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Monthly Meeting

Vicki J. Sapp

“Power Writing”

Thursday, April 23, 2009

One Hour CPE

Petroleum Club

777 Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

11:30 am Lunch

11:45 am Business Meeting

12:10 pm Speaker

1:00 pm Adjourn

\$25.00 per person

\$10.00 students

RSVP

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By 4 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2009

Please cancel your reservations if you are unable to attend. If they are not cancelled, you will be charged.

ASWA MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the American Society of Women Accountants shall be 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”

Speaker Bio

Vicki Sapp holds degrees in French (BA) and Comparative Literature (MA) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and she received the Ph.D. in English from Rice University. From 1990-2005 she taught English at the University of Texas-Arlington where she initiated and built their new Creative Writing minor, won the Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003, and twice (2000 and 2003) won the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teaching Award. In 2005 she joined Tarrant County College as Associate Professor of English and, in 2007, was appointed Director of the Cornerstone Honors Program there. Dr. Sapp has written poetry, creative nonfiction, scholarly essays, a novel and a collection of humorous stories. Her love of the English language has led her to craft her own grammar book, Power Writing, which she will certainly publish after this next complete edit and revision (at least the tenth so far). Her greatest love is her 20-year-old son, Erol Koymen, who is a sophomore music major at Vanderbilt University.

President's Letter

April 2009

Spring is seen as a time of growth, renewal, of new life. The term is also used more generally as a metaphor for the start of better times, and couldn't we all use some of that right now?

As the weather turns warmer and the tulips bloom, all the energy that has been dampened by the winter begins to surface – it's a time for new beginnings! Hopefully the stock market will bloom again and our country will shake off the winter doldrums.

Most likely, if you are in the accounting world, you have been busy – whether year end reporting, first quarter reporting, income taxes, or tests in school, you may be feeling those doldrums. In order to take us beyond them, let's try a few things as an organization:

-Be sure to make our April meeting – we need some smiling faces and time to compare notes as to how we have survived the first quarter of what appears to be a potentially serious year for all Americans. We're also going to vote on our new officers for next year....

-Save the date for a fun social event on *Friday, May 15th* at my house. It will be the time to bring a friend or a prospective member. We've been professional and serious about our meetings, goals, CPE and speakers, now let's celebrate the spring by taking a break! Wine-tasting and fun food, May 15th, at 6:30pm.....details will be in the May newsletter.

-June brings the installation of our new officers and planning for our next year...and we have grown – ALOT – just like the tulips. Be thinking of how you want to volunteer....time to shake off those doldrums and get involved!

Jeanne



Save the Date

Wine-Tasting and Invite a Perspective Member

Friday, May 15th

Jeanne Smith's Home

6:30pm

ASWA

(Fort Worth Chapter 059)

3/18/09

Attendance

Jeanne Smith, President; Kay Kimbrough, Vice President; Jan Bass, Treasurer; Talana Anderson; Karanae Barrey; Misty Brown; Erin Ferreira; Peggy Johnson; Debbie Russell; Janye Shaffer; Elaine Stoker; Speaker, Harold Mangum and 14 guests/non-members.

Opening

Following 30 minutes of networking, the meeting was opened by Jeanne Smith at 12:01 p.m. Jeanne asked members to introduce their guests.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jan Bass. Balance of \$5,051.52. Report was e-mailed. Approved by Misty Brown, seconded by Janye Shaffer, accepted by membership

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes were in the newsletter. Approved by Peggy Johnson, seconded by Debbie Russell, accepted by membership

Officer Reports:

- Vice President – Kay Kimbrough – nothing to report
- Treasurer – Jan Bass New name tags are in. You may either return your name tags to Jan at end of each meeting or hold on to them yourself. For new members, name tags can be done within a couple of days. If you lose your name tag, there will be a \$10 fee to replace it. Also discussed the Victory over Violence Walk/Run scheduled for April 4th at 8:00 am at the Trinity Duck Pond. If you are interested in participating you may contact Jan for more details.
- Secretary – Gillian Coleman – not in attendance
- BOD – Jeanne Smith, Discussed new slate of officers to be voted on next month. Installation will be at the end of June or 1st of July. New officers are as follows: Debbie Russell, President; Misty Brown, Vice President; Karanae Barrey, Treasurer; Gillian Coleman, Secretary. Also reported there is still 1 unconfirmed director slot. Anyone wishing to help on any committees please feel free to contact the committee chairs.
- Committee Reports:
- Newsletter – Laurie Barbee – not in attendance
- Membership – Debbie Russell – Janye Shaffer to be new membership committee chair
- Web Master – Tracy Lamkin – not in attendance
- Job Book – Talana Anderson – no updates to Job Bank Book
- Scholarship – Misty Brown – She has 6 or 7 applications. Anyone wishing to help determine which applications to send on to National please contact Misty.

Member Highlight

Debbie Russell: Born in Shreveport, LA. She moved to Texas when she was 7 yrs old. Graduated from Arlington High School. Attended night school at UTA and worked at a small accounting firm. Realized she wanted to get her CPA and returned to UTA where she got her MBA. She was in public accounting for 13 years, but has now transitioned into industry working for Radio Shack. She LOVES leaving the stress of public accounting behind her. She has been married for 24 years, has a 17 year old daughter and has been a member of ASWA since January 2008.

Erin Ferreira: Born in New York; moved to Texas when she was 6 yrs old. Graduated from Martin High School. Received her MBA in accounting at University of Texas-Arlington. Has worked in both public accounting and industry; prefers public accounting. Currently works at Weaver and Tidwell and recently transferred from the Fort Worth office to the Dallas office. She is married, her husband also works for Weaver and Tidwell in the audit department and they have a 4 year old daughter.

Old Business

New Business and Action Required

Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 6:00 pm Wine Sharing Member meeting to include both the Fort Worth Chapter and the Mid Cities Chapter. Bring 1 bottle of wine to share, bring a guest and/or a potential new member and be prepared to have fun. Directions to the meeting will be in the newsletter.

Speaker

Kay Kimbrough introduced the speaker Harold Mangum, President of The Memory Technologies Institute who showed us some techniques to train the brain and improve memory.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Jeanne Smith at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 23rd at Petroleum Club with networking starting at 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend!

Submitted

Submitted by Talana Anderson for Gillian Coleman

BULLETIN BOARD

DFW-Mid Cities

Chapter 113
Dinner Meeting
Meet 2nd Thursday
Admiral Inn (former Holiday
Inn), Brown & 360 in
Arlington
Reservations: Leila
Khoury (817) 571-5126

Dallas

Lunch Meeting
Meet 2nd Tuesday
MIS Corporate Office
5310 Harvest Hill Rd #200
Dallas, TX 75230
Reservations:
aswa_dallas@yahoo.com

Standing Reservations

The following are on the standing reservation list. If you don't plan to attend the meeting, you must contact Jan Bass to **cancel**. If you do not cancel by the deadline, you will be billed for your meal.

Talana Anderson
Laurie Barbee
Jan Bass
Gillian Coleman
Peggy Johnson
Kay Kimbrough
Debbie Russell
Jeanne Smith

**Deadline for the next
Newsletter is May 4,
2009**

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Dues

2008 – 2009:

Regular - \$126.00

Retired - \$36.00

Student - \$44.00

Non-member

Newsletter - \$12.00

Upcoming Meetings

May – Evening Wine
Tasting @ Jeanne Smith's
home with a presentation
by The Women's Center

April Birthdays

Talana Anderson – 3rd

Kimberly Webb – 19th

2009 – 2010
Slate of Officers

President - Debbie Russell
Vice President - Misty
Brown
Treasurer - Karanae
Barrey
Secretary - Gillian
Coleman

Save the Dates

South Central Regional Conference

St. Louis, MO

June 12 - 13, 2009

2009

Joint National Conference

Las Vegas, NV

October 19 - 21, 2009

BRING YOUR DONATIONS

Please bring items for the Jobs Now! Program. Jan Bass will collect donations any time you want to bring something. The following is their wish list:

Professional / Business Totes
Professional / Business Portfolios
Flash Drives
Resume Paper
Perforated Business Card Stock
Professional / Business 'Thank You'
Cards
Gas Cards
Make-up (base, lipstick, powder,
etc.)
Reading Glasses (1.0 to 2.5)
Professional / Business Pens (black
ink)
Business Suit Clothing



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