



North Cascades
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ASWA DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Social Security Overview Past, Present & Future

Scot McCallister, new District Manager for Social Security operations in Whatcom and Skagit counties arrived in Bellingham on 12/6/2010 to assume his new role. He was born in Seattle and graduated from Eastern Washington University. He's been with the Social Security administration for 25 years and has held an assortment of progressive leadership positions in the agency, which led to his current appointment. Scot will review the basic features of the Social Security Administration including a brief history and status of the trustee fund - a current hot topic! He will also address who benefits from the program and how one qualifies as well as the resources and tools provided by department. Join us for a timely presentation on a program that will affect all of us regardless of our age or proximity to retirement.

Course Level: Intermediate
Field of Study: Economics

Course Prerequisites: None
CPE Available: 1 Credit

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Location: Harborside Bistro at the Hotel Bellwether



Dinner Meeting Menu (Vegetarian Option Available)

Garden Salad

Chicken Parmesan and Pasta with Marinara

Seasonal Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

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

Dessert - chef's choice

Reservations are required by 5pm Tues. March 8th 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.

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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.*

**Thank
you
Dewey
Desler,
Chief Admin
Officer,
Whatcom
County
February
Speaker**



Dear ASWA Members,

What a treat to hear Dewey Desler speak on Whatcom County's Admin., budget, history and challenges and successes! It was fascinating for a native Bellinghamster like me to learn how it really works, from the CAO himself. Thank you Orphalee Smith, Program Chair for bringing him in. ...very informative!

The dinner meeting was lively with the whole room abuzz with talk and cheer. The competition was fierce for the two raffles and unfortunately I did not walk away with either the beautiful scarf (hand made and contributed by Karen Marsau) or the strawberry rhubarb ASWA lattice topped pie. (contributed with recipe by Jenny Bordi). But our seed money for next year's dessert auction/scholarship fund is growing! Thank you for organizing this ongoing fundraiser, Shannon Orr and Darene Follett. And thank you Karen and Jenny for contributing the raffle prizes!

... and then the following slate of officers for 2011-2012 was unanimously elected as follows:

Past President – Marci Hanson
President – Nancy Garrett
President-elect – Diane Fox
V.P. Communications – Diane Hack
V.P. Program – Rosie Rayborn
Treasurer – Julie Parker
Secretary – Shannon Orr
Director – Bev Bergsma
Director – Judy Wayt

Congratulations to our newly elected board !

The Controllers' Seminar has now confirmed a great line up of speakers. For a registration form, go to our website at www.aswa115.org.

Bring on the Spring!

Marci Hanson, CPA
North Cascades Chapter #115, President

Announcements :

Welcome Marcia Gaven, CPA
to our Society !

Fundraising Committee Members Wanted!

Please contact Darene Follett at darenefollett@comcast.net

See our Controllers' Seminar line-up on pg 6!!!

April 19, 2011 speaker and topic:

Bruce Clawson, President & COO,

The Bank of Washington of Lynnwood

“Update on the State of Washington Banks”

Monthly **Board meetings** are held prior to the dinner meeting at 5:00 pm

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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The Billings, Montana Chapter is holding a raffle to win free registration for the Conference! This opportunity is open to all ASWA members. Tickets are \$10.00. We encourage members to take advantage of the early bird opportunities and register for the conference. The winner will be refunded the cost of their registration.

ASWA Northwest Regional Conference

May 12 - 13, 2011, Billings, Montana. 16 Hours of CPE, Two Tracks.

Raffle Tickets are \$10.00 per ticket.

Drawing will be held April 1, 2011.

For more information go to: www.billingsaswa.org

request for raffle items We have had such
an incredible display
of our talents, gifts and interests and are
again open for new donations to raffle!!!

Contact Shannon Orr : missSOrr@yahoo.com

April Bulletin Deadline will be Friday, March 25, 2011

This bulletin is published monthly by the North Cascades Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants. For more information contact Bulletin Editor, **Marci Hanson** at marcih@SPIE.org

Calendar of Events

→ **Wednesday, March 9**
CPE (4:30) & Dinner meeting
at LaQuinta Inn

Mt. Rainier Chapter of IMA – www.mtrainierima.com
"Insurance Basics"- Jim Hunt, President and CEO, and Jason Webb, Commercial Sales Executive of Bell Anderson Agency.
6:30 Dinner speaker– Lori Cox, CIA, Puyallup Tribe, "Don't Learn to Be a Good Leader After Your Followers Learn You are Not: Lessons to Improve Leadership Skills"
Reservations: <http://mtrainierima.com/meetingregistration.aspx>

→ **Tuesday, March 15**
Dinner meeting at 5:45 pm
Coast Bellevue Hotel
625 – 116th Ave NE, Bellevue

Bellevue ASWA Chapter #159 – www.aswabellevue.org
Joint meeting with IMA "Estate Planning / Long Term Care"
Julie Kocer, Law Offices of Julianne Kocer, PS
Arrangements Chair at 425-455-9444 for reservations

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Dinner meeting at 5:00 pm
at Harborside Bistro
Hotel Bellewether, Bellingham

North Cascades ASWA Chapter #115 – www.aswa115.org
"Social Security"
Please E-Mail reservations to: reservations@awsa115.org

→ **Wednesday, March 16 (?)**
In the Billings MT area?

Big Sky ASWA Chapter #100 meeting - www.billingsaswa.org
Information not available on their website

→ **Thursday, March 17**
Dinner meeting at 5:30m
The Lincoln Center
1316 N Lincoln St, Spokane

Spokane ASWA Chapter #4 – www.aswa4.org
Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation
Please E-Mail reservations to: reservations@awsa4.org

→ **Wednesday, March 23**
Dinner meeting at 5:45 pm
at Rainier Golf & Country Club
11133 Des Moines Memorial Dr, Seattle

Seattle ASWA Chapter #9 – www.aswaseattle.com
TBD
Contact Arrangements Chair at 206-467-8645 for reservations

→ **Saturday, April 30**
9:00 am
at LaQuinta Inn

Student Activities Breakfast
"Spring Into Your Career" Rebecca Mitchell from Accountemps
Looking for student sponsors – see previous page 3.

May 12 and 13, 2011 Northwest Regional Conference
Hosted by the Billings, Montana Chapter.
Program details http://www.billingsaswa.org/uploads/nw_regional_conference_schedule.pdf





American Society of Women Accountants

Controllers' Seminar

For Accounting, HR Professionals and Business Owners

Friday, April 29th, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bellingham Golf and Country Club

3729 Meridian St. Bellingham

8 Hours of CPE!

**Register
by
March 31st
& save \$25!**

Agenda and Speakers

- 7:30 a.m. *Sign in (coffee, juice and rolls will be served, snacks available at breaks)*
- 8:00 a.m. **International Accounting Standards** - Ron Singleton, Professor of Accounting with WWU
- 9:00 a.m. **Employment Law: The Most Common Employment Law Mistakes and How to Avoid Them** - Elena Burt, Attorney with Steel Rives LLP
- 10:00 a.m. **Cost Accounting: Lean Accounting - Lean Enterprise with Focus on Value Stream** - Dr. Audrey Taylor, Ph.D. WWU
- 11:00 a.m. **Understanding Business Growth and Death: A Holistic Analysis of the Story behind the Numbers** - Jennifer Shelton MBA, Director with the Small Business Development Center, WWU
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club (included)*
- 1:00 p.m. **DOR Multi State Nexus** - Kathy Oline, Sr. Assistant Director of Policy with the Washington State Department of Revenue
- 2:00 p.m. **Surviving an IRS Audit** - Jennifer Roberts, CPA, Revenue agent with the Internal Revenue Service
- 3:00 p.m. **Business to Business Credit - Bankruptcy and Contracts** - Danial Pharris, Principal at Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson, PLLC
- 4:00 p.m. **Estate Law for Executors** - Madeline Gautier, Attorney, Gautier & Assoc.

For more information & registration form go to ASWA115.org

For further information, contact Rosie Rayborn at (360) 305-1707 or email ControllerSeminar@aswa115.org

Registration Fee: Members \$175.00 (\$150.00 by 03/31) Non-members \$200 (\$175.00 by 03/31)