



# Mesa East Valley's IN TOUCH

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## President's Corner by Diane Hewlett

Hope your winter and tax season is going well so far! Although it's hard to call this season "winter" with the weather we've had this year. I think we're pretty lucky to be here considering what a lot of the country has been going through this year!

Last night, we held our mid-year planning session. Our focus for the meeting was the "Empowering Today's Accountant" seminar, our annual day long CPE event held every July/August. Laura is very organized, as always, and she is working on gathering information from various hotels to see what the best location will be. She is looking for people to help with many different areas. If you can help either before or during the event, please let her know. She is also looking for ideas for topics and speakers to present them, so please contact her if you know someone who would be an interesting speaker or if there is a topic you would like to hear more about.

If you haven't heard yet, Stacey Craig is our President-Elect, and she is working with the nominating committee to put together a slate of Officers for next year. If there is a position that you're interested in holding, please contact her and let her know: [scraig23@cox.net](mailto:scraig23@cox.net). We are very lucky and happy to have Stacey in our chapter and as President next year as she has had experience as President of the Phoenix chapter as well as the National Board!

Our committees are all doing a great job also. Pat Donohue, along with Danielle White and Pilar Kirby has done a fantastic job providing Financial Literacy classes at Florence Crittenton. Patricia Schumacher and the Programs Committee are working hard to plan our meetings out several months in advance and have provided great speakers and topics throughout the year, and the Community Service Committee, led by Shelby Williams, has done a great job with the Christmas Adopt a Family event. We also have the Heart Walk coming up in addition to our quarterly food bank donation drives. Please be sure to bring your donations when you come to our meeting this month.

The year is moving along fast, and one of our goals was to have everyone helping on a Committee. If you aren't involved, please see which committee interests you and contact the person in charge:

Community Service, Programs, Education, and Activities. You can find the contact information for each on our chapter website at <http://www.mesaeastvalleyafwa.org/contact-us.html>

I would also like to remind everyone to mark your calendars for the Southwest Regional Conference to be held May 15 and 16 in Flagstaff. It should be a fun time and great way to earn lots of CPE. We will send out the information on the programs as soon as we have it.

If you have any concerns or suggestions for our chapter, I would welcome your ideas. Please contact me at [dianephx928@gmail.com](mailto:dianephx928@gmail.com) or 480-861-4799. Thank you all for the work you've put in to our chapter so far this year.

Don't forget Happy Hour on February 19! Watch your e-mail for details on the time/place.

Regards,

*Diane Hewlett*

President

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History  
Month***



**Meeting Details  
Tuesday February 25, 2014**

**TOPIC:** AICPA Code of Professional Conduct Update

**LOCATION:** Landmark Restaurant  
809 W Main St, Mesa

**DINNER:** Meatloaf or Salad Bar

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. Networking  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Presentation

**COST:** \$26 member / \$32 guest / \$20 student

**RSVP by February 21st online at:**

**<http://mesaeastvalleyafwa.org/meetings.html>**

You can also contact our membership director  
Laura Mangan at [lauralynne@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **Monthly 50/50 Drawing:** If you can't win the Lottery, try the 50/50 drawing for better odds (tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10).
- **Food Bank:** Bring items for February's quarterly food drive or donate online at [www.unitedfoodbank.org](http://www.unitedfoodbank.org).
- **2014 Southwest Regional Conference:** Plan ahead to visit Flagstaff May 15-16, get out of the heat and support the Flagstaff chapter.
- **Phoenix Heart Walk:** Join the Number Crunchers Team Saturday March 29th on a 5k or 1 mile walk through downtown Phoenix.
- **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 Bylaws Director - Anna Von Straussenburg

Current Bylaws Director - Anna Von Straussenburg

Future Bylaws Director - ??

## Responsibilities

- Attend all Membership Meetings
- Maintain copy of current National bylaws, local bylaws and standing rules
- Prepare written notification to members of bylaw change at least 30 days prior to vote
- Submit approved changes to National in duplicate for final approval

## 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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