountants
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800 5th Avenue, Suite 101
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Northwest Regional Conference
May 14 – 16, 2009
Best Western Lakeway Inn
Bellingham, Washington
Go for the Gold!

16 hours of CPE ... Ethics/FASB Update ... Federal Tax Update ... Sustainability Accounting ... International Taxation Issues ... Elder Law ... Navigating New Features of Excel 2007 ... Domestic Production Activity Deduction ... Managing Through Change ... Estates & Trusts ... Recessions: A Recipe for Fraud?

Keynote Address ... Principles of Excellence ... The mental skills developed and utilized by elite athletes to help them succeed can also be applied to the workplace and in your personal life. **Ralph Vernacchia**, one of the nation's leading experts in applied sport psychology, discusses how everyone can draw on their mental skills and inner strengths to achieve peak experiences, effective performances and a satisfying quality of life.

Fun activities ... wine tasting on Thursday night ... **Roaring 20's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater**

Registration ... Non-members \$375, Members \$325 ... early bird discount by April 17th ... for more information contact Darice Ratzlaff at 360-354-5149, daricer10@msn.com. Online registration will be available shortly.

Lodging ... Best Western Lakeway Inn ... www.thelakewayinn.com ... reservations can be made by calling 1-888-671-1011 ... room rate = \$129/night plus tax for king deluxe, double queen or double double ... reference "American Society of Women Accountants Regional Conference" when making reservations ... room rate valid through April 14th

Be a part of the group going from Seattle. If you are looking for a roommate or want to carpool, touch base with Rhonda O'Leary or Rachel Petrich.

The Seattle chapter has some scholarship money available ... talk to Sue Tebrink.



**National Convention
October 19 –21, 2009
The Palms Resort Las Vegas**

Planning is already under way. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the excitement! If you are looking to contribute your time and talents, your help is needed. Volunteers are needed for the Program, Hospitality and Workforce Committees. Contact Susan Tripepi at stripepi@neo.rr.com if you are interested in helping or if you want additional details. Your involvement adds to the value of the convention for you. Preliminary program content should be available in May. Other activities include leadership meetings and the Chapter Exchange.

The room rate dropped from \$239/night to \$129/night so make your reservations now ... 866-942-7771 and use group code AA1017F.

If you are unable to attend perhaps you might have something to contribute to the auction, which supports The Foundation. Last year everyone was jealous of the chocolate that I got!

Some scholarship money will be available. So if you are thinking of going but need some help, please talk to Sue Tebrink.

One-Time Economic Recovery Payments In May 2009, Social Security will distribute a one-time payment of \$250 to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries nationwide. The payments are provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Women's History Month Did you know that March is Women's History Month? This was first celebrated in 1981 as "Women's History Week" and expanded to Women's History Month in 1987 by resolution of Congress. Check out www.history.com/ministires/womenhist/ for all kinds of information on this including trivia and a great timeline. Hannah Adams became the first American woman to support herself by writing in 1784! In 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States. Lucille Ball and Pearl S. Buck have been elected to the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY which is where the Women's Suffrage movement was formally set into motion in 1848.

ASWA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Society of Women Accountants 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.

ASWA Claim Statement

For women who seek advancement in the accounting profession, ASWA is a professional membership organization that provides the leadership skills required for success. ASWA provides experienced mentors and a supportive, non-threatening environment to practice business management and establish a professional reputation among peers.