



Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance

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Orange County Chapter

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.

AFWA After Tax Fun Event



Saturday, April 18th, 2015
Lunch/Brunch 11:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Rutabegorz
264 Glassell, Orange, CA 92688
Ph: 714.633.3260

Please join us for brunch/luncheon on Saturday, April 18, 2015 as we celebrate the end of the 2014 Tax Season. In recognition of the long hours spent and all the fun you missed during this time, we hope you will join us for our AFWA After Tax Fun Event on Saturday, April 18th at 11AM, at Rutabegorz in Old Towne Orange.

The cost is \$25 per person
Includes Lunch, Coffee or Tea

Menu choices:
Chinese Chicken Salad, Chicken Enchilada, Veggie Burrito
Country Egg Scrambler with side of Hash browns
Veggie Breakfast Scrambler with side of Hash browns

Three convenient ways to register:
By phone: Contact Doris Cerna at 714.227.3312
By email: networking@afwaoc.org
Online: Prepaid reservations at www.afwaoc.org using PayPal by Friday, April 17th, 2015, any cancellations after the deadline are non-refundable.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Upcoming Events

4/18/2015
11:00pm to 1:00pm
After Tax Brunch
Rutabegorz
Orange

05/21/2015
5:30pm
Member Appreciation
Ten Asian Bistro
Newport Beach

6/24/2015
6:00pm
Installation Dinner
Holiday Inn
Santa Ana

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

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President's Message



My heart goes out to those in the middle of tax season. April is one of my favorite times of the year living in California. I am sure most of you are deep in the "busy tax season" but those brief moments where we can enjoy outdoors this time of the year are glorious. Here's to Spring!

Saturday, April 18th, 2015 is our annual after tax fun event. After the busy tax season is over we deserve a break, please join us for "After Tax Fun Event", brunch at Rutabegorz in Old Towne Orange, no Speaker or CPE, however it will be different. Come share your favorite work story, enjoy good networking and comradery. Who will take home a prize for the best work story? Bring your colleagues, friends and clients, 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 17th; reference the article for more information or visit our website at www.afwaoc.org.

Friday April 24th - The last day to turn in nominations for Member the Year and NAWBO-OC Remarkable Women Affiliate Award, it is a great way to celebrate members that show a great balance between work, family and community.

2015-2016 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 2015-2016 board; if you have any interest in serving on the board, please find Karen McGarrigle, Kristin a Diaz or Millie Culpepper. We need to fill the positions for VP of Membership, VP of Special Events, Recording Secretary and two Directors.

Also, please consider being part of the team assisting the new Board. Phone calls will be made to fill committees - please consider chairing or co-chairing. It is a great opportunity to lead and help the team. Do you have ideas of something our chapter can do better? What better way to share your ideas than to serve on a committee!

Keep in mind the chapter Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 21st - Member's Appreciation Mixer, FREE for all members, guests \$20, will be held at Ten Asian Bistro, Newport Beach. VOTE for Member of the Year and 2015-2016 Officers.

Wednesday, June 24th - Membership Dinner Meeting and CPE, Officers Installation, Member of the Year, Guest Speaker - Dr. Miriam Reiss, DSS, MCC.

Millie Culpepper

President

president@afwaoc.org

Member of the Year Nominations

Millie Culpepper

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 on our website or you may request directly by e-mail at president@afwaoc.org and must be received by Friday, April 24th, 2015. Voting will take place during May 21st, 2015 Member's Appreciation Mixer. Winner will remain a secret and will be revealed during our June 24th, 2015 installation and dinner meeting.

For more information, please contact:
Millie Culpepper 714.402.5535
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Calling All AFWA Members The Board of Directors Wants You!

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 2015-16 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.

See below the open positions with a brief description of responsibilities:

2nd VP - Membership:

Open - Help us welcome new members and grow our chapter, as well as focusing on retaining our current members.

3rd VP - Special Events:

Open - Put your event planning skills to work in planning chapter events like our popular networking mixers, as well as our annual scholarship dinner and holiday party.

Recording Secretary:

Open - Your great organizational skills will be a plus in recording the monthly meeting minutes of our Board meetings. Should be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order.

Director (2 positions available):

Open - 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.

If you are interested in any of these positions we look forward hearing from you, please call Millie Culpepper at 714.402.5535 or president@afwaoc.org, Karen McGarrigle at president.elect@afwaoc.org or Kristina Diaz at director2@afwaoc.org as soon as possible for further details. Come join us and make a difference!

Membership Corner

Lily Gidcumb

Do you know Accountants and Financial Personnel who are not members of AFWA?

This is what you should share with them:

By joining the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA), you can strengthen your professional growth. AFWA offers networking and continuing education with accounting and finance professionals at the local, regional and national levels. Our members communicate both virtually and in-person through online, national and regional conferences, and chapter meetings.

The following is a list of current benefits enjoyed by members:

National Directory: Access to an online directory of AFWA Members including accounting and finance professionals from across the country.

Conferences: AFWA hosts a number of conferences throughout the year, including

various spring conferences hosted by local chapters, and National Conference held in the Fall. In addition to networking and leadership development, these conferences offer CPE credit for attendees (up to 24 hours at the National conference!). AFWA members can attend all conferences at a discounted rate.

- National Conference
- Spring Conferences

Social Networks: AFWA Members connect on a variety of platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Members also have access to an exclusive LinkedIn Online Member Exchange to share ideas, and seek support.

Access to Member-Only Site: Our member site offers resources and materials to help AFWA members develop their local chapters and make the most of their membership experience.

Publications: Your AFWA membership includes a subscription to weekly, monthly, and quarterly AFWA publications.

CPE Events: Members earn their education hours along with the benefit of connecting with other local network.

Scholarship: Between July 2013 and June 2014, The Foundation of AFWA awarded over \$29,000 in cash scholarships, review courses, and certification awards, to benefit those working to advance their education in accounting and finance. Many of these scholarships were awarded exclusively to AFWA Members.

Career Center: The AFWA Career Center provides helpful career resources, and connects employers with professionals like you.

Volunteering: AFWA is proud to build leaders. We encourage all members to volunteer with their local Chapters, and to consider advancement to a National Volunteer roll. AFWA offers National Committees, Chapter Advocates, Foundation Board, and National Board positions.

Education

Columbia Southern University: 10% discount on tuition

Review Courses

Wiley CPAexcel: 10% discount on CPA review courses for AFWA Members, and a 20% discount for Student Members

Reference Books

CCH: 30% discount on more than 175 tax and accounting reference books

Insurance

MassMutual: Discount on both long term care and disability insurance

Association Memberships

ALPFA - Building Latino Business Leaders: Complimentary membership for AFWA Members

For membership application and membership fees, click on this link [member application](#)
If you know of an accountant who is not a member, please tell them about us! Have them go to www.afwaoc.org.



Call for Scholarship Applicants with the "Roger Spirit!"

At Roger CPA Review, we believe in recognizing a unique type of academic and professional excellence -- one defined by an enthusiastic spirit and a relentless commitment to professional growth.

We are excited for the return of our annual Scholarship Program that rewards CPA Candidates who embody this Roger Spirit, and we are thrilled to help them reach their goals of becoming a CPA.

We are seeking applicants based on academic merit, involvement, situation, and need. Multiple scholarships of varying value will be awarded, so all are encouraged to apply! Scholarship prizes include Full CPA review courses, 50% off CPA review, and \$250 towards CPA review.

Think you've got what it takes? Apply today! Click [here](#) to apply.

Application Deadline: June 1st, 2015

March Opportunity Drawing Winners

Sandra Maldonado

Congratulations to these individuals who won prizes from our monthly Opportunity Drawing that benefits our chapter's Student Scholarship program:

Makisha Glover Hill won a CD from Dolores Lara.

Millie Culpepper won a CD from Dolores Lara.

Thank you Dolores Lara for your donation, AFWA appreciates your support!

Stephen Moses won admission to our next AFWA event – After Busy Season event.

Eva Xhepa won our Guest Business card drawing.

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.

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

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