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President's Corner by Diane Hewlett

Hi Everyone!

Can you believe it's October already? I can't, but I'm glad. It's really beginning to feel like fall, and I love this time of year. I love seeing the pumpkins in the stores and the Halloween decorations on houses. That reminds me that I need to get the spider webs up around my front entryway!

Although we haven't met for a while, we've had some great events since our last meeting:

- The joint meeting hosted by the Phoenix Chapter: Our chapter was well represented at the meeting, and it was fun to see some familiar faces from their chapter and also to meet some new people. Both speakers were very interesting, and we learned some valuable information regarding cybercrime and identity theft.

- Launch Party: Our Launch Party at Stratum Laser tag really turned out to be a lot of fun! It was a blast hanging out on the top "maze" and shooting all the kids as they ran by below! We had one game where we didn't do so well, but with some strategizing for the second, we came out in first place. If any of you are looking for group team building events, I would really recommend this as a fun activity. After laser tag, we had some great pizza at Frankie's Famous Pizza in Gilbert.

- Diamondbacks Networking Event: We joined IMA and several other organizations for a night at the Diamondbacks game. With as many hot dogs and chips we could eat, we didn't go hungry. Although the Diamondbacks didn't win, we still had a fun time.

Many of us are looking forward to attending the national conference later in October, and I know we'll have lots to share when we get together again in November and in my next President's message. In addition, Patricia and the Programs Committee have been working hard on setting up a great schedule for the upcoming year, and our November meeting will be Student night. Please watch the website and our newsletter for updates on the meeting and also encourage any students you know to attend.

I am still working on getting all our members involved on a committee. If you are not yet on a committee, please let me know which you would like to help with: Membership, Programs, Activities, and Community Service.

I hope you all have a great October and a fun Halloween!

Diane Hewlett

President

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October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again.

Hal Borland

2013 AFWA Annual Conference No Regular October Meeting

**LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel
Indianapolis, IN**

DATES: October 20-23



Bon Voyage to members traveling to Indianapolis!

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
- **2013 Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference** will be October 20-23 at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, IN and will be celebrating the organization's 75th anniversary (1938 - 2013) (www.afwa.org/news-events).
- **Programming Committee: Upcoming Programs:**
 - November 12, 2013: Jacqueline Parker & Jessica Corral from Headfarmer Recruiting for our *Career Development Night*; Student night – Cost for student is \$15.00; We are looking for sponsors for the students (if interested in sponsoring a student, please contact Ila Sowins-Dunmire). Each student will be assigned a member who will sit with them and introduce them at the meeting. Members will be assigned after registering for the meeting. More information to follow.
 - December 10, 2013: Deborah Lavinsky, CRPS financial advisor topic of “*What Women Need to Know about Divorce and Widowhood*” This is our Christmas meeting, more information to follow.
 - January 28, 2014 *Federal and Arizona Tax Update* 2 hour CPE credit More information to follow
- **Quarterly Food Drive:** Please bring nonperishable food items to November 12 mtg
- **Save the Family Adopt a Family:** Attend the November 12 meeting to choose an item to bring to the December 10 meeting



Meet Your Board

Former Past President - Sherry McGlade

Current Past President - Shelby Williams

Future Past President - Diane Hewlett

Responsibilities

- Attend all Board and Membership Meetings
- Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting
- Responsible for By-Laws and Compliance

The Mesa East Valley Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is pleased to present you with our 2014 Spring Scholarship Application. The selection of scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, work experience, involvement in AFWA or other professional organizations, volunteer experience, and career statement. Students are encouraged to apply even if they are stronger in some areas of the criteria than others.

For more information on our local chapter scholarship as well as National AFWA scholarships, please visit our website: <http://mesaeastvalleyafwa.org/scholarship.html>

NEW THIS YEAR: We are accepting online scholarship applications this year! To fill out the application online, visit: <http://mesaeastvalleyafwa.org/scholarshipapp.html>

Deadline for application is December 15, 2013. Please also encourage students to attend our November student night on November 12. More information can be found on our website: www.mesaeastvalley.org

Please forward this information on to any students you know! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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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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