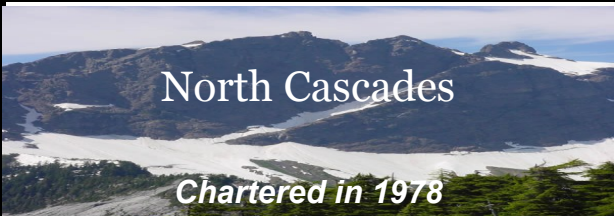
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**ASWA DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM**

**Adrienne Stewart, CPA  
Tax Update – 2011 and A Look Forward**

Please join us on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, to hear Adrienne Stewart from Larson Gross update us on personal and corporate tax changes for 2011, as well as explore what lies ahead in 2012.

Adrienne Stewart is a Certified Public Accountant and holds an Accredited in Business Valuation certification. She joined Larson Gross in 1997 and has just entered her 20th tax season. She specializes in tax planning and preparation along with business valuation, serving clients from the firm’s Bellingham and Burlington offices. Adrienne is the only woman in Whatcom and Skagit counties to hold AICPA’s Accredited in Business Valuation credential. When she’s not busy working or raising five active children, she enjoys time at home playing the violin and piano and baking gluten free desserts.

With a team of nearly 70 staff members and offices in Bellingham, Blaine, Lynden and Burlington, Larson Gross is the largest locally owned public accounting firm north of Seattle. The firm specializes in serving small and mid-size businesses and their owners, nonprofits and individuals with complex tax returns.

Course Level: Intermediate	Course Prerequisites: None
Field of Study: Tax	CPE Available: 1 Credit

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**Dinner Menu**

- FRESH FRUIT
- FRESH SEASONAL GREEN SALAD
- CHICKEN MARSALA
- COUS COUS
- SEASONAL VEGETABLES
- W. HERB BUTTER
- FRESH BREADS AND BUTTER
- COFFEE AND TEA
- KEVIN’S SORBET W. HOUSEMADE COOKIES

Reservations are required

by 5p.m. Tuesday, the week before the meeting.  
Please contact Bev Bergsma, at

[Reservations@aswa115.org](mailto:Reservations@aswa115.org)

Please specify if you’d like the vegetarian dinner option. We pay for meals ordered, so “no-shows will be billed”.  
Cost: Dinner & Program: \$27 members, \$32 non-members, \$22 for Students, Program Only: \$15.

## President's Message:



Dear Members,

It's time to set down that eggnog and sugar cookie and get down to business. What an ASWA whirlwind the last two months have been. November 15<sup>th</sup> marked our first annual Dessert Auction at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. There were over 50 silent auction items and eight cakes for the live auction contributed by Whatcom and Skagit County bakers. Some of the live auction highlights included a calculator spice cake, four layer lemon cake and a gluten- free chocolate torte. Members came through with some wonderful silent auction items including many lovely handcrafted items, a hamburger/fries cake, and framed and matted print donated by Mark Bergsma – thank you Bev! Many thanks to the committee that made it all possible – Shannon Orr, Andrea Neil, Julie Parker, Shannon Jacoby, Darene Follett, Judy Wayt and Diane Fox.

My regrets to all of you who were unable to attend the Christmas Social this year at Orphalee Smith's home – we had a wonderful time. Her home – designed by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright (dig out your "Fountain Head" by Ayn Rand) – was decorated to perfection. We had our usual spirited books exchange and great eats. Many thanks to Orphalee and Diane Hack for making it happen.

It's time to make our New Year's resolutions for 2012. (Will this be the year that I finally lose that extra 50 pounds?!) Let's all make it a New Year's resolution to attend the monthly dinner meetings and get more involved in ASWA. It is not too early to let Diane Fox know which committee you would like to serve on next year when her term as President starts on 7/1/2012.

*Welcome new member Deanne Karenaga!*

Nancy Garrett, CPA

North Cascades Chapter #115, President

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

**Special Thanks to our October guest speaker  
Candace Davis Human Resource Manager  
and Recruiter for Larson Gross**

## **Calendar**

**Jan 2012** – Tax update – stay cool and calm during tax season by being prepared

Adrienne Stewart, CPA (formerly Hanson) from Larson Gross

**Feb 2012** – Technology – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Presented by Dr. Stella Hua, Associate Professor in Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management at Western Washington University

**March 2012** – Shams and Scams – don't become a victim.

Presented by Ruth Holbrook with the Attorney Generals Washington State Office

**April 2012** – Become your own boss – the 'how to' on starting your own business.

Randy Hartnell, Vital Choice Wild Seafood & Organics

**May 2012** – Employment law – the haze and maze of FMLA, OSHA, and other rules and regulations.

Speaker: Kara J. Turner with Turner HR Services

**June 2012** – Planning meeting, open to all members.

**July 2012** – Voting behaviors. Speaker TBD and Officers installation



### **Directions:**

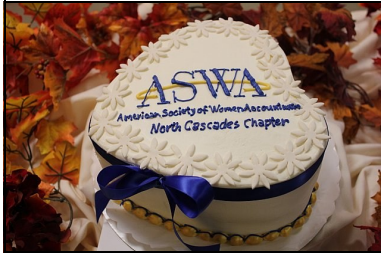
- Coming from the South, going North on I-5:  
Take the WA-539 N/Meridian St. exit, EXIT 256A, toward Lynden.  
Turn left onto WA-539/Meridian St/Guide Meridian Rd. Continue to follow Meridian St.  
After you cross under the I5 overpass, it will be on your right.
- Coming from the North, going South on I-5: Take EXIT 256 toward WA-539 N/Meridian St/Bellis Fair-Mall Pkwy

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

*The mission of this Society 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.*

The dessert auction was a lot of fun and a huge success!  
Thank you to the committee and all who attended!

Thank you Liz Prey -our auctioneer from the Bellevue Chapter



See more photos at [www.aswa115.org](http://www.aswa115.org)  
Yearbook page



Jenny Bordi  
-show casing the desserts

President Nancy Garrett, with committee members: Andrea Neil, Darene Follett, Special Guest Auctioneer Liz Prey from the Bellevue Chapter, Julie Parker, Diane Fox, Chair -Shannon Orr, and Judy Wayt



Judy Wayt , Bev Bergsma and Shonda Shipman - the welcoming!

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