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Thank You For an Amazing Year



### Upcoming Events

January 9th- Mentoring Brunch at Talebu  
Coffee and Wine, 10am

January 26th- Federal & State Tax

Updates, 2hrs CPE at Macayos in Tempe,  
5pm

February 9th- Economic Update

Calendar



## President's Corner with Deanna Schantel

I hope that you are all enjoying the holiday season and taking time with your families. As we make the transition to a new year, I'd like to reflect on our recent successes as a chapter and thank you all for your participation in our activities. Although the new fiscal year started off with many changes, we've gotten into a great rhythm with members stepping up to help in every area. Each location, speaker, and activity has been a group effort and I thank the board for the work you've put in.

Most recently, Stacy Johnson spoke in November on the topic of Healthy Eating in High Stress times thanks to Laura's connections with the American Heart Association. We enjoyed a Mediterranean buffet at Sheba Restaurant thanks to Kathleen's connection with the owner. Stacy's presentation was high energy and down to earth, respecting the reality of our busy lives and offering excellent advice for making small changes with big benefits. I hope to have Stacy back again next year and if you were there, you know you won't want to miss her straightforward approach to working healthy choices into your daily life.

In December, Ginny McMinn shared a unique presentation on Resilience which was a perfect addition to our Holiday Celebration at Dobson Restaurant. Laura found the perfect speaker for our holiday meeting. Ginny provided simple and powerful tools for maintaining and recovering our resilience when we need it most. If you missed this meeting, please reach out to me for the materials that Ginny created after much research and refined into her 5 Ways Forward. We also collected a great selection of gifts to donate for the holiday community service project with iCan and enjoyed a gift exchange among our members. Laura made her famous holiday cookies which I'm pretty sure were gone by the time everyone arrived home. Dobson Restaurant provided a delicious holiday meal and I look forward to returning there as part of our regular rotation for meetings.

Coming up in January, we will be having our 2nd Mentoring Brunch on January 9th at 10am. Invitations will go out to members after the holiday. I hope you will all join our mentoring group as we focus on our goals for the new year and provide feedback and insight for each other. The next regular meeting is our popular Tax update with 2 CPE credit hours on January 26th at Macayo's in Tempe. Emails will be sent when registration opens. I look forward to beginning a successful and productive year for our chapter and supporting each of you in your professional goals for 2016.

Happy Holidays!

Scholarship Deadline Extended!

Deadline for the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance - Mesa East Valley  
Chapter Spring Scholarship has been extended to December 31, 2015.

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