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President's Corner by Diane Hewlett

Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving to everyone!

Halloween will probably be over by the time you read this, so I hope you all had a great time and got lots of little ghosts and witches trick or treating at your house or had a great time at a party or other Halloween event.

Laura sent out a wonderful write up on the conference in Indianapolis, and I would like to confirm that it was a great conference. We all had a fun time at the evening events, and the educational sessions were informative and interesting. Two speakers really stand out in my mind as top-notch – Colette Carlson on “The Language of Leadership” and Meagan Johnson on “Solving the Multi-generational puzzle”. Both women were really entertaining and informative, and Meagan is even from Phoenix! Some of the interesting CPE sessions I attended included “How to Survive an Audit”, “10 Years after Sarbanes Oxley” and “What you need to Know about the New COSO framework”.

In the evening, we had several events going on that were really fun. Sunday night was the seventy-five year anniversary gala at the Indiana State Museum. We had an hour before dinner to walk through the museum. After a wonderful dinner, there was a presentation on changes over the years and pictures from years ago. It's amazing how far we have come! Monday evening, they held the “Amazing Foundation Race” and I participated in fun games with my team such as trying to see how many chop sticks we could stack on top of each other using only chopsticks (I was able to do 1 only) and writing and performing a “rap” about AFWA using certain words, such as “75”, “anniversary”, “gala”, etc. Although we didn't win for the best rap, my team thinks ours was the best.

The business meeting was fairly uneventful (nothing like last year), and the amendments to add “and finance” to several areas of the by-laws passed easily. The most exciting event at the meeting was that our chapter was recognized for Chapter Achievement for the 2012-2013 year for membership retention!! Congratulations to Shelby Williams (President), Laura Mangan (Membership) and all the board!

Indianapolis was a fun place for the conference as there were so many restaurants and stores just across the street or within walking distance of the hotel. While waiting for the elevator, we had a beautiful view of the capitol, and the Colts stadium was just a few blocks away (several conference attendees did ditch the gala party for the Colts-Broncos football game and it was a crazy atmosphere.

Our November and December meetings are early this year, due to the holidays, so be sure to mark your calendars and sign up early! November 12th is our student night and the December 10th meeting will feature a speaker and our annual “white elephant” gift exchange.

The year is going fast! If you have any suggestions, questions, or ideas for me or our chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy Holidays!

Diane Hewlett

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*What is the recipe for
successful achievement?
To my mind there are just
four essential ingredients:
Choose a career that you
love, give it the best there
is in you, seize your
opportunities, and be a
member of the team .*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Meeting Details
Tuesday November 12, 2013

- TOPIC:** Career Development
- LOCATION:** Landmark Restaurant
809 W Main St, Mesa
- DINNER:** Roasted Turkey 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 online at:

<http://www.phoenixafwa.org/meetings>

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
- ***Quarterly Food Drive:*** Please bring non-perishable food items to the meeting or go on-line to donate cash at www.unitedfoodbank.org
- ***Save the Family Adopt a Family:*** Donate money at the November meeting or select an item to buy for our December “Adopt a Family” project
- ***4 hour Ethics CPE Workshop:*** Marcy Maslov’s e-Factor! board game program
November 25th 8 am to noon includes breakfast



Meet Your Board

Past President-Elect - Diane Hewlett

Current President-Elect - None

Future President-Elect - ??

Responsibilities

- Attend all Board and Membership Meetings
- Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting
- Fill in when President is not available or for special assignments
- Select a gift for outgoing President
- Send in “slate of new officers” to National after the election
- Chair Administrative Reporting & Nominating Committee

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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