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Mesa East Valley Chapter

AFWA Mesa East Valley Chapter January 2017 Newsletter

Thank you for all your support during 2016! We look forward to more great educational, social, community service and fun events with you in 2017!

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Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Plan to join us for our upcoming monthly meetings and CPE sessions at Dobson's Restaurant in Mesa. Registration is open for our January 17th - Annual Tax Night event. Join us for 2 hours of CPE on the latest federal and Arizona tax updates.

[Online Registration](#)

Save the Date:

January 17th - Federal and State Tax Updates with the IRS & AZDOR

February 21st - Nonprofit Accounting with Carolyn Sechler

March 14th - Financial Planning with George Rambow



Click to Register for 2 hrs Tax CPE

Community Service Spotlight

This time of year our members can put their financial skills to use as part of local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Programs.

Learn to prepare taxes and make a difference in your community at the same time. How can you make a difference? Simple. Volunteer to help your community by preparing taxes free of charge with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs.

You will receive training to provide free tax help for



VITA Training Opportunity

low-to-moderate income families who need assistance preparing their tax returns. As a volunteer, you will join the thousands of others who each year prepare millions of tax returns at thousands of tax sites nationwide.

Helping low-income families prepare their tax returns through the Mesa Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a rewarding way to give back to your community. During the last tax season, our VITA volunteers helped over 3,800 individuals and families get back a total of \$5.4 million in refunds and credits. Many of those dollars came through the federal Earned Income Tax Credit which benefits individuals and families who pay little or nothing in taxes but who struggle to make ends meet. And by helping low-income people pay their rent and utility bills, the refunds and tax credits also help boost the Mesa economy. VITA volunteers also are trained to assess clients' qualifications for other financial assistance and put them in contact with the appropriate services.

The AFWA Phoenix Chapter is hosting a VITA Refresher Training Course on Saturday January 7th at DeVry in Phoenix. This training will help experienced tax preparers get ready for the certification exam and participate as local volunteers. [Training Registration](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Other volunteer and training opportunities are available through the United Way and local cities.

[Mesa United Way - Volunteer Information](#)

[City of Chandler - Volunteer Information](#)

[Tempe Community Council - Volunteer Information](#)

2017 Phoenix Heart Walk

Join AFWA members, friends and family on the **Number Crunchers Team** for the 2017 Heart Walk in downtown Phoenix on **Saturday March 18th**. Team members can participate in the 3 mile Heart Walk or the 1 mile Stroke Walk and then the heart healthy festivities. Participants can sign up or support the team with a donation online.

[Number Crunchers Team Page](#)



Heart Health Reminders

Start the new year off with a renewed commitment to your health!

Celebrate **National Wear Red Day on Friday February 3rd** - wear red, get your office or class involved and share your pictures with #PhxGoRed

[Learn more at Go Red for Women](#)



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