



Calendar of Events:

- June 16th: Planning Meeting, 5: 30 p.m. Location: TBD
- July 21st: "Financial Literacy", Tamara Larson, CPA, Keller Graduate School of Management.

NWRC 2009 - Lakeway Inn May 15 & 16

Our Northwest Regional Conference is finally happening this month! We started our planning back in August of 2007 with site selection and assembling a committee. Since then, the committee has been meeting regularly, along with Sharon Kirkpatrick, the co-chair of the conference, who must call in from her home in New Mexico.

Activities for the conference start on Thursday evening when registration opens at 5:30 pm in the Library area of the Lakeway Inn lobby. Attendees can then go down the hall to the Mt. Baker Room for a wine tasting presented by Mt. Baker Vineyards. Hors d'oeuvres will also be served.

The conference itself gets into full swing early on Friday morning with a buffet breakfast, followed by the keynote speaker, Ralph Vernacchia from Western Washington University. Friday night is our fun night, featuring a murder mystery dinner theater presentation by **Lucky Lady Interactive Events**. The murder mystery will have a 20's theme, and we encourage everyone to wear their best flapper outfit (period costume). Saturday completes our 16 hours of CPE, followed by the Northwest Area Chapter Exchange.

The menus from the Lakeway Inn are mouth-watering, so we know the food will be tasty and there will be lots of it. There will be several vendors and exhibitors in the 2nd floor lobby, including an annual favorite, "The Bag Lady". The ASWA Educational Foundation will have a table and will also be giving a short presentation at lunch on Saturday, as well as conducting a silent auction to raise funds for scholarships.

We would love to have a solid representation from our chapter to show our strength to the other Northwest chapters. We know this will be a very fun event, not to mention the CPE. For those of you who want to participate but not attend the CPE, please contact Nancy Garrett for opportunities to volunteer your time as a room monitor or other task. You can also attend the wine tasting (\$15), fun night (\$40), or either of the lunches (\$20 each) by contacting Darice Ratzlaff at daricer10@msn.com or fax your registration form to 360-733-7905 by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11 to make a reservation.

Our chapter can be very proud of our NWRC 09 committee and the wonderful, enthusiastic way in which they have put this conference together. They are Kelly Bachman and Sharon Kirkpatrick, co-chairs, Darice Ratzlaff, Isabel Bradley, Julie Parker, Marci Hanson, Maria Rammerman, and Nancy Garrett. We also gratefully appreciate the help on the tax program from Liz Pray and Donna Evered of the Seattle Chapter and Laurie Prall and Lezlie McDaniel who helped us secure tax speakers. Thank you to Eleanor Siverts-Ackerman, National Board Director, for her overall guidance.