

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

Come join us on Thursday, February 20th, 2014 we will be hosting Networking Mixer, new venue Holiday Inn in the Atrium area, Santa Ana. We encourage you to take advantage of our networking mixer to expand and develop your contacts in a relaxed, business-casual atmosphere!

This month I'm calling on all of us to do some serious thinking about our next AFWA year. We have numerous Board and Chair positions to fill this year. Please give critical and creative thought to how we can ensure these functions are met for our organization. The vacancies listed are for the upcoming 2014-2015 year, which begins July 1, 2014, and need to be filled by April.

Officers Vacancies

President
President-Elect
VP of Membership
VP of Special Events
VP of Communication
Recording Secretary
Treasurer

Committee Chair

Newsletter
Programs
Marketing
Scholarship
Employment Opportunities
Membership Retention
Hotel Liaison
Database / Member Directory
Opportunity Drawing
CPE Certification

Volunteer Opportunities, next month you can read position descriptions to let you know what duties are associated with a position. When you think about a position, consider a two year commitment. A three year commitment is most welcome, although even one year is helpful!

Please think of any suggestions as to who might be able to fill these positions, and if you yourself would be willing to take a position. In either case, please see me or e-mail me at president@afwaoc.org.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Millie Culpepper
President

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Upcoming Events

02/20/2014
Networking Mixer
5:30pm Holiday Inn

02/28/2014
CSUF Mock Interviews

03/19/2014
Dinner Meeting
6:00pm Holiday Inn

03/27/2014
Business Women Mega

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

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

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

[Visit our chapter website](#)

Board of Directors

President
Millie Culpepper

President-Elect - Open

V.P. Membership
Kristina Diaz

V.P. Special Events
Gina Webber

V.P. Communications
Karen McGarrigle

Recording Secretary
Jessica Clarke

Treasurer
Alison Aldrich, MBA



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](#)

Directors

Sandra Maldonado

Doris Cerna

Cindy Taylor



February 20th Networking Mixer

Gina Webber

The first 50 people to sign up for February 20th Mixer by Tuesday, 2/18/2014 at 12 noon will be entered to a drawing for FREE attendance for you and a guest to our MAY 14th Mixer!



Come Join Us for Our February AFWA-OC Mixer!!

Networking plays a vital role in the business world today. Deals are made, partnerships are formed, and employment opportunities arise, all as a result of business and social connections. We encourage you to take advantage of our networking mixer to expand and develop your contacts in a relaxed, business-casual atmosphere! This event is open to all (members and non-members) so feel free to invite your co-workers, clients, etc.

Place: Holiday Inn Orange County Airport in the Atrium Area at 2726 South Grand Avenue / Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 481-6300 www.holidayinn.com/jwa-airport

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2014
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pre-pay at www.afwaoc.org PayPal \$15 MEMBERS \$20 NON-MEMBERS
RSVP: networking@afwaoc.org or contact Gina Webber at 714.929.1320

***Bring a Non-Member Friend and Receive a Discount!!
2 Attendees (Member and Non-Member) for \$25***

Opportunity Prize Drawing!!

March 19th Dinner Meeting

7 Common Assumptions that Can Doom Your New Accounting System to Failure!

Speaker:
Karen McGarrigle, President at Accounting Technology Resources

Date: March 19, 2014
Time: 6:00pm

Place: Holiday Inn
2726 South Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92705
Ph: 481-6300



Karen McGarrigle started her career in the infancy of what was then called "PC-

based accounting" systems. She and her team work to simplify and automate accounting and process flow for real-time decision making. In addition to assisting clients with everyday Accounting and Distribution problems, Karen has helped companies like Billabong USA, Brother's Desserts, Mother's Market, and Premier Business Centers establish and integrate systems with complex mergers and acquisitions, Implement Credit card processing, Process and procedures and much more. Her company, Accounting Technology Resources, has been serving Southern California businesses for over 20 years.

7 Common Assumptions that Can Doom Your New Accounting System to Failure!

Your entire organization depends on your accounting system. From processing orders and payments to tracking inventory and providing accurate and timely information for decision making purposes, your accounting system is mission critical. Selecting a new accounting system is therefore an extremely important decision with significant consequences if not done properly. Unfortunately, there are many common assumptions that are made when selecting a new accounting system - and these common assumptions can lead to failed software implementations. Come and hear tips on how to help your organization succeed at this very important process.

Menu:

Small Mixed Green Salad
Chicken Cordon Blue, Scalloped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
Vegetarian Option: Eggplant Parmesan
Chefs Choice Dessert

Advance reservations are requested and must be received by noon on Friday, March 14th. Free Parking! No cancellations or refunds after Friday March 14th.

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 link at www.afwaoc.org

AFWA National News



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The Foundation of AFWA scholarship applications are available for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Please be sure to share this information with any contacts who may know of qualified students.

The deadline for your chapter to submit a candidate(s) is April 1, 2014.

2014-15 Academic Scholarships

The Foundation's undergraduate and master's scholarships that are to be awarded in Spring 2014 for students to apply towards tuition for the 2014-15 academic year are as follows:

- **Undergraduate Scholarships** - For those attending an accredited College or University in their 3rd, 4th, or 5th year of study, and are pursuing an accounting or finance degree.

- **Master's Scholarships** - For those attending an accredited College or University enrolled in a master's program, and is pursuing an accounting or finance degree.

[2013-14 Scholarship Application](#) (Customize the attached application for your chapter) [2013-14 Scholarship Submission Form](#) (Chapter submits the attached form to AFWA Headquarters)

Guidelines

1. We suggest each chapter set a deadline for receipt of applications that allows for sufficient time to submit the candidate(s) to the Foundation such as March 1, 2014.
2. Applicants are not required to be AFWA members. You and your chapter may solicit applications by contacting the financial aid offices or accounting professors of local colleges and universities. Or, consider accepting applications from residents who are enrolled in accredited institutions outside the chapter's geographic area.
3. Your submission of candidates presumes the chapter has verified the validity of the transcripts provided.

The deadline for submitting completed undergraduate and master's submission forms to the Foundation is April 1, 2014. Chapters may nominate only one candidate per scholarship and only completed candidate submissions will be considered. Submit applications to foundation@afwa.org.

AFWA Member Scholarships The deadline to submit applications is **March 1, 2014**.

- [Certification](#) - To support the exam fees for any one of the following certifications: **CPA, CFP, CFE, CIA, CMA, CVA or CGFM**.
- [PhD Scholarship](#) - To cover the cost of research for a student seeking a PhD in Accounting
- [CPA Review](#) - To provide registration for a CPA Review course

Only AFWA members can apply for these scholarships. Members should submit applications to foundation@afwa.org. The chapter does not sponsor the applicant.



Be a Part of the AFWA Board of Directors

Becoming involved in chapter activities is the best way to take full advantage of your AFWA membership. We offer many opportunities for networking, learning, mentoring being mentored, and for leadership positions, all of which will help you in your accounting career. AFWA's Orange County Chapter is looking to fill board and various committee positions for the coming year. Getting involved is a great way to make the most of your AFWA membership!

The benefits of volunteering include:

- Developing strong professional relationships with other members and chapter leadership
- Parliamentary Procedure using Robert's Rules of Order
- Exploring new areas, technologies, and tools
- Honing presentation, public speaking, and writing skills
- Gaining management and leadership skills
- Contributing to events and initiatives that will benefit all AFWA members
- And much more!

There are three ways to get involved. Choose one, or all!

- **Committees:** If you'd like to be involved in long-term projects and help guide the direction of our chapter, check out descriptions on our website [committees](#).
- **One-time events:** If you'd like to help out with fun events such as Student Night, the Scholarship selection process, or dinner meetings.
- **Donate:** If you're short on time, but would still like to make a contribution, donate to the AFWA Scholarship Fund through our secure donation <http://afwaoc.org/scholarship-donation/>.

I am chairing the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance nominating committee this year. If considering a board position, please complete a bio form. I would be glad to answer any questions you have about board service if you are interested in pursuing a greater leadership role in AFWA. I can say that it has been the best leadership experience and strongly recommend it to anyone who has a passion for our great organization.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Bio Form, please contact Millie Culpepper via email at president@afwaoc.org or call 714 402-5535.

Opportunity Drawing Donations Needed

Sandra Maldonado

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 donation is 100% deductible three ways contributes.

- 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

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. This is one of our main fundraisers for the year and the best thing about this fundraiser is that you don't have to attend!

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

By Mail: 3857 Birch Street, PMB 169, Newport Beach, CA 926680

National website: www.afwa.org/join

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