

AFWA Orange County Chapter Newsletter

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Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance
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The mission of AFWA is to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

President's Message

Millie Culpepper



My heart goes out to those who continue to endure tax season. April is one of my favorite times of the year, with spring flowers, butterflies, hummingbirds and the great SoCal weather. Here's to Spring!

April 18th is the last day to turn in nominations for Member of the Year, NAWBO-OC Remarkable Women Affiliate Award and National Excellence Awards, so please send those to Kristina Diaz. It is a great way to celebrate members or businesses that show an admirable balance between work, family, and community.

Thursday, April 24th, 2014 is our annual after tax fun event. After the busy tax season is over we deserve a break so please join us for "**Post Tax Season Party**" - **Networking Dinner Mixer!** We will be meeting at the Golden Dragon, Costa Mesa, and there will be no speaker or CPE. Come share your favorite work story, enjoy good networking and camaraderie. Who will take home a prize for the best work story? Bring your colleagues, friends and clients and let's share the value of our organization and the diverse resource it has become for all involved. In any case we hope to see you there! Last day to sign up is April 22nd; reference the article below for more information.

2014-2015 Board of Directors

It is hard to believe we are winding down on the AFWA fiscal year. June is just around the corner and the nominating committee has lined up a list of officers/directors. There are seats on the Board of Directors coming up for next year, as well as open slots on various Committees. AFWA board and committee members get "paid" for the work they perform in lots of ways. The nominating committee is still looking to fill a few positions for the 2014-2015 board; if you have any interest in serving on the board, please find Millie Culpepper, Gina Webber or Doris Cerna. We need to fill the positions for Treasurer, Recording Secretary and two Directors.

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Upcoming Events

04/24/2014
After Tax Dinner Mixer
6:00pm Golden Dragon
Costa Mesa

05/14/2014
Networking Mixer
5:30pm Holiday Inn
Santa Ana

06/18/2014
Dinner Meeting
6:00pm Holiday Inn
Santa Ana

[Visit our chapter website for more details](#)

Board of Directors

President
Millie Culpepper

V.P. Membership
Kristina Diaz

V.P. Special Events
Gina Webber

V.P. Communications
Karen McGarrigle

Recording Secretary
Jessica Clarke

Treasurer
Alison Aldrich, MBA

Directors

Sandra Maldonado
Doris Cerna
Cindy Taylor



Also, please consider being part of the leadership team by chairing or participating on a committee. This is a great opportunity to assist the new Board while at the same time being a leader. Do you have ideas about something our chapter can do better? A great way to share your ideas is to serve on a committee!

Keep in mind the chapter events coming up:

Wednesday, May 14th - Speed Networking Mixer

Wednesday, June 18th - Membership Dinner Meeting, Officers Installation, Member of the Year, CPE, Guest Speaker - Scharrell Jackson, CFO & CAO, of Squar Milner

Southwest Regional Conference Flagstaff, AZ will be held on **May 15-16, 2014**.

The national conference will be in New Orleans on 9/28-10/1/2014. Please consider attending!

Millie Culpepper, President

president@afwaoc.org



Please join our LinkedIn group

Connect and network online with other professionals, start discussions and more!

[Click here to view our group profile.](#)

For additional AFWA networking click links below:

[AFWA Orange County Chapter's Website](#)

National [Website](#)

National [Facebook](#)

National [Twitter](#)

National [Blog](#)

Post Tax Season Party

Millie Culpepper

DON'T MISS April 24th Post Tax Season Party Networking Dinner Mixer!

Sign up early to reserve your spot so you can share your
best work related

"war story" or "work comedy"

(In 2 minutes or less - yes we will have a timer!)

Have Fun....Be Creative... Who Will Take Home A Prize!

Come join us for an evening of fun and relaxation after the hectic tax season. Even if you didn't work the tax season, come and share your favorite work story, enjoy good networking and camaraderie with your fellow peers. This is the same wonderful restaurant we had our holiday event at, the food is delicious and everybody loved it!

Date: April 24, 2014

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Place: Golden Dragon
2023 Harbor Blvd., #A
Costa Mesa, CA
949 642-7162
Free Parking!**

Menu: Sizzling rice soup,
Entree: Almond chicken, Mongolian beef, Honey walnut shrimp,
Vegetable deluxe
Vegetable fried rice and steamed rice

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Three convenient ways to register:

By phone: Contact AFWA voice mail at 949-862-0777

By email: Contact reservations@AFWAoc.org

On-line: Register via our PayPal www.afwaoc.org

No walk ins - Prepaid reservations by April 22nd, 2014, any cancellations after the deadline are non-refundable.

Member of the Year Nominations

Kristina Diaz

Each year we recognize one outstanding individual as our Member of the Year for the AFWA Orange County Chapter. This honor is voted on by the membership in appreciation for the personal contributions and leadership demonstrated by one of our members. **As we prepare to select our nominees for this year's honoree, please consider the following:**

- Who consistently demonstrates a commitment and who sets a great example with personal and professional accomplishments?

- Who inspires you to be the best that you can be, to explore your professional potential?
- Who offers advice, encouragement, mentorship or professional guidance?
- Who consistently demonstrates their commitment to the growth and development of our local chapter, and to the goals of professional women in accounting?
- Who has made you feel welcomed, and made a difference in your life since you have been a part of AFWA?

Nomination forms are available and **must be received by April 18th, 2014** and voting will take place during May 14th, 2014 Speed Networking Mixer. The winner remains a secret, and will be revealed during our June 18th, 2014 installation and dinner meeting.

For more information, please contact:
Kristina Diaz 714-726-0775
kristina.diaz@accountemps.com

Recap Business Women's Mega Mixer March 27th

Millie Culpepper

On March 27th, AFWA-OC hosted a booth at the 2nd Annual **Business Women's MEGA MIXER - Orange County** held at the DoubleTree Hotel-OC Airport in Santa Ana. There were approximately 300 attendees, and we met some interesting women.

There was a huge variety of booths selling such things as jewelry, clothing, and marketing materials. It was a great opportunity for partnering with women's organizations and businesses in OC.

CONGRATULATIONS! Four FREE tickets valued at \$45 each went to Gina Webber, Gerlinde Sunbury, Patti Jasinski and Maria Caudle.



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Calling All AFWA Members The Board of Directors Wants You!

Millie Culpepper

It takes a team of dedicated volunteers to keep our organization growing and thriving. Whether you're interested in contributing leadership skills that you already excel in, or want to try your hand at developing new ones, we need your expertise! Serving on AFWA's Board of Directors provides great opportunities for personal and professional growth, as well as developing lasting friendships along the way.

We are currently reaching out to all AFWA members who are interested in joining the 2014-15 Board of Directors, the Board meets once a month separately from our regular meetings. Not sure if you are qualified? There are plenty of experienced members who will be glad to show you the ropes.

Board of Directors Roles & Responsibilities

Each member of the Board shall oversee such standing committees as are assigned by the president and approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall encourage the attendance of committee chairs at Board meeting. If the chair is unable to attend, another member of the committee may represent the committee at the Board meeting.

Members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend all meetings of the Board and at least 50% of the regular dinner meetings. In order for business to be conducted at Board meetings a quorum of the Board must be present. If a Board member cannot attend a Board meeting, she/he should notify the President prior to the meeting.

A Board member who must miss a meeting and who regularly performs a significant duty at the meetings is responsible for suggesting to the president an alternate representative to perform that function. A representative from the general membership carrying out those duties would not be counted toward the quorum and would not carry a vote. Also, a Board member who must miss a meeting may submit a proxy to the president in advance of the meeting appointing any other attending Board member to vote on behalf of the missing Board member.

The following positions are available, and include a brief description of responsibilities:

Chapter President:

Millie Culpepper will be serving as our President and leading us into 2014-15.

Treasurer:

Share your accounting expertise by handling all the chapter's financial transactions

Recording Secretary:

Your great organizational skills will be a plus in recording the monthly meeting minutes of our Board meetings.

Director (2 positions available): These Board members are not committed to responsibility for a specific area, but contribute their expertise as needed to any of the Board's projects.

Officer Responsibilities

Treasurer

- *Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)*
- *Attend all Board and Membership Meetings*
- *Prepare monthly Treasurer's Report and submit to General Membership for approval via monthly newsletter*
- *Prepare budget for submission to the Board*
- *Responsible for all financial transactions for the chapter*
- *Responsible for seeking annual Financial Review and maintaining all financial records*

Secretary

- *Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)*
- *Attend all Board and Membership Meetings*
- *Record minutes of all Board Meetings and submit to Board for approval*
- *Record minutes of Membership Meetings and submit to General Membership for approval via monthly newsletter*
- *Submit Minutes to National as required*
- *Prepare and respond to correspondence locally and nationally*

Directors

- *Attend Board Orientation & Annual Planning Meeting (Retreat)*
- *Attend all Board and Membership Meetings*
- *Oversee assigned committees and report monthly to the Board*
- *Submit written goal implementation report and budget for assigned committees at July Board meeting*

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Millie Culpepper at president@afwaoc.org, Doris Cerna at director1@afwaoc.org or Gina Webber at special.events@afwaoc.org as soon as possible for further details. Come join us and make a difference!

Opportunity Drawing Donations Needed

Sandra Maldonado

Congratulations to the March 2014 Opportunity Drawing Winners!

Alexandra "Aleigh" Dornbach won a Gift Basket valued at \$45 which included set of cups, sweets, and a \$15 Gift Card to Starbucks. Thank you to Millie Culpepper for making the basket, cups were donated by Alison Aldrich, and the \$15 Gift Card from Starbucks was donated by Karen Espinoza McGarrigle.

Ann Solis won a Free Ticket to our next AFWA Dinner, donated by our chapter.

100% of the proceeds from our monthly Opportunity Drawings go toward funding our annual scholarship awards.

AFWA Orange County Chapter's Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) charity which directly supports accounting students in Orange County. All Non-Meeting proceeds go directly to the Scholarship Fund, not to our general fund.

Thank you for your Donations!

Karen Espinoza McGarrigle, donated a \$25 Starbucks Gift Card

Millie Culpepper, donated a \$50 Crate & Barrel Gift Card

Alison Aldrich, donated 2 \$25 JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery Gift Cards

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are in need of donations to continue our monthly Opportunity Drawing which funds our scholarships. Many companies which have donated in the past are no longer able to make a donation. Please consider donating a gift card, or whatever you'd like to see in the Opportunity Drawing! If you have something you'd like to donate, please contact Sandra Maldonado at opportunity.drawings@afwaoc.org or visit AFWA-OC website at www.afwaoc.org.

Scholarship Fund donations are 100% deductible, here are three ways to contribute:

- 1) By mail in support of our **AFWA-OC scholarship fund** (Mail to 3857 Birch Street, PMB 169, Newport Beach, CA 92660)
- 2) By PayPal visit our website at <http://afwaoc.org/scholarship-donation/>.
- 3) At our events Opportunity Drawings

Membership Corner

Kristina Diaz

Our Mission

The mission of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional, and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

Women are still largely underrepresented in leadership positions in the accounting and finance industry. The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance identifies this gap as a major problem that needs to be remedied. Under our new name Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance members achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and contribute to improvements in the accounting and finance industry.

DO WE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?

To update our Chapter Directory:

- database@afwaoc.org
- Go online to www.afwa.org to update National's Database > click on the "Members Only" link at the top of the page and follow the instructions to change your member profile.

Join today at www.afwaoc.org/membership.php

Questions? Contact Us.

By Email: membership@afwaoc.org

By Phone: 714 726-0775

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Newport Beach, CA 926680

National website: www.afwa.org/join

AFWA National News



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PLANNING AHEAD! Please add these dates to your calendar. 2014 Conferences!! They are awesome opportunities to personally connect with your peers, in person, from around the country! Meet chapter Leaders and Friends from around the country. These are some of your greatest opportunities to network in person, get quality education, and take back some great ideas for your chapter!!

- 5/15/2014 - 05/16/2014 Flagstaff AZ
- 5/30/2014 - 05/31/2014 Washington DC
- 5/30/2014 - 05/31/2014 Nashville TN
- 6/06/2014 - 06/07/2014 Spokane WA
- **9/28/2014 - 10/01/2014 Annual Conference in New Orleans. Please plan ahead to attend the RD training and the Annual Business meeting.**

Your Chapter Partnering Committee: Gina Slack, Tyna Gaylor, Renee Richards, Eleanor Siverts-Akerman, Isabel Bradley, Holly Smith, Melinda Drennan, Diane Lyngstad, Shelby Williams, Kris Culliton, Maria Lee, and Karen Hosier.

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