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ASWA DINNER MEETING:

What's Going On With Your Client's Estate Planning?

Presented by J. Bruce Smith

Does your client have a GRAT, QPRT or CRUT? Or maybe even an IDIT or a QDOT? Do they have, or even need, a Credit Shelter Trust, considering the current federal estate tax law? Does their planning consider the Washington estate tax? Is planning with a living trust superior to a will? In the non-tax area, how can your clients plan to protect their heirs from their vulnerabilities? Should the planning include a Special Needs Trust to preserve eligibility for public benefits? This presentation will explain the use of those and other estate planning devices you may encounter in your practice, or your life. J. Bruce Smith is a principal partner in the Bellingham, Washington, law firm Barron Smith Daugert, PLLC. He limits his practice to helping clients provide for the support of the people and causes that matter to them, both during their lifetime and through transfers after death. He graduated from the University of Illinois (High Honors, Bronze Tablet) in 1974, and from the College of Law, University of Illinois in 1977. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, named a *Super Lawyer* by *Washington Law & Politics* magazine and is also listed in "Best Lawyers in America". His website is: <http://www.barronsmithlaw.com>

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



Dinner Meeting Menu

Wedge of Iceberg Salad with Gorgonzola Cheese,
Walnuts & Herb Lemon Vinaigrette

Mediterranean Marinated Flat Iron Steak with
Olive Oil, Chili Flakes, Garlic, Lemon & Oregano

Chef's Choice Starch

Seasonal Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

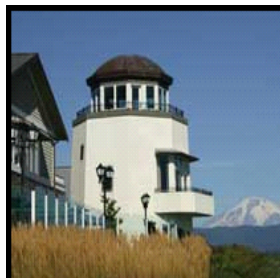
Freshly brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted
Teas, Ice Tea and Lemonade.

Reservations are required by 5p.m. Tuesday, the week before the meeting. 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.**

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.

Meeting Location:

Harborside Bistro in
the Hotel Bellwether
on the Bay



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all women accounting
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new to the field,
experienced or
considering a career
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President's Message: **Brave New World**



Today I received an email “**Dow hit 9985 today- Not a good sign.**” I think our new program theme “Brave New World – Navigating the uncertainties in our economic environment from a local, state and national

perspective” seems appropriate. I am looking forward to hearing what the speakers have to say, so that we, as professional society might take these ideas, support each other in applying them to our lives and jobs, and prevail, even excel during these tough economic times. Given the uncertainty of the economic recovery, I believe that it is more important than ever for us to support each other in our careers and that we continue to maintain a strong, professional network. Our ASWA Chapter's LinkedIn account is up and running, so if you haven't already done so, go on and get networked! Look us up as “ASWA North Cascades #115.” You can now add our chapter as a group and also be part of the National ASWA forum/discussion, which is really interesting and can be helpful. It will put your professional network at your fingertips, wherever you are located geographically.

It was a pleasure to meet Laurie Prall's mother and Darene Follett's family members at the August meeting. I hope everyone has a wonderful Labor Day Weekend, and I'll see you on the third Tuesday!

Marci Hanson, CPA

President, ASWA North Cascades Chapter #115

Announcements:

Welcome new member Jennifer Bordi

ATTENTION: MEMBERS!

Does your company want to join the 2011 Accounting MOVE Project?

- Accounting/MOVE Project, co-sponsored by the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) and the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA), is a national survey research effort to measure and advance women at public accounting firms and corporate accounting employers. Insight has been scarce as to why women go, where they go, and how accounting employers can better retain and advance these women at all stages of their careers.
- Information on how to participate can be found at www.aswa.org. Firms and corporate accounting employers of all sizes are encouraged to participate. Also, on the website you'll find last year's Accounting MOVE Project's list of the Ten Best Accounting Firms for Women, as well as, an article

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

**Tuesday,
October 19,
2010**

Brave New World
Series begins with a panel discussion featuring representatives from the Building Industries (Construction), Real Estate and Employment Security.

Congratulations to
Darene Follett on
the birth of her
beautiful baby boy!

Nathan Wallace Follett
born 8/7/10 at 12:20am.
9lbs 11oz, 20.5 inches long.



- Our chapter is hosting a Controllers' Seminar this year - tentatively set for April 29th. If you have a good subject or speaker you would like to hear, or if you would like to help, please contact Rosie Rayborn at rosierayb@hotmail.com or Andrea Neil at tealkiwi@hotmail.com

Save the Date for next year's NW/Regional Conference

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