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Student Night

Whitley Penn

Compass Bank Building
1400 West 7th Street, Suite 400
Fort Worth, TX 76102

And

Weaver & Tidwell

Cash America International Building
1600 West 7th Street, Suite 300
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Offices

Tuesday, October 7th, 2008

One Hour CPE

5:30 pm

No Charge

RSVP
To E-vite
Received Separately

Or send your RSVP to
kay.kimbrough@thomsonreuters.com

By Thursday, October 2, 2008

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”

Details

5:30 pm

Meet and Greet at
Whitley Penn

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Whitley Penn Office Tour
and presentation by Robert
Half Finance & Accounting

~Walk to Weaver & Tidwell Office~

7:00 – 7:45 pm

Weaver & Tidwell Office
Tour and presentation by
Becker CPA Review

*Heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert will
be served*

We will have great Door
Prizes for the students at the
end of the evening.

*We suggest parking at the Cash
America building on 7th Street
and walking to Whitley Penn (in
the Compass Bank Building on
7th); it is free and we will be
wrapping up at the Cash
America building that evening.*

**Please plan on attending so
we can have a strong
showing of members to
represent our chapter!!**

President's Letter

Watching the political arena this year has been like nothing we've seen in the past – for professional women, Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin have not only broken the glass ceiling, they seem to have built a sliding glass door in it! Do you ever wonder how their upbringing influenced them or what (who) their inspiration has been to get to this point in their careers? Accomplishments like this don't just happen overnight, they're built on years and years of exposure and involvement in the real world with real people ...and then some.

Whether we aspire to become national leaders or not, we can't ignore the fact that as members of a professional women's organization, we owe it to other young ladies to be an influence in their careers. Returning to UTA's campus to recruit for our firm has certainly enabled me to see just how eager young students are for insight into our "real world" of accounting. Watching them grow as they join our firm as interns and progress up the ladder is exciting and even powerful, as I watch to see who they migrate towards for mentoring and influence. If you don't work with students on a regular basis, our upcoming Student Night is the perfect opportunity to take a step in that direction. Remember, however long you have been in the accounting world, it is longer than they have been!

Reinstating Student Night is one of our goals for the year, so let's make this event a great success for all involved. Please RSVP and commit now. Success is reflected in numbers – we need great attendance and we need to rock!

"BTW", one of those students you inspire that evening could be President of our country someday...

Jeanne

Spotlight: ASWA Fort Worth Chapter Supports The Women's Center

For many years now, the ASWA Fort Worth chapter has supported The Women's Center by collecting items needed for the Rape Crisis Center, such as new teddy bears, undergarments, sweatpants, toiletries and sanitary napkins. We also work with Cummins Southern Plains to adopt a family each Christmas. Jan Bass will continue to accept any type of donation from our members. This year we are also going to support the Jobs Now! Program. They are in need of reading glasses, tote bags, thank you note cards, resume paper and flash drives. Here is an article published in the Fall 2008 issue of The Women's Center Connections:

Jobs Now! Program Wins Community Empowerment Award

Every year, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) recognizes extraordinary programs that contribute to the elimination of sexual violence in Texas. This year, the Jobs Now! Program in the Employment Solutions department of The Women's Center was selected for TAASA's Community Empowerment Award.

TAASA felt that survivors of sexual assault who come to The Women's Center for counseling and healing have the unique opportunity to utilize the many other services provided at the Center. One of these programs is Jobs Now!, a program which can help sexual assault survivors recover from the devastation of the violence they have experienced by helping them find employment and rebuild their lives. Jobs Now! helps people find the best possible job with the skills and experience they possess right now, and teaches skills in promoting oneself, career exploration, resume development, networking and job development. This critically important program boasts an 80% job placement rate and a 90% one year job retention rate.

While there were many nominations, Jobs Now! stood out among the best. Terri Rios, Director of Employment Solutions accepted the award at TAASA's Awards Luncheon at the Westin DFW Airport Hotel in March.

ASWA

(Fort Worth Chapter 059)

September 17, 2008

Attendance

Jeanne Smith, President; Jan Bass, Treasurer; Gillian Coleman, Secretary; Laurie Barbee, Newsletter; Dan Chick; Karen Craft; Peggy Johnson; Tracy Lamkin; Debbie Myers; Debbie Russell; Elaine Stoker; 13 guests and 1 speaker.

Opening

Following 30 minutes of networking, the meeting was opened by Jeanne Smith at 12.00 p.m. Jeanne asked members to introduce their guests.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: E-mailed to members. Balance of \$4,550.02. Approved by Peggy Johnson, seconded by Gillian Coleman, accepted by membership

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Presented in the Newsletter. Approved by Dan Chick, seconded by Jan Bass, accepted by membership

Officer/Committee Reports:

- Membership – Debbie Russell – wanted to make sure all guests received a brochure and her contact info.
- Student – Kay Kimbrough, presented by Jeanne Smith – Student night, October 7th, 5:30 p.m. visit local firms, start at Weaver & Tidwell then Whitley Penn. No charge, food will be provided by the firms, Speakers from Robert Half and Becker CPA Review.
- Secretary – Gillian Coleman – nothing to report
- Newsletter – Laurie Barbee – nothing to report
- Treasurer – Jan Bass - nothing to report
- Web Master – Tracy Lamkin – would like input, also check to make sure info is current
- Charity – Jan Bass – reported on the Tarrant County Women's Center, do we want to keep doing the same, or add new projects. Walk is on April 4th, 2009, this will be discussed at the Board Meeting
- Name Tags – Tracy Lamkin requested the attendance list so she could make up nametags. Jan Bass agreed to include her on the list when she e-mails the reservation list.

Old Business

- Jeanne Smith reminded us of the Board meeting on September 23rd. She handed out the notes from the previous meeting

New Business and Action Required

- Jan Bass discussed changing the meeting day or week of the month. This is due to conflicts at the Petroleum Club and our increasing attendance numbers. She requested we think about it and discuss it at the Board meeting

Member Highlight

Jan Bass introduced herself, said she joined as a student member after a previous student night 11 years ago. She also described the trials of City Folks living in the Country – chicks, rooster, cows, horses, Shetland pony and a donkey – Hamburger, Sissy & Lucy!

Speaker

Gillian Coleman introduced the speaker Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager for the City of Fort Worth. He showed the past development of the area and the current development. He promises that the changes in the next 20 years will be greater than during the past 20 years. The grand opening of the redeveloped area will take place on January 12, 2009 to coincide with the opening of the new Omni hotel.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Jeanne Smith at 1:03 p.m. October 7, 2008 will be our Student night. Everyone is encouraged to attend and show our enthusiasm to prospective new members.

Submitted

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

Gillian Coleman
Jan Bass
Jeanne Smith
Laurie Barbee

Deadline for the next Newsletter is November 3, 2008

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

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

October Birthdays

Karen Craft – 5th
Peggy Johnson – 27th

Dues

2008 – 2009:

Regular - \$126.00

Retired - \$36.00

Student - \$44.00

Non-member
Newsletter - \$12.00

Please Note: There is a \$25 processing fee for all new members.

Upcoming Meetings

November 19th – Arlene Wohlgemuth “Texans for Lawsuit Reform”

December 17th – Jim Van Grevenhof
“Individual Tax Update”

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

Jeanne Smith, Kay Kimbrough and Jan Bass will be representing our chapter at the 2008 Joint National Convention in Dallas, Texas
October 28th – 30th



Hit the Membership Jackpot! and earn free registrations for the 2009 Joint National Conference (JNC) in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 19-21, 2009! The ASWA Membership Committee invites your chapter to ante up for *two* ways to win!

1) **Recruit, recruit, recruit!** – Members recruited from July 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 will count towards the campaign so if you haven't already started recruiting new members this year, you should get going!

| Chapter Size (based on # of members as of 6/30/2008) | # of Recruits (needed for each free registration) |
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| Small (less than 30 Members) | 5 |
| Medium (30 to 69 Members) | 10 |
| Large (70+ members) | 14 |

2) **Retain your members!** – Chapters that retain at least 90% of their membership count from June 30, 2008 will win a free registration for any chapter member to attend the 2009 JNC.

*Please note that the first free JNC registration must be used by a first time JNC attendee. Additional registrations may be used by any chapter member.

2008 – 2009 Officers & Directors

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