



North Cascades Chapter No. 115

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### President's Message:



Dear ASWA Members,

This is my last President's Message and I am pleased to be turning over the gavel to Nancy Garrett at the next meeting. We had a great year and **congratulations are in order to our Chapter**. We have the **highest membership retention rate in the nation!** There are over 80 chapters, and our retention rate is at 97%. And we are in third place for new members. The renewal date of May 31st is approaching for some. If you have a problem renewing on the national website, please contact Diana Cummins at national headquarters. Her number is 703-506-3265 or email at [dcummins@aswa.org](mailto:dcummins@aswa.org). The ASWA national office is no longer sending out paper letter reminders, so please check to see if your renewal is due. The only way to renew is on the national website.



And now some final words about our outgoing Board Members:

Isabel Bradley, Past President: Strong and with quiet wisdom and contagious giggle. Thank you for your support and guidance this last year. You are a great mentor.

Nancy Garrett: President-elect: Nancy has a very direct, "cut to the chase so we can have some fun" approach. She has years of experience in our society and has been instrumental in every successful Chapter event to my memory. Our Society will certainly grow stronger with her as President next year and we are sure to have a good time.

Orphalee Smith -Vice President, Program: Need I say more? You all know the great speakers we have had this year. And we are honored as a society to have our founding member Orphalee Smith as Vice President of Program. Thank you, Orphalee, for bringing in the "heavy hitters."

Diane Fox - Vice President, Membership: Our Society's next President-elect, she is a sharp, creative business woman who has a heart that shines as bright as her beautiful red locks and brings a lot of energy to our team.

Diane Hack -Treasurer: Diane has been a perfect Board Member, reliable and exercising good judgment. With a smile in her eye, she kept us on target and fully informed of our financial position.

Julie Parker -Recording Secretary: She has the sharpest eye of anyone I know. If you every want something proof read, send it to Julie. Julie is valuable to have not only as a Board Member, but also as a friend.

I have really enjoyed being your president. I am so looking forward to sitting back, enjoying the CPE and having a glass of wine with you all at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on July 19th. But see you at the Planning Meeting before then -June 14th!

Best regards,

Marci Hanson, CPA

North Cascades Chapter #115, President

Special Thanks to our May Speakers

Scott Walker

Rob Fix

Port of Bellingham

**ASWA**  
**PLANNING MEETING**  
**JUNE 14, 2011**  
**5:30PM to 7:30PM**  
**ROUND TABLE PIZZA**  
**SUNSET SQUARE**

All members are encouraged to attend – including students! We will have an informal exchange of ideas and chart our course for the next year.

The planning meeting is a no-host pizza party but Round Table Pizza will give us a 10% discount and free drinks if we pre-order. Please email Nancy Garrett @ [ngarrett@brooksmfg.com](mailto:ngarrett@brooksmfg.com) if you are coming and let her know what kind of individual "personal pizza" you want and/or salad bar. Check out the menu options on their website [roundtableonline.com](http://roundtableonline.com).

## Calendar:

- **June 14, 2011 Planning Meeting - Round Table Pizza - 5:30pm - 7:30pm**
- July 19, 2011 – Leadership - Eleanor Siverts-Akerman, Member of the National Board of ASWA
- August 16, 2011 – Healthcare Reform – Kristine Bingman, Benefits & Employment Attorney at Vigilant
- September 20, 2011 – Dale Zender – Vice-President Finance, Peace Health



Note: Beginning in July, our dinner meetings will be held at the Bellingham Golf & Country Club

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

### **FINANCIAL LITERACY – “save the date”: June 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or June 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

If you are interested in becoming an ASWA financial literacy volunteer, we invite you to attend our next orientation meeting scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm at WorkSource, 101 Prospect St., Bellingham, WA 98225.

Also, our three month “On the Money” financial literacy pilot program will end at the end of May. “On the Money” volunteers are invited to sit with WorkSource staff to share ideas, concerns, answer questions and refine the program before its official launch in July. Please save June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm on your calendar for our exchange of ideas meeting.