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Monthly Meeting

Jim Van Grevenhof

“Individual Tax Update”

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

One Hour CPE

Petroleum Club

777 Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

11:30 am Buffet Line

11:45 am Business Meeting

12:10 pm Speaker

1:00 pm Adjourn

\$25.00 per person
\$10.00 students

RSVP

Jan Bass 817-222-0646

janbass@charter.net

By **4 p.m.** Friday, December 12, 2008

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

Jim Van Grevenhof

Jim Van Grevenhof is an Executive Editor of PPC products for Thomson Tax & Accounting, a division of Thomson Reuters. He is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and began his professional career with a national CPA firm. He subsequently directed tax and financial institution planning engagements with a regional CPA firm. Jim leads PPC's Individual Tax and Financial Planning Market Segment Group and serves as a reviewing and contributing editor for several PPC publications including *PPC's 1040 Deskbook*, *PPC's Guide to Tax Planning Strategies*, *PPC's Tax Elections Deskbook*, *PPC's Guide to Personal Financial Planning*, and *PPC's Guide to Tax Planning for High Income Individuals*. In addition, he is the Managing Editor of *PPC's Tax and Business Alert*. Jim is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Oklahoma Society of CPAs, and the Financial Planning Association.



Happy Holidays!

President's Letter

December 2008

“We hear the beating of wings over Bethlehem and a light that is not of the sun or of the stars shines in the midnight sky. Let the ***beauty of the story*** take away all narrowness, all thought of formal creeds. Let it be remembered as a story that has happened again and again, to men of many different races, that has been expressed through many religions, that has been called by many different names.”

~*New York Times*, 25 December 1937

‘Tis the season for *planning, giving, receiving, family*....regardless of your roots or religious affiliation. *It also brings out the child in all of us.* As women, it can be one of the most stressful times of the year, so don't forget to pay attention to the “beauty of the story:”

Plan for yourself...an extra five minutes here and there to spend a quiet moment looking at your tree after it's decorated....even if it is at midnight!

Give a little something to yourself...one small latte at Starbucks, for being the Supermom who found that last thing on the list!

Receive every gift with appreciation...Someone was thinking of you and only you when they wrapped it!

Rejoice in the family gatherings...forget your cares AND the laundry – just rejoice!

See this month thru the eyes of a child...read all of the above one more time, beginning with “the beating of the wings over Bethlehem” and then close your eyes - *right now*.

Happy Holidays!

Jeanne

ASWA

(Fort Worth Chapter 059)

November 19, 2008

Attendance

Jeanne Smith, President; Kay Kimbrough, Vice President; Jan Bass, Treasurer; Gillian Coleman, Secretary; Laurie Barbee, Newsletter; Talana Anderson; Misty Brown; Debbie Myers; Debbie Russell; Karen Craft; Brandi Fletcher; Tracy Lamkin; Nicole Moore; Terry Swinney; Kelsey Wimmer; Speaker and 8 guests/non-members.

Opening

Following 30 minutes of networking, the meeting was opened by Jeanne Smith at 11.55 a.m. Jeanne asked members to introduce their guests. Kay Kimbrough and Jeanne Smith introduced their guests.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jan Bass. Balance of \$4,632.90. Approved by Debbie Myers, seconded by Misty Brown, accepted by membership

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Presented by Gillian Coleman. Minutes were in the newsletter. Approved by Jan Bass, seconded by Kelsey Wimmer, accepted by membership

Officer Reports:

- Vice President – Kay Kimbrough – Nothing to report
- Treasurer – Jan Bass, With a 2-year commitment, we can stay in Derrick II, which holds 40-50. Meeting will remain 3rd Wednesday. 1-month notice required if meeting not to be held. Approved
- Secretary – Gillian Coleman – Thank you note from Texas Wesleyan for student night
- BOD – Held the September meeting, next will be in January. If anyone has items to be discussed, let the BOD know
- Newsletter – Laurie Barbee – nothing to report
- Web Master – Tracy Lamkin – Website has been updated. Send anything to add to Tracy.
- Charity – Tracy Lamkin – reported that Cummins could cover a family of three from the Women's Center. ASWA agreed to use our \$100 donation for Jobs Now instead of the family. It all benefits the Women's Center
- Jobs Now – Jan Bass – next month will be the kick off for Jobs Now. The list of items needed will be published in the newsletter. Jan will collect items at any meeting. Jeanne suggested cleaning out our closets. Donate the items to Double Exposure and they will send coupons for Jobs Now to redeem
- Job Book – Talana Anderson – book is up to date. Send her any information

Member Highlight

Jeanne Smith asked guests to be recognized. Five guests from Whitley Penn
Laurie Barbee introduced herself and gave highlights of her self and her family.

Old Business

- Jeanne Smith, Jan Bass & Kay Kimbrough talked about their experience at the Joint National Conference last month. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed the high caliber of speakers and vendors, learned a lot from the board meeting and correct procedures. They thoroughly enjoyed working the hospitality suite and were surprised their late night shift was so popular.
- They received a banner celebrating our 50 year anniversary

New Business and Action Required

- Put 2009 JNC on your calendar for October 19-21, 2009 in Las Vegas. If we keep increasing our membership we should receive registration for one or two members

Speaker

Kay Kimbrough introduced the speaker Michelle Wittenburg, who spoke on Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Jeanne Smith at 12:59 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at Petroleum Club with networking starting at 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend!

Submitted

Submitted by Gillian Coleman

BULLETIN

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 3rd Tuesday
MIS Corporate Office
5310 Harvest Hill Rd #200
Dallas, TX 75230
Reservations: Amber Cantu
972-386-5003
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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.

Gillian Coleman
Jan Bass
Jeanne Smith
Laurie Barbee

**Deadline for the next
Newsletter is January 7,
2009**

E-mail to:
Laurie.barbee@alconlabs.com

Visit our Chapter Website at:
www.aswa-ftworth.org

December Birthdays

Christy Cates – 4th
Gillian Coleman – 24th

BOARD

Dues

2008 – 2009:

Regular - \$126.00

Retired - \$36.00

Student - \$44.00

Non-member

Newsletter - \$12.00

Upcoming Meetings

January 21st – Brian Moon
“IFRS – Int'l Financial
Reporting Standards”

February, March and April
– TBA

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

Mark Your Calendars

April 4, 2009

Victory Over Violence
Walk / Run
8:00 am
Trinity Park Duck Pond

Benefiting
The Women's Center

Save the Dates

2009
Joint National
Conference
Las Vegas, NV
October 19 - 21, 2009

South Central Regional
Conference
St. Louis, MO
June 12 - 13, 2009

BRING YOUR DONATIONS

Please bring items for the Jobs Now!
Program to the December meeting.
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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