



North Cascades
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ASWA DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 6:00

2011 Federal Tax Update Todd Burgers, Larson Gross PLLC

Todd Burgers will talk about the latest tax law changes along with other topics related to individual and small business income taxes and tax planning such as the following: Due to the before Christmas tax law changes, the Internal Revenue Service announced the upcoming tax season will start on time for most people, but taxpayers affected by three recently reinstated deductions need to wait until mid- to late February to file their individual tax returns. In addition, taxpayers who itemize deductions on Form 1040 Schedule A will need to wait until mid- to late February to file as well. Todd grew up in Whatcom County, and graduated from Western Washington University. He started with Larson Gross in 2004 where he is currently a Tax Manager. He specializes in tax and consulting for small to medium sized businesses, as well as agriculture taxation.

Course Level: Intermediate

Course Prerequisites: None

Field of Study: Tax

CPE Available: 1 Credit

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*Location: Harborside Bistro at the
Hotel Bellwether*



Reservations are required by 5p.m. Tues. Jan 11

Please contact Paula Shoemaker, at

Reservations@aswa115.org to make your reservation. Please specify if you'd like the vegetarian dinner option. We pay for meals ordered, so **"no-shows" will be billed.**

Cost: Dinner & Program: \$25 members, \$30 non-members; \$20 for Students, Program Only: \$ 15.

Dinner Meeting Menu (vegetarian option available)

Wedge of Iceberg Salad

with Gorgonzola Cheese, Walnuts & Herb Lemon Vinaigrette

Chicken Breast Piccata

Lightly Breaded and Topped with a Caper, Parsley, White Wine & Lemon

Sauce Chef' s Choice Starch

Seasonal Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

Freshly brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted Teas - Ice Tea and Lemonade

Dessert - chef' s choice

President's Message:

Meeting Location:



Harborside Bistro in
the Hotel Bellwether
on the Bay

ASWA is the
home for all
women
accounting
professionals
whether
new to the field,
experienced or
considering a
career
transition.

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you
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Ratzlaff
for
hostessing
the
2010
Holiday
Social***



Dear ASWA Members,

2010 was a good year for us. We learned together, worked together, laughed together and our membership continued to increase throughout the year. I am pleased to receive word this last month from Diane Fox, Vice President, Membership that we have eight new Student Members! I welcome you to our society and look forward to visiting with you at our meetings. It was to my regret that I had to miss our 2010 Holiday Social/Book Exchange. It is my favorite ASWA event each year and I heard Darice's home was lovely and everyone had a wonderful time.

We are well on our way to receiving a free registration to the 2011 JNC in Charlotte, NC for one of our members. That (referred to as the JNC) is the national ASWA conference, and I had the opportunity as incoming President to attend in 2009. It was really great CPE, but the best part was I learned more about how ASWA works. It is not only a great, local group, but is very active on the national level. If someone wants an opportunity to lead at the national level, there is opportunity here. Do good, learn, serve and have fun at the same time! Start by getting on a committee in your local group. You soon may be approached to serve the as one of our chapter's leaders or to be a part of a committee. Get involved and this would benefit both the chapter and yourself.

Happy New Year! Like many of you, I spent New Year's Eve over dinner with friends. Then on New Year's Day I went on a long hike up Chuckanut Mountain. In retrospect, it seemed like it was foreshadowing the year to come. The trail was rugged, but the hard work was well worth the vast, expansive views of the Sound that opened up, promising great possibilities for 2011.

May the new year bring you joy, peace and prosperity.

Marci Hanson, CPA

North Cascades Chapter #115, President

Announcements :

Welcome eight new student members !

Zul Alibhal
Whitney Brehm
Paula Corbett
Kathleen Moore
Michelle Paine
Mary Jo Porter
Teresa Shelton
Mieschia Wilson

ASWA North Cascades Chapter Meeting at Hotel Bellwether:

- February 15, 2011
- Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
- Whatcom Co. Assessor's Office

Monthly **Board meetings** are held prior to the dinner meeting at 5:00 pm
ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

ASWA Controllers Seminar Friday, April 29th 2011

Mark you calendars for one full day of CPE at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club.

Our speakers will cover the following topics in eight 50 minute CPE hours:

- √ Employment Law
- √ International Accounting Standards
- √ Business Growth & Development
- √ Credit for Businesses
- √ Surviving an IRS Audit
- √ Cost Accounting
- √ Department of Revenue Multi State Nexus

Watch this space for more details

Rosie Rayborn and Andrea Neil co-chairs

***Save the Date for next year's NW Regional Conference
May 12 - 13, 2011, Billings, Montana. 16 Hours of CPE, Two Tracks.***

February Bulletin Deadline will be Tuesday January 25, 2011

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Other Northwest Area Events:

Calendar of Events

- **Wednesday, Jan. 12**
CPE (4:30) & Dinner meeting
at LaQuinta Inn
Mt. Rainier Chapter of IMA – www.mtrainierima.com
"Ethics"- Paula Wilson, CPA, University of Puget Sound
6:30 Dinner speaker– Linda Sebring, CPA, Tukwila School District
"The Draconian Budget"
Reservations: <http://mtrainierima.com/meetingregistration.aspx>
- **Tuesday, Jan. 18**
Dinner meeting at 5:45 pm
Coast Bellevue Hotel
625 – 116th Ave NE, Bellevue
Bellevue ASWA Chapter #159 – www.aswabellevue.org
" Tax Update" – Shawn Gagnon, CPA, Weinand & Associates
Arrangements Chair at 425-455-9444 for reservations
- **Tuesday, Jan. 18**
Dinner meeting at 5:00 pm
at Harborside Bistro
Hotel Bellewether, Bellingham
North Cascades ASWA Chapter #115 – www.aswa115.org
"Tax Update" – Todd Burgers, Manager, Larson Gross
Please E-Mail reservations to: reservations@awsa115.org
- **Wednesday, Jan. 19**
In the Billings MT area?
Big Sky ASWA Chapter #100 meeting - www.billingsaswa.org
Noon@ Yellowstone Art Museum
- **Thursday, Jan. 20**
Dinner meeting at 5:30m
The Lincoln Center
1316 N Lincoln St, Spokane
Spokane ASWA Chapter #4 – www.aswa4.org
Tax Update
Please E-Mail reservations to: reservations@awsa4.org
- **Saturday, Jan. 22**
Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren, 425 NE 95th St., Seattle, 98115
9 AM to 11:00
ASWA Seattle – New Practice Roundtable
A roundtable of ASWA members that will meet quarterly and will focus on practice management issues. Cost \$10. See attached flyer.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 25**
Dinner meeting at 6:00 pm
At Talbot, Korvola & Warwick LLP
Portland ASWA Chapter #66 – www.portlandaswa.org
"IRS Tax Update"
Please E-Mail reservations to: info@aswaportland.org
- **Wednesday, Jan. 26**
Dinner meeting at 5:45 pm
at Rainier Golf & Country Club
11133 Des Moines Memorial Dr, Seattle
Seattle ASWA Chapter #9 – www.aswaseattle.com
"Podcasting: The indispensable tool for making business relationships"
Michael Surkan
Contact Arrangements Chair at 206-467-8645 for reservations

- **Monday, February 14**
Dinner meeting at 5:45 pm
at LaQuinta Inn
Tacoma ASWA Board Meeting prior to the meeting at 5:15 pm
"Retirement Planning and Social Security"
Tiffany Brain, CFM, CRPC, CIMA and Janet Hawkins, Merrill Lynch

May 12 and 13, 2011 Northwest Regional Conference
Sponsored by: Billings, Montana Chapter. Stay tuned for details

Message to ASWA Presidents, from Amy Spickard Bess, Treasurer, ASWA San Francisco Chapter

“I want to make sure the ASWA members in the Northwest and Southwest regions know about this IMA seminar in Reno coming up on February 10 - 12. It offers 21 hours of CPE.” Details below:

The Institute of Management Accountants

IMA's Golden West & Pacific Northwest Councils Present:

RENO EDUCATION SEMINAR & TRAINING - REST 2011

Accounting and Management Conference

February 10 – 12, 2011

Location: The Atlantis Hotel, Reno, Nevada

REST 2011 offers members an excellent opportunity to earn **21** hours of **CPE**.

Two Tracks to choose from – 13 Different Classes in Accounting, Finance, Management, Professional Development, and much more.

Sample of Topics:

- IFRS Implementation
- Operational Audit of the Atlantis Casino
- GAAP Updates for 2011
- Productivity & Survival
- Information Security Risks & Controls
- Building, Managing & Leading Extraordinary Teams
- Financial Reporting: Real Time Reporting Using the 3 Rs
- Motivating Employees in Uncertain Times
- Social Networking & Global Programs for Marketing Integration
- And, More!

Cost: \$375 before January 15th, \$395 after January 15th.

Please use the address below which will take you to the GWC website where you find the brochure with full information about this event, including topics, speakers, and registration information.

REST 2011 Brochure Location: <http://www.goldenwestcouncil.imanet.org>

Should you need additional information, please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you in Reno!

Romer Stevenson

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