



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



Join us **Wednesday, June 18, 2014** for a very special installation and end of year celebration! We will announce our 2014 Member of the Year; thank our 2013/2014 Officers and Directors, and install our new 2014/2015 Officers and Directors.

If you only come to one event a year, this is the one!

If you have ever wanted to know more about our organization, this is the meeting to attend.

By attending, you show your support for our local chapter and your appreciation for the hardworking volunteer Board for all of the events that have taken place since last July.

This is your chance to let them know that you've enjoyed the events, your favorite speaker, topic and/or venue. We will have an "End of the Year Report Card" (Survey) that you can fill out to let us know how the last year went and what you would like for the upcoming year.

We are so pleased to have past President and 11 years member Irene Mack, CPA performing this year's installation. Irene is an outstanding professional and strongly supports the Orange Chapter of AFWA.

I am grateful to AFWA and must give a heartfelt thank you to my 2013/2014 Board members:

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clarke
Treasurer: Alison Aldrich
VP Membership: Kristina Diaz
VP Special Events/Scholarship: Gina Webber
VP Communications: Karen Espinoza McGarrigle
Director/Reservations: Doris Cerna
Director/Opportunity Drawing: Sandra Maldonado
Director/Mixers: Cindy Taylor

I also acknowledge and appreciate the committee chairs:

Newsletter: Gail Campbell
Programs: Board of Directors
Database/Constant Contact: Lorraine Shoun
Membership Directory: Kristina Diaz

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Upcoming Events

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

07/19/2014
Planning Meeting
9:00am - 3:00pm
ATR, Santa Ana

08/20/2014
Dinner Meeting
6:00pm Holiday Inn

09/28-10/01 2014
2014 AFWA Annual Conference
New Orleans, La.

10/16/2014
19th Annual Remarkable Women Award Event

11/19/2014
Student Night Scholarship Awards Dinner
TBD

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

Board of Directors

President
Millie Culpepper

President-Elect
Open

V.P. Membership
Kristina Diaz

Hotel Liaison: Noma Bates
Employment: Dolores Lara
Quality Control: Marcy Beck
CPE Certification: Sharon Bujacich
Tax Preparer: Irene Mack

This year highlights:

- We supported member, Sharon Bujacich - Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.
- We networked nationwide, proudly representing our chapter at 75th Anniversary National Conference in Indianapolis, IN
- NAWBO "Remarkable Women Dinner" AFWA 2013 Member of the Year - Kristina Diaz.
- We honored three Scholarship Award winners with \$2,500, thank you to our Corporate and Members Sponsors during our annual Student Night festivities.
- Celebrated with friends and family at the Holiday Chinese Dinner while watching "A Christmas Story" movie in the background.
- Attended 1st Annual Accounting Career Day at Cypress College (Nov-2013)
- Participated in Vital Link & Orange County Department of Education - Regional Advisory Board Business, Finance & Marketing attended by Educators and Counselors from Community Colleges, Regional Occupational Programs (ROP'S) and High Schools Districts.
- Volunteered at CSUF Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) Mock Interviews Event to help students learn what to expect in a job interview as well as how to improve their self-presentation.
- Participated in Cypress College Business and Computer Information Systems Division 2013-2014 Advisory Committee (April 2014)
- April after Tax Season, members and guests came together for an informal Dinner Mixer
- May 2014 we tried our first Speed Networking Mixer, it was very well received!
- Offered up a wide variety of dinner meetings/CPE, or networking mixers monthly

It takes the combined energy and talent of everyone in our chapter to make these events happen. Thank You to all volunteers - your contributions both large and small make AFWA the great organization that it is. In looking to the future, I am honored to continue to serve as your president for the 2014/2015 year.

On Saturday, July 19th, we will hold our annual planning and transitional meeting. This is where we set goals, plan programs, discuss the website and establish budgets for the coming year. We encourage all members to participate and value your recommendations.

**Board and Committee Chairs - Please mark your calendars to save the date: July 19, 2014
9am - 3pm**

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](#)

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



AFWA-OC 2014-2015 Board Installation Dinner 6/18!

Gina Webber

Please Join the AFWA-OC Chapter for a Great Evening of Networking, Informative Information Surrounding Integration Specialists From Well-Respected Guest Speaker: Scharrell Jackson, CFO & CAO at Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP. We will also Install the AFWA-OC 2014-2015 Board of Directors.



Guest Speaker: Scharrell Talley-Jackson currently serves as the CFO & CAO at Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson LLP, one of the nation's 100 largest accounting firms, and one of California's leading independent advisory firms. She joined the firm in February 2000, and has played an integral role in the firm's growth and success, overseeing multiple mergers, and providing executive leadership to the Accounting, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Administrative teams. She is actively involved in all operational aspects of the firm, and serves as a strategic partner, working directly with the Managing Partner and Executive Committee.

Topic: How to Complete a Successful System Integration

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Holiday Inn
2726 S. Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92705
Ph: 714-481-6300 FREE Open Parking

Menu: Mixed Greens Salad, Chicken Piccata, Rice Pilaf with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Chef's Choice of Dessert

Vegetarian Option: Pasta tossed with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Served with Rich Alfredo Sauce

Advance reservations are *requested and must be received by noon on Friday, June 13th at 12 noon.*

Members: \$38 **Guests:** \$45 **Students:** \$30

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: www.afwaoc.org

***Opportunity prize drawings
Tickets sold at \$5, \$10, \$20***

Proceeds support our scholarship fund.

If you or your company would like to donate a bottle of wine, a gift certificate or other items to be used for our Opportunity Drawing to raise money for our Scholarship Fund, please contact Sandra Maldonado at opportunity.drawings@afwaoc.org

Employment Opportunity

Dolores Lara

Wright Ford Young & Co. is seeking a motivated seasoned tax preparer to assist with preparing medium to complex tax returns.

Below are some of the duties and qualifications:

-- Has at least 5 years of tax preparation experience, preferable with a national, regional, or large local firm.

-- Prepared and reviewed 1040's, 1041's, 1120's, 1120S' and 1065's.

-- Flexible hours between July and October then again between January and April.

-- Potential for some limited projects outside of these time periods

-- Familiarity with Prosystem FX and Engagement is a plus.

-- Hourly rate is negotiable and based on experience.

-- Experience preparing multi--state tax returns is a plus.

-- Requires low supervision and can work independently.

Qualified candidates only may submit their resume by email to

hani@cpa-wfy.com with the title "WFY Contract Tax Preparer Application".

Wright Ford Young & Co.

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Thank You WFY!

AFWA-OC Corporate Sponsor for June 18th Dinner Meeting



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AFWA Orange County's 2014 - 2015 Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce that the following Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance, Orange County Chapter 2014-2015 slate of officers and directors, as there was only one candidate for each office and director as the president, I declare the slate elected. (Bylaws: Article IV, Sec 3-B).

Please join us for the formal installation of our new Board during our upcoming June 18th, 2014 dinner meeting.

Congratulations to all 2014-2015 Officers, and thank you for volunteering to guide our chapter in the coming year!

President: **Millie Culpepper**

President-Elect: **Karen McGarrigle**

Recording Secretary: **Open**

Treasurer: **Sandra Maldonado**

VP - Membership: **Lily Gidcumb**

2nd VP - Communications: **Karen McGarrigle**

3rd VP - Special Events: **Doris Cerna**

Director: **Gina Webber**

Director: **Open**

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If you are interested in any of the open Board positions, please reach out to any one of the nominating committee members for further information.

Very special thanks to Gina Webber, Doris Cerna and Millie Culpepper nominating committee members.



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ATTENTION MEMBERS

2014-2015 Annual Planning Meeting

Millie Culpepper

Want to get involved? Develop your leadership skills?
And work with a group of outstanding women? We would love to have you at our annual planning meeting.

Here are the details.

Date: Saturday, July 19th, 2014

Time: 9am - 3pm

Location: Karen McGarrigle's Office

Accounting Technology Resources
200 Sandpointe Ave. Ste 560
Santa Ana, CA 92707
Karen McGarrigle 949.699.1780 (cell)
Millie Culpepper 714.402.5535 (cell)

Welcome to the 2014-2015 AFWA chapter board and committees. We're looking forward to having another great year together!

What to bring if you have a position as an officer, board member or chair:

- A blazer for pictures
- Your enthusiasm & leadership knowledge
- Your job descriptions and a clear understanding of them
- An open mind and new ideas
- A goal that you want to accomplish in your positions next year and a list of 3 to 5 critical success factors that will need to happen in order to accomplish your goal.

Please remember to meet with your predecessors before this meeting. It is crucial that you understand your new position and how you can succeed on the 2014-2015 AFWA Orange County Board of Directors!

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

AFWA Speed Networking Event Recap- May 14th

Gina Webber

The Overall Feedback We Received from Our First Speed Networking Mixer was Very Positive!

Our first Speed Networking Event was held at the Holiday Inn Santa Ana-Orange County Airport location on Grand, Santa Ana, CA! In attendance were Small Business Owners as well as various Accounting & Finance Professionals - both working and some very talented candidates who are currently in transition, as well as Recruiters from various local Staffing Firms.

In addition to asking for additional time with getting to know one another; some of the other comments we received were:

"Very lively; lots of fun; great networking opportunity!"

"I liked that I had to step out of my comfort zone to meet some very talented and accomplished accounting professionals."

"I enjoyed that everyone wanted to network and help each other out!"

FREE June 18th Dinner Meeting Winners:

Member - Karen McGarrigle

Guest - Paula A. Schaefer, Attorney at Law

Thanks to Millie Culpepper & Cindy Taylor for your help in coordinating this event. The AFWA-OC Chapter will definitely plan on additional Speed Networking events for the upcoming 2014-2015 year!!



Who will win Member of the Year?

Kristina Diaz

The votes are in and we have our results! But it's a surprise so come out on June 18th and see if your favorite nominee will be "crowned" Member of the Year!



Gina Webber
VP - Special Events



Karen McGarrigle
VP – Communications



Millie Culpepper
President, AFWA OC Chapter

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 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.

Membership Corner

Kristina Diaz and Alison Aldrich

Hopefully last month you received a renewal notice from National because once again, it's membership renewal time for the majority of our members. If you received the notice, the link will take you to the AFWA National site (www.afwa.org); You will then need your membership number, and your password. I can help you with this, please send me a note (aaldrich7@yahoo.com) and I'll get your membership number to you. When you're on the National site, please take a moment to update your personal information. If you did not receive an email notice, then it might be because your email has changed. The directions above are the same once you get to the site. This month our membership is up to 45 members.

Members expiring in June (report as of 5/29/2014):

First Name	Last Name	Join Date	Expire Date	Anniversary	
Marilyn Jane	Hall	11/1/1974	6/30/2014	39	Longest Member
Marcy	Beck, CPA	5/1/1979	6/30/2014	35	
Ann Marie	Broderick, CPA	4/23/1984	6/30/2014	30	
Gail	Campbell	4/1/1994	6/30/2014	20	
Maria	Beechan	11/19/1998	6/30/2014	15	
Alison	Aldrich	8/19/1994	6/30/2014		
Donna	Bernbrock, CPA	9/7/2005	6/30/2014		
Anne	Christensen	1/18/1990	6/30/2014		
Jessica	Clarke	6/30/2006	6/30/2014		
Kristina	Diaz	7/1/2011	6/30/2014		
Rita	Gittings, CPA	5/25/1997	6/30/2014		
Rhea	Graf, CPA	7/22/1997	6/30/2014		
Penelope	Kinnear	4/12/2005	6/30/2014		
Dolores	Lara	5/1/1986	6/30/2014		
Irene	Mack, CPA	3/25/2003	6/30/2014		
Diane	Ravenscroft, CPA	10/4/1999	6/30/2014		
Lorraine	Shoun, CPA	9/7/2005	6/30/2014		
Deborah	Szul	11/1/1976	6/30/2014		
Tina	Yam	7/21/2006	6/30/2014		
Ruth	Zakowski	3/16/1995	6/30/2014		

If you are interested in becoming a member of AFWA, please fill out a registration form at www.afwaoc.org.
 Members: Keep our records current--log into AFWA National at www.afwa.org to update your contact information.

Drawing for Guests Only

Did you know at every event we hold a drawing for guests to receive a free dinner meeting (a \$45 value)? So bring a guest to the next event and your guest has a very good chance of winning the August 20th dinner meeting on us!

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 92660

National website: www.afwa.org/join

AFWA National News



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Save The Date 2014 AFWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



WEBINAR:

We are very excited to be hosting the **2nd Leadership Webinar June 18th at 2pm Eastern Time**. We encourage all chapter leaders to attend this webinar to learn about the new National Strategic Plan and the tools and information we are sending your way to increase membership and share the membership experience.

MEMBERSHIP:

June 30th is a big renewal time so we encourage you to be proactive and contact those members who are about to renew. It will be a positive touch for those who plan to renew, and it could also make the difference for those who were planning to not renew and change their minds.

On behalf of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance, National Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support of your professional association. We are privileged to count you among the 3,500 members of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance, all of whom we are dedicated to serving. Your participation is vital to the future of the organization, and we are asking you to renew your commitment by completing this year's [membership renewal](#). While you're logged in, take a moment to update your contact information and demographic fields! Simply select "My Profile" on the left-hand sidebar.

Why should you renew?

Resources

- * *AFWA News Brief* - weekly news summary from leading industry publications
- * AFWA's LinkedIn Group - member's only group facilitating member discussion forums, job postings and industry news postings
- * [Online Career Center](#) - providing content that addresses your personal career as well as your hiring needs (sponsored by Accountemps and Robert Half Finance & Accounting)
- * Discounted membership to the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA)

Conferences & Special Events

- * Regional Conferences and Special Events
- * 2014 Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference

[The Foundation](#)

The Foundation provides members opportunities for both scholarships and community outreach via financial literacy.

* [Apply for Scholarships](#) * [Volunteer through our Financial Literacy Initiative](#) * [Donate to The Foundation](#) - help support scholarships and financial literacy initiatives

If you have any questions during the renewal process, please feel free to contact AFWA Headquarters at afwa@afwa.org or call **859.219.3532**.

The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance stands for excellence. Your support is your commitment to our profession and to your career and life balance. Please renew your membership today!

PLANNING AHEAD!

Our AFWA Annual Conference is coming up sooner than we think 9/28/2014 - 10/01/2014. There are some awesome things to look forward to besides seeing New Orleans! We are going to have informative education seminars and excellent keynote speakers. Our new headquarters staff is doing an exceptional job coordinating this event, and we are looking forward to all the excitement that comes with attending an Annual Conference. This your opportunity to personally connect with your peers in person and meet chapter leaders from around the country!

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