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President's Corner

By Shelby Williams

I am excited that it is finally the month of December for several reasons. For one, holiday music is now everywhere around us. I am not one of those people who gets super excited about holiday music, but there are a few songs that I love listening to for at least one month a year. One of my favorites is "Baby, It's Cold Outside". The thing is – out here in Arizona, it is not cold outside and I love it! December in Arizona is my absolute favorite.

Another great reason to love December is half price member night which is the special for our December membership meeting. For half the usual price of the membership meeting, you will learn the ins and outs of social networking. In addition to working on our laptops and improving our technology skills, there will be a gift exchange.

Everyone in attendance who wishes to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$20 or less. Lastly, our chapter decided to sponsor a family from Save the Family for the holiday season. At the November membership meeting, members were able to pick out tags with items to buy for the family. These items are due at the December meeting so the gifts can be delivered to the family by Christmas. I am so proud of how great the support for the community is among our membership and wish to thank each of you this holiday season for your participation in the various community service events. The mission of ASWA is 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. I think that this month especially we are showing that our chapter works toward the mission of our organization. See you all at the monthly meeting!

Newsletter



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MEETING DETAILS
December 11, 2012

TOPIC : Bring Your Laptop and Let's Socially Network!!

LOCATION: Landmark Restaurant

DINNER: Tilapia or Salad Bar

TIME: 5:30 p.m. Registration and Networking

6:05p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Presentation

8:00 p.m. Business Meeting



You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world. ~Tom Brokaw

RSVP online at <http://www.aswa-mev.org/meetings.html>

You can also contact our membership director Laura Mangan at lauralynne@earthlink.net or call 480-276-5926

ADMINISTRATIVE

POLICIES: If you would like to cancel a reservation, please contact Laura at the above email. Per chapter rules, if you register and do not attend or do not cancel by the Monday prior to the meeting, you will be charged the cost of the dinner. For more information regarding administrative policies such as complaint and refund, please contact ASWA Mesa East Valley Chapter Programs Director, Sherry McGlade at 480-584-2504 or azsam8@yahoo.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deadline for the January newsletter is January 1st



Working Poor Tax Credit

If you missed our November food drive, you have an excellent opportunity to support the United Food Bank and save some \$ on your taxes. Thank you for your continued support of our community service efforts!

Donate by December 31st! If you itemize your taxes, you could receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on a donation made to United Food Bank, up to \$200 if you file as a single or \$400 dollars if you file jointly. Just make your donation by **December 31st** for the credit to count on your Arizona tax return.*

December Save the Family

The gifts for our Save the Family adopted family are due at this coming meeting. If you were not at the meeting and would still like to participate, please contact Anna.

Phoenix Chapter CPE Sponsored by Devry: Saturday December 8th

Need CPE? Join us for a full 8 hours of CPE that includes accounting and tax updates, current hiring trends, charitable gift-giving, forensic accounting, advanced Excel and more. Cost: \$100. All proceeds will go to the ASWA scholarship fund so please support this great event! THIS SATURDAY!!

Scholarship

The deadline for our Spring Scholarship award has passed. We have received at least one application! That is great news. The Nationally supported scholarships for Undergraduate and Master's Degree, as well as the Certification Scholarship and the PHD Scholarship are all due by March 1st, 2013.

Member Benefits

- Prestigious status of professional affiliation
- National contacts for networking and professional information
- Forum for CPE
- Scholarships
- Leadership opportunities in supportive arena
- Subscription to *The Compass* e-magazine
- National and regional conferences at a discounted rate
- Access to ASWA's **LinkedIn** group
- National online membership directory
- Discounted membership to the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA)
- Discounted products and services through affiliation agreements (CCH tax & accounting books, Long Term Care insurance, Bank of America credit card and more)

If you are interested in becoming a member of ASWA, please fill out a registration form at www.aswa.org.

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