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Mesa East Valley's IN TOUCH

President's Corner by Diane Hewlett

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with family, friends, and good food! I can't believe we're right back in the middle of the Christmas season. Somehow, I need to fit shopping, cookie baking, parties, and house cleaning in to a schedule that was already over booked. I do love this time of year, though, and thank God for the internet!

It was great to see so many of you at our November meeting! Since we hadn't had a meeting of our own since August, it was good to get together again and get caught up on all the things that are going on with our chapter. Jessica Corral and Jacqueline Parker of Headfarmer did a great job updating us on best practices for a job search. We were fortunate to have several students as guests, and it was practical and useful advice for them as well any of our regular members who decide to make a job change.

Shelby and her team also started our "adopt a family" community service event with tags we could pick from a little tree. Each tag had one item for the family, and they're supposed to be brought to the December meeting so the committee can distribute them to our adopted family. If you didn't get a tag but would like to help with this, please contact Shelby.

Our year continues to move along quickly, and before we know it, it will be time to set up the slate of officers for next year! We are still looking for a President-elect for this year, so if you're interested in taking on the job of President for next year, please let me know. The position of President may sound intimidating, but with enthusiastic and responsible women holding the rest of the board positions, it's really not that difficult or extremely demanding, time-wise.

Our December meeting is another early one, Tuesday the 10th, so please mark your calendars. Deborah Lavinsky, CRPS, from the Phoenix chapter will be speaking to us. Many of us have heard her interesting and easy to understand presentations on financial planning topics for women. In addition, we'll have our always popular gift exchange! Please bring a gift costing approximately \$20 if you'd like to participate.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and/or Happy Holidays and a great New Year's!

Regards,
Diane

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"Every year at just this time,
In cold and dark December,
Families around the world
All gather to remember,
With presents and with parties,
With feasting and with fun,
Customs and traditions
for people old and young."

Helen H. Moore

Meeting Details Tuesday December 10, 2013

Half Price Member Night & Gift Exchange

TOPIC: What Women Need to Know about Divorce & Widowhood

LOCATION: Landmark Restaurant

809 W Main St, Mesa

DINNER: Prime Rib or Salad Bar

TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Networking

6:30 p.m. Dinner

COST: \$26 member / \$32 guest / \$15 student

RSVP by December 6th online at:

<http://mesaeastvalleyafwa.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 Programs Director, Patricia Schumacher Pks-cpa@cox.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Club Incentive:** Anyone who brings a guest to the monthly meeting will get 5 extra chances for the member relations drawing and will also be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 gift card at the end of the year.
- **General Fund Drive:** For every \$10 donated you get a chance for a \$50 gift card - pick an envelope for a specific donation amount or just send a donation to the treasurer.
- **Fry's Gift Cards:** Contact Treasurer Kathryn Dunn if you want \$5 (reloadable) gift card(s) at the next meeting to give for Christmas.
- **Club Gift Exchange:** Bring a wrapped gift (maximum value \$20.00)
- **Save the Family Adopt a Family:** Bring your wrapped gift for the family or donate money.
- **Becker CPA Review Discount:** Give your name to President Diane Hewlett and Becker will send a packet of information on their CPA review course.
- **2013-2014 Membership Campaign:** Two ways to win-New member recruitment (July 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014) and Current Member Retention (June 30, 2013 to July 31, 2014)





Meet Your Board

Former Newsletter Director - Sherry McGlade

Current Newsletter Director - Karen Peterson

Future Newsletter Director - ??

Responsibilities

- Attend all Membership Meetings
- Responsible for editing, publishing and distributing a monthly newsletter
- Responsible for regularly updating email and mailing list with potential members , National and Regional officers , etc.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- **Prestigious status of professional affiliation**
- **National contacts for networking and professional information**
- **Forum for CPE**
- **Scholarships**
- **Leadership opportunities in supportive arena**
- **Subscription to *Accountability* e-Newsletter**
- **National and regional conferences at a discounted rate**
- **Access to Career Center**
- **Access to LinkedIn group**
- **National online membership directory**
- **Discounted membership to the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA)**
- **Discounted products and services through affiliation agreements (CPA review courses, , CCH tax & accounting books, and Long Term Care Insurance)**

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