

# Current Accounts

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OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

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## Monthly Meeting

Fernando Costa  
Assistant City Manager,  
Fort Worth

### “Lancaster Corridor Redevelopment Project”

**Wednesday, September 17, 2008**

One Hour CPE

Petroleum Club

777 Main Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

**Networking 11:30am**  
**Lunch & Meeting 11:45 am – 12:59 pm**

\$25.00 per person  
\$17.00 students

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**By 4 p.m. Friday, September 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

### Fernando Costa

Fernando Costa serves as Assistant City Manager for the City of Fort Worth. Before his appointment to that position earlier this year, he served for ten years as Fort Worth’s planning director. He had previously worked as a city and regional planner in Georgia for 22 years, including eleven years as planning director for the City of Atlanta and eleven years as a planner for the regional planning commission in Macon.

Mr. Costa chairs the Management Committee for Vision North Texas, a public-private partnership that promotes sustainable development in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. He also chairs the Planning Accreditation Board, which accredits city and regional planning schools in the U.S. and Canada. His recent community activities include service as president of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth and as president of the 13-county Tarrant Area Food Bank.

Mr. Costa received degrees in civil engineering and city planning from Georgia Tech, and he served as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and an honorary member of the Texas Society of Architects.

Mr. Costa has agreed to speak about the Lancaster Corridor Redevelopment Project, which is stimulating economic activity in the south end of Downtown Fort Worth.

# President's Letter

Our annual family picnic was all about fun at the Cats game - food, weather, game, and company were all entertaining! (Someone hurry and think of something fun for next year's picnic so we can get it on the calendar now!)

With that, another month has rolled around, the first day of school and Labor Day are behind us. Things feel back to normal? Don't stop for a breather too long, as, like in a marathon, that's when others pass you up!

So get on board now - The ASWA/AWSCPA Joint National Conference is at the end of October. Our great increase in membership last year scored us two free registrations for that event; so far three of your officers are registering for the conference and will be volunteering for various tasks. Be sure to check out the ASWA website for registration and also see the letter entitled "A Few Good Women" which follows in this newsletter for your volunteer opportunities. Attending and volunteering should put us "back on the map" with National....Registration is open on a daily basis if you can only attend one day - the CPE opportunities are tremendous!

Speaking of keeping up the pace ---- Kay is currently planning our Student Night for October, and she needs volunteers and ideas, too - this would be a great contribution to our local chapter, so volunteer to help just one night if you can.

We told you it would be happening year, so join in and **be** that successful woman accountant you've always dreamed of becoming!

**Jeanne**

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## A FEW GOOD WOMEN

Following is the letter I received regarding volunteers for the JNC. This is another great opportunity to step up to the plate and show your leadership skills in the accounting profession - attending one day and volunteering for just ONE task is all it takes to make you stand out in a crowd....do it for yourself, for our local chapter, make this the year.

Dear Chapter/Affiliate President,

The annual ASWA/AWSCPA Joint National Conference in Dallas is coming up in a few short months. As co-chairmen of the JNC Workforce Committee, we are looking for a "few good women or men" to help on the committee. We need volunteers to act as moderators who will introduce the speaker and present a gift after the presentation, and room managers to assist attendees with session seating and ensure continuing education sign-up sheets are completed and returned. We would like staffing from members of both ASWA and AWSCPA.

In addition, we need help at the registration table to greet speakers, give volunteers their moderator packets and provide general assistance. Volunteers will work shifts and therefore still have the opportunity to attend the majority of the sessions. This is a great way to network and get to know the speakers as well as other members!

Please email us with the names of as many volunteers that you can muster and they will be welcomed. We would like to receive your list of volunteers no later than September 12, 2008. Thank you for your assistance,

Yours truly,

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# ASWA

(Fort Worth Chapter 059)

August 15, 2008

## **Attendance**

Jeanne Smith, President; Kay Kimbrough, Vice President; Jan Bass, Treasurer; Gillian Coleman, Secretary; Laurie Barbee, Newsletter; Candice Leitner; Mia Walker; Annette; Heather

## **Opening**

Jeanne Smith opened the Business meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Introductions were made. Many family members attended as this was our annual picnic at the Fort Worth Cats Baseball game.

A good time was had by all. After a dinner of BBQ, we watched the Cats win their game. The fireworks at the end were awesome!

## **Adjournment**

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

## **Submitted**

Submitted by Gillian Coleman

# ASWA Mission

The mission of ASWA is 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.



## BULLETIN BOARD

### DFW-Mid Cities

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

### Dallas

Lunch Meeting  
Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
MIS Corporate Office  
5310 Harvest Hill Rd #200  
Dallas, TX 75230  
Reservations: Amber Cantu  
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**Deadline for the next  
Newsletter is October 1,  
2008**

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Visit our Chapter Website at:  
[www.aswa-ftworth.org](http://www.aswa-ftworth.org)

### Upcoming Meetings

October 7<sup>th</sup> (evening) –  
Student Night @  
Weaver & Tidwell and  
Whitley Penn Offices

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Arlene  
Wohlgemuth “Texans  
for Lawsuit Reform”

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Jim  
Van Grevenhof  
“Individual Tax  
Update”

January 21<sup>st</sup> – Brian  
Moon “IFRS – Int’l  
Financial Reporting  
Standards”

### **Dues**

**2008 – 2009:**

Regular - \$126.00

Retired - \$36.00

Student - \$44.00

Non-member

Newsletter - \$12.00

## **2008 Joint National Conference**

**October 28-30, 2008  
The Fairmont Dallas  
Dallas, Texas**



## **The Texas Conference for Women**

**October 16, 2008  
George R. Brown  
Convention Center  
Houston, Texas**

### September Birthdays

Laurie Barbee – 21<sup>st</sup>

Dan Chick – 25<sup>th</sup>

Gene Underwood – 29<sup>th</sup>



**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!

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

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