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September Meeting - Student/Membership Drive

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Time: 5:30p.m.

Location: Omaha Country Club
6900 Country Club Road

Cost: \$25.00 for members – students and guests are free

Reservations: to Stephanie by Friday
September 11th at ssetlak@cox.net

Menu: Mexican Buffet

Topic: Panel discussion about the different types of accounting, why they chose their career and much more.

Discussion Leaders: Gail Endorf (Frankel Zacharia), Anne Fuhrman (Fuhrman, Smolsky & Furey, PC), Karen Hosier (Goodwill Industries), Gloria Mendez (York Label) and Ruth Schneider (InSearch, Inc.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17th-October 4th – Volunteer Opportunities at the Brandeis Mansion

Tuesday, September 15th – Student Member Night (OCC) – Dinner Meeting

Sunday, October 4th – Race for the Cure

Tuesday, October 13th – Lunch Meeting – Social Networking (LinkedIn)

October 19th – 21st – National Conference

Tuesday, November 10th – Public Relations Dinner & half-day of CPE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The August meeting was a great kick-off to the year. I enjoyed meeting more members and catching up with old friends. We announced at the August Meeting that the Omaha Chapter received the Jackpot Member Recruiting Award from nationals. Way to go on your recruiting during the 2008-2009 year. This year is off to a great start, with two new members so far this year, so keep on recruiting!

I am looking forward to our Student/Membership Drive Night on Tuesday, September 15th at Omaha Country Club. The evening has been generously sponsored by Aureus Group. Please say thank you to Chris Carlson and Aureus Group for their continued support for our organization.

I wanted to also take a minute to remind you about our no show policy. If you RSVP to a meeting and do not cancel your reservations 24-hours prior to the meeting or find someone to attend the meeting in your place, you will be charged for attending the meeting. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause, but since we provide the facility with a RSVP count we are charged for your meal whether or not you attend.

On the same line, we would like to remind you that payment for meeting attendance is due at the meeting you are attending. We have become relaxed and allowed more people to request to be billed for their meals, but over the last few months this number has grown significantly. Going forward please be prepared to pay for the meeting at check-in via cash or check. The board is also looking into the cost/benefits of creating a PayPal account, so pre-paying via credit card may become an option soon. If you need a receipt or invoice for your attendance, please see the hostess at the check-in table and we will be happy to provide you with one. Also, if you currently have a bill outstanding with ASWA we would appreciate your prompt payments

I look forward to see you all on September 15th. In the mean time, enjoy this beautiful early fall weather.

Annette Wells
President 2009-2010

Joint National Conference Proposed Delegates and National Proposed Bylaw Changes

The Omaha Chapter is entitled to four delegates to represent the Omaha Chapter at the Joint National Convention (JNC) in Las Vegas, October 19-21st. The proposed delegates and number of votes to be carried are as follows:

Sue Blake (1)
Elaine Clark (1)
Annette Wells (2)

Delegate alternates are:

Betty Dudzik
Stephanie Setlak

There are two proposed bylaw amendments to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The proposed bylaws are attached. The delegates will represent the Omaha Chapter, so all delegates invite you to provide your feedback to them regarding the proposed bylaw changes.

If you would like to nominate someone else to represent the chapter as a voting delegate or delegate alternate, please contact Annette Wells (awells@koskicpa.com).

Also, Nationals is always looking for good candidates to get involved with ASWA at a regional or National level. Contact Annette if you are interested in receiving more information.

Education Seminar & Public Relations Dinner Invitations

We are trying to get an idea of the number of invitations that our membership will need to have available for pick-up at the October 13th regular meeting. Traditionally, the RSVP for both events is on a reply card sent with the invitation. Please email your needs to Betty Dudzik at bdudzik@huskerglass.com.

We will rely on our members to distribute the invitations again this year to help reduce postage costs. The more guests and members we invite to one or both, the better our attendance levels at each event! Please review and give Betty a quick shout!

BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

We encourage members to request donations from their employers. See the attached request letter to provide them for their records.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Public Relations Dinner Committee needs your help to make our November 10th dinner a success. Committee members would like to meet together at the August regular meeting Tuesday August 11th to keep the wheels rolling on this wonderful event! Contact Betty Dudzik at bdudzik@huskerglass.com or 963-2764.

4-5 Volunteers are needed to:

- Solicit & update the invitation list, stuff invitations in envelopes
- Take reservations, convey info to Virginia Klug for dinner numbers, convey necessary info for Janet Redick below.
- Prepare nametags for attendees and assign seating for dinner
- Greet attendees and hand out nametags, work reception table at event
- Assist Janet Redick with past President recognition during the event
- Pre-set dinner tables with programs for event
- Collect unused programs after event is over
- A go-to person for last minute details!

August Meeting Recap

The August ASWA meeting at Omaha Country Club provided a fun opportunity to sample several delicious summer wines thanks to Bob Bolden of WineStyles. Bob was able to share with us his appreciation of wines and help us learn about what wine style we would prefer. The wines were accompanied by an assortment of fruits and crackers, as well as a delicious fish for dinner that paired nicely with the wines he brought with him. A special thanks to Bob for taking time out to share with us - if you haven't had a chance to visit WineStyles, it is definitely an experience to check out.

ASWA Team for RACE FOR THE CURE – Sunday October 4th

Volunteers interested in being a part of a team for this event should contact Terri Fuqua as soon as possible at Tfuqua@fzacpa.com Donations always welcome, too!

LADY VESTEY WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

See the attached nomination form for further information on this award and how to go about nominating someone.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DINNER

Please mark your calendars to join ASWA Omaha Chapter 101 for our Annual Public Relations Dinner at the Omaha Country Club on November 10, 2009. Our featured guest speaker will be Joan Squires, President of Omaha Performing Arts and she will be presenting on

- the impact of the arts in Omaha
- community leadership & visibility
- the on-going business challenges of running an organization dedicated to bringing high-quality arts to Omaha.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Melissa Benning, Hemphill Staffing
Carol Thomas, Thomas & Thomas



The ASWA Omaha chapter is now on Facebook.

Are you LinkedIn?

If you haven't joined LinkedIn, now is the time. If you are a member of LinkedIn, we invite you to start discussions, ask questions to our membership, or post job listings. You never know who may be able to help you fill the job opening, give you the advice you need, or help you with the technical questions that just has you stumped. LinkedIn can be a powerful resource!

This month's LinkedIn Topic: How do you promote ASWA to your coworkers or people you meet? Do you network with ASWA in mind?

Last month's LinkedIn Topic: What is the best career advice you have received?

A very good friend of mine once told me: Love your job or find one you do! And I agree one hundred percent, we spend so much time there it is not worth it to not be happy.

You can respond to this question on our new LinkedIn group, or reply to Jessica (jward@lutzcpa.com).

ASWA Corner

This is a continuing series of articles to introduce our members to the many aspects of ASWA.

Today communication is a vital part of our daily lives. People want information and they want it now.

ASWA has numerous ways to communicate with its members. The Omaha Chapter publishes a monthly newsletter, The Bulletin. The newsletter is emailed to the chapter members 2 weeks before the monthly chapter meeting. The Bulletin contains information about the monthly speaker, meeting reservations, and other upcoming events.

The Omaha Chapter also has a website at <http://www.aswaomaha.org>. The website contains information about the Chapter, chapter officers, calendar of events, scholarship information, and an archive of The Bulletin.

At the national level there is a monthly newsletter, The Compass. It is emailed to all ASWA members. The Compass contains updates from the national board and national committees. All members should read The Compass so they are aware of programs and developments at the national level. Many of these items impact the local Chapters as well.

The national ASWA website at <http://www.aswa.org> is an excellent source of information for all things ASWA. Members can pay their annual dues online, find other ASWA members and Chapters, get scholarship information, and locate regional and national conference dates. Chapter board members can access chapter administrative tools online.

The latest communication tool is LinkedIn. The ASWA national organization has a group on LinkedIn. The Omaha Chapter has also started a group on LinkedIn. Other Chapters have groups on LinkedIn too. You may join as many groups as you want. LinkedIn allows ASWA members all across the country to stay in touch and share information. You can start or join a discussion, make new business contacts, or look for a job. To get started you just need to be an ASWA member. The speaker at our October meeting will be explaining how to use LinkedIn.