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OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

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Monthly Meeting

Bill Brown

“Forensic Accounting”

Wednesday, October 21, 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

Karanae Barrey 817-259-9042

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By **4 p.m. Friday, October 16, 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”

President's Letter

It's Fall!!!! I just love this time of the year. I hope you're all enjoying the cooler weather. Just want to let you know that the Board of Directors met on September 17th, and plans are well underway for the remainder of this fiscal year. Misty Brown and Kelsey Wimmer will be representing us at the JNC in Las Vegas. I'm sure they'll have great stories to tell when they return. We are close to nailing down a meeting location for those upcoming months when the Petroleum Club won't be available (details to follow later). Instead of our regular meeting in November, we will be having a joint meeting with the Mid Cities Chapter at the Texas Star in Euless on Thursday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m. Hope you all can make it. Kelsey Wimmer is hard at work planning a social meeting in place of our January meeting. I am sure we'll all have fun. Start thinking about a guest you'd like to bring. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on October 21st.

Hugs to all,

Debbie





William D. Brown, CPA, JD, CFF

Partner, Forensic Accounting Services
Weaver and Tidwell

Professional Experience

- More than 31 years of forensic accounting experience
- Joined Weaver and Tidwell in 2005 through the merger of Brown & Nelson, P.C., in which he was a Shareholder
- Litigation case experience in complex financial transactions, business fraud, healthcare reimbursement, breach of contract damages
- Internal investigations involving allegations of fraud, malfeasance or non-compliance, including healthcare fraud & abuse
- White collar crime investigations during 10 years with the FBI
- Healthcare regulatory experience with Big 4 accounting firm, national law firm, and Senior Manager of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Audit and Review Division

University and Continuing Professional Education

- Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Arizona State University (1976)
- Juris Prudence Doctorate, University of Oklahoma (1990)

Professional Awards, Activities and Memberships

- Member, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA)
- Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Member, Tarrant and Dallas Bar Associations
- Member, Society of Former Special Agents of The FBI
- Provided instruction on Insurance Fraud to 250 FBI Agents at its Quantico, Virginia training facility
- Provided instruction on Forensic Accounting to Insurance Departments for Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, California, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee
- Lectured at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners national meetings on insurance insolvency fraud
- Lectured nationally on the subject of healthcare fraud and abuse to AICPA Healthcare Conferences and University Medical Schools

ASWA

(Fort Worth Chapter 059)

09/16/2009

Attendance

Debbie Russell, President; Misty Brown, Vice President; Karanae Barrey, Treasurer; Gillian Coleman, Secretary; Talana Anderson; Laurie Barbee; Andrea Bartruff; Jan Bass; Niki Brawley; Dan Chick; Karen Craft; Lori Denney; Brandi Fletcher; Trish Fritsche; Peggy Johnson; Barbara Kennedy; Kay Kimbrough; Tracy Lamkin; Sarah McCurdy; Debbie Myers; Nancy Perez; Jamye Shaffer; Elaine Stoker; Kimberly Webb; Kelsey Wimmer; Speaker, 12 guests/non-members and 3 students.

Opening

Following 30 minutes of networking, the meeting was opened by Debbie Russell at 11:59 a.m. Debbie asked members to introduce their guests.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Karanae Barrey, Balance of \$5,700.72. Report was e-mailed. Approved by Jan Bass, seconded by Jamye Shaffer, accepted by membership

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Presented by Gillian Coleman. Minutes were in the newsletter. Approved by Jamye Shaffer, seconded by Peggy Johnson, accepted by membership

Officer Reports:

- Vice President – Misty Brown – CPE forms for last month & this month were available after filling out evaluations.
- Treasurer – Karanae Barrey – nothing to report
- Secretary – Gillian Coleman – working on updating by-laws. Will be sent to members for review
- BOD – Gillian Coleman – Reported on visit with national Treasurer, Kate Mulder. She was impressed with our retention and Growth and encouraged us to continue and be involved. Encouraged us to attend JNC.

Committee Reports:

- Newsletter – Laurie Barbee – Nothing to report
- Membership – Jamye Shaffer – 47 members. Some approvals are taking a long time, so be patient.
- Web Master – Tracy Lamkin – nothing to report
- Job Book – Talana Anderson – New items in the book
- Scholarship – see new business
- Parliamentarian – Jan Bass – She will always accept donations for the Women's' Center

Member Highlight

Jamye Shaffer, current membership chair, A Texan who went to Aledo & UTA. Started out in Architecture Design – but ended up an accountant. Now she owns her own florist in Aledo and does accounting in her spare time. Hobbies include volleyball, fishing and riding a motorcycle.

Old Business

Web master needed.

New Business and Action Required

Misty Brown presented a certificate to Maricela Diaz-Wells. She was awarded a National Scholarship of \$1,750. Her application was submitted by Fort Worth Chapter #059. Misty listed her numerous accomplishments and her involvement in extra curricular activities. Congratulations Maricela.

Speaker

Misty Brown introduced the speaker, Chuck Glynn from Cummins Southern Plains, LLC. He spoke on Safety and Environmental Audits.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Debbie Russell at 12:59 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 21, 2009 at the Petroleum Club with networking starting at 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend!

Submitted

Submitted by Gillian Coleman

A Thank You Letter from our Scholarship Recipient

October 7, 2009

Maricela Wells
616 Winters Street
River Oaks, TX 76114

To the American Society of Women Accountants Educational Foundation,

I am pleased to have been selected to receive a scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year, and I am honored to have been recognized at the local chapter meeting in September. It was a warm and welcoming reception.

I started school at Texas Wesleyan a little over two years ago, just after my last military assignment in Seattle. It was not until I separated from active-duty that I was able to attend school full-time. I completed classes as my military duties allowed, but it was slow-going. I managed to complete approximately 30 semester hours in a matter of ten years, so I feel very privileged to be able to earn my degree in a traditional, full-time manor.

With your help, I will finish my education, which will enable me to reach my professional and personal goals. My professional goals are to become a Certified Public Accountant, work to support sustainable development, and be active in professional organizations. My personal goal is to break through the poverty cycle, in my personal life by becoming educated and in other's by teaching fiscal responsibility in impoverished communities.

I am dedicated to the spirit of giving, so I sincerely appreciate yours. I believe in investing in our communities, so I seek opportunities to donate my time for improvement. As an advocate for volunteering, I have completed over 340 hours of community service since 1991 at various organizations. Currently, I am a member of the City of River Oaks Parks Board and an organization called Citizens for Community Involvement.

I am extremely grateful for your support - for believing in me. Receiving these scholarships relieved a financial burden and will undoubtedly enable my potential and help me reach my goals. I am confident, that in time, your support will prove to be a sound investment in our culture, leadership and communities.

Thank you for your generosity.

Respectfully,

Maricela Wells

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

Dinner Meeting
Meet 2nd Tuesday
6:30pm
Location – TBA
Check their Website for
meeting details:
www.aswadallas.org
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 Karanae Barrey to **cancel**. If you do not cancel by the deadline, you will be billed for your meal.

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

**Deadline for the next
Newsletter is November
2, 2009**

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

Dues 2008 – 2009:

Regular - \$126.00

Retired - \$36.00

Student - \$44.00

Non-member
Newsletter - \$12.00

Upcoming Meetings

See Information to the right

October Birthdays

Andrea Bartruff – 2nd

Karen Craft – 5th

Erin Ferreira – 21st

Karen Cole – 24th

Peggy Johnson – 27th

Upcoming Meeting Info

Joint Meeting w/ Mid-Cities

Thursday
November 12th
6:00pm

Texas Star Golf & Conference Center
Euless

Speaker: Cliff Parker
“Presenting Your Credentials”

December 16th – TBA

SAVE THE DATE!

January 15, 2010
Friday Evening
ASWA Social Event
Billy Bob's Texas

Bring a prospective member and join us for
dinner and networking!

More details to follow...



2009 – 2010 Officers & Directors

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