

President's Message

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September 2004

We had a great speaker for our kick off meeting in August on a very timely topic. I hope all of you enjoyed Jim Karnik's entertaining presentation on the Nebraska Sales and Use Tax Updates.

We have a number of events coming up fast this year, so mark your calendars now!

First off, our combined Student Night and Membership Drive is being held this month as part of our regular meeting time. A BIG THANKS to Robert Half for sponsoring this event. Details can be found in the flyers that are included with this bulletin. Please make an effort to invite someone you think would be interested in our organization, and any students you know as well. We will have scholarship applications available at the meeting, and would really like to promote this part of our program.

Race for the Cure will be held Sunday, October 3, 2004 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. Terri Fuqua, our ASWA team captain, is accepting registration forms. These must be postmarked by September 22, so please contact Terri for a form, or plan to sign up at our September 15 meeting.

It is not too early to start making plans for the ASWA National Conference, to

be held November 10-12 in Chicago. With all of our success of the past year, and our very own Christi Olsen serving as National ASWA President this year, it would be great to have a strong presence at the conference. Please contact me if plan to attend. More information can be found on the national website at www.aswa.org.

Finally, our annual Public Relations Dinner and Educational Seminar will be held November 17 at the Omaha Country Club. The seminar will be held in the afternoon, with both CPE and non-CPE topics. One of the Dinner events is the famous basket raffle fundraiser for our scholarship program. You can help by asking your employer and other business associates to donate basket items or cash for this great cause.

I wanted to make one clarification regarding our program schedule. For the cocktail reception meetings, we will start registration at 5:30, with the time from 5:30 to 6:00 used to register, go through the buffet line, and network with other members and guests. At 6:00 we will start the business meeting, followed by the speaker. For lunch meetings, our aim is to register at 11:30 and start the meeting by 11:50. We realize everyone's time is very valuable, and we aim to make the best use of our meeting time. We hope this will help all of you as you plan your days that include ASWA meetings.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Membership Night and Student Drive!

Kelly Martinson
President 2004-2005

September 2004 Meeting

Cocktail Reception September 15, 2004

Time: 5:30-6:00 Registration,
buffet and networking
6:00 Business meeting followed
by speaker

Menu: Shrimp, cheeses, desserts

Cost: Sponsored by Robert Half!!

Location: Champions Club
13800 Eagle Run Drive
Omaha, NE 68164

Topic: Healthy Choices:
Work/Life Balance

Speaker: Kathy Fry,
Registered Dietician

Reservations: Tricia Riggins
triggins@fzacpa.com or
963-4315 by NOON, Friday

September 10, 2004

**Note: If you register to attend, but are then unable to make it you will be billed for the cost of the meal.

August Speaker Recap

We were delighted to have Jim Karnik from OPPD's tax department present at our August meeting. Jim used his great sense of humor and sales and use tax expertise to enlighten our membership on the major Nebraska sales and use tax law changes placed in effect over the last three years. Contractor options and the 60/40 rule were a few of the many topics discussed, all of which have a large impact on our state's sales and use tax compliance. If members were unable to attend but would like a copy of the slides and flowcharts that Jim provided you may contact Inez Runnels or Shelly Lashinski.

September Speaker Info

Kathy Fry, a registered dietitian specializing in weight management and eating disorders, will be joining us for cocktails at the Champions Club on Wednesday, September 15. Her presentation will be about making healthy choices to help preserve our work/life balance. Please join us on Wednesday for a chance to relax, have a cocktail, and enjoy a great topic.

National Conference Volunteer Opportunities

For those of you attending the National Conference in Chicago, we have received a couple of requests for committee volunteers.

First, the JNC Workforce Committee needs volunteers to act as moderators, who will introduce a speaker and present a gift after the presentation, and room managers to assist attendees with session seating and ensure that CPE sign-in sheets are completed and returned. In addition, help is needed at the registration table to greet speakers, give volunteers their moderator packets and provide general assistance. Volunteers will work shifts and will therefore still have the opportunity to attend the majority of the sessions.

If you would like to volunteer for this opportunity, please contact Kelly Martinson and she will get you in touch with Janet Wade who is chairing this committee.

Second, Kathy Strum of the Ames Chapter is Chair of the Credentials Committee and has requested volunteers to assist her committee. Many of you may have met Kathy at our Regional

Conference. Kathy advises that she needs time keepers and vote counters for her committee. Neither job is difficult, but the person doing them cannot be a delegate for our chapter (our chapter is entitled to 5 delegates at the conference). There is no advance preparation and the only meeting they would need to attend is the business meeting.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Martinson and she will get you in touch with Kathy.

BASKET RAFFLE

The public relations dinner is November 17th and all members are encouraged to ask their employers and other business associates for donations. In order to be recognized in the program as a donor, we must receive the donation by November 5th. Donations can include anything from company marketing items, company products or services, certificates, cash or purchased merchandise (i.e. palm pilot, cell phone, radio, etc.). A prepared package/basket is preferred, but any form of donation is acceptable. We will make arrangements to pick up your donation as necessary. We will be sending out a letter asking for donations. If you would like to add to our mailing list please contact Jessica Ward at jward@lutzcpa.com or Keeley Lammers at klammers@lutzcpa.com.

CPE from the Regional Conference in May:

The certificates for CPE from the regional conference will be available to pick up at the September meeting. Please see me.

If you will not make it, I will have them available at the next few meetings or please contact me with your address and I will send it to you.

Thanks.

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