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President's Corner by Diane Hewlett

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful December and enjoyed your holidays! I certainly enjoyed our December meeting and gift exchange. It's always a lot of fun stealing from others and seeing what everyone gets, and as always, the liquor seemed to be the most popular!

Our January meeting is during our usual week – the 4th week of the month. This month is our annual tax update, which is always very popular and well attended. We will have both the federal and state tax update. We will definitely miss George Lopez, from the IRS, who has always done the federal presentation and who retired this year, but we will have Jerry Bordeleau, CPA from DeVry. He is a popular tax instructor and always helps with the AFWA/IMA sponsored VITA update class. Anthony Forschino, from the Arizona Department of Revenue, is very informative and adds a little bit of humor to his presentation, if I remember correctly from last year.

We will also be holding a mid-year planning meeting in January. It will be a potluck brunch at my house on January 25 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please RSVP (dianephx928@gmail.com) if you can attend and let me know if you would like to bring a hot dish, bread/muffins, fruit or veggies, dessert. Yes, we will have mimosas! Everyone is welcome, and it would be great if we have enough people to break off into committees to plan the rest of the year. We will also be working on the August "Empowering Today's Accountant" seminar, so please bring any ideas or suggestions you have for that and let Laura know how you can help.

If anyone is interested, there is also VITA training on January 11 sponsored by AFWA and IMA. If you'd like to help lower to middle income people with their income taxes, this is a great way to volunteer and give back to the community. If you do not do taxes as part of your regular job, it's a fun way to expand your knowledge and use your accounting expertise to help others.

I hope to see you all at our January events – the mid-year planning meeting on January 25 and the meeting on January 28.

I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2014!

Diane Hewlett

President

Mesa East Valley Chapter

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance

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***If you can
dream it, you
can do it.***

Walt Disney

Meeting Details
Tuesday January 28, 2014
Bring Your Boss Night

TOPIC: Federal and State Tax Update
LOCATION: Landmark Restaurant
809 W Main St, Mesa
DINNER: Champagne Chicken or Salad Bar
TIME: 5:00 p.m. Networking
5:30 p.m. Arizona Tax Update
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:10 p.m. Federal Tax Update
COST: \$26 member / \$32 guest / \$15 student

RSVP by January 22nd online at:

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

You can also contact our membership director
Laura Mangan at lauralynne@earthlink.net

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.
- **Food Bank:** Prepare for February's quarterly food drive.
- **Mid Year Planning Meeting & Brunch:** Bring a dish and ideas to the meeting at Diane's house (3930 E Ahwatukee Dr, Phoenix) on Saturday, January 25th 10:00 to 12:00
- **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 Programs Director - Sherry McGlade

Current Programs Director - Patricia Schumacher

Future Newsletter Director - ??

Responsibilities

- Attend all Membership Meetings
- Select topic and obtain speaker for meetings
- Prepare and maintain speaker evaluation form and distribute at meetings
- Assign someone to introduce speaker with speaker bio
- Submit list of speakers to newsletter chair at least 3 months in advance
- Coordinate speaker audio/visual needs with restaurant
- Maintain CPE forms for membership

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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