



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.

MEMBER'S APPRECIATION MIXER - May 21st, 2015

Mix and mingle with other AFWA member's and professionals!



When: Thursday, May 21st, 2015
5:30pm - 8:00pm
Where: Ten Asian Bistro
4647 MacArthur Blvd
Newport Beach, CA 92660
Ph: 949.660.1010

Join us for a casual happy hour with lively networking, delicious appetizers, to thank our amazing AFWA members for another great year, we're offering members admission!

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce its recommendations for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors for our chapter. Members will be voting on the new AFWA Chapter Slate of Officers and Directors for 7/2015 - 6/2016 term and Member of the Year. The board will be installed and Member of the Year will be revealed at the June 24, 2015 dinner meeting.-

AFWA Members FREE with reservation, at the Door \$15
Guest \$20 prepay by PayPal [REGISTER HERE](#)

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Upcoming Events

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

6/24/2015
5:30pm
Installation Dinner
Holiday Inn
Santa Ana

06/10-12/2015
Spring Regional
Conference
Springfield, MO

July 2015
Planning Meeting
TBD

08/19/2015
5:30 pm
Dinner Meeting
TBD

10/26-28/2015
AFWA
National Conference
Pittsburgh, PA

11/18/2015
5:30pm
Student Night &
Scholarship Awards
TBD

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

Board of Directors

President
Millie Culpepper

President-Elect
Karen McGarrigle

Includes appetizers, drink on your own at Happy Hour prices!

Please send your reservation by E-Mail to networking@afwaoc.org, before 5/20/2015 or contact Doris Cerna at 714.227.3312

*Guest Business Card Drawing Donated by AFWA-OC:
AFWA-OC 6/24/2015 Dinner Meeting (\$43 value)*

*Opportunity prize drawings:
Tickets sold at 2/\$5, 6/\$10, 15/\$20
Proceeds support our scholarship fund.*

V.P. Membership
Lily Gidcumb

V.P. Special Events
Doris Cerna

V.P. Communications
Karen McGarrigle

Recording Secretary
Zohra Cornin

Treasurer
Sandra Maldonado

Directors

Gina Webber
Kristina Diaz
Alison Aldrich



AFWA Orange County's 2015 - 2016 Board Nominees

The 2015 nominating committee, comprised of Millie Culpepper, Karen McGarrigle and Kristina Diaz, is pleased to present the following slate of officers and directors for the Orange County Chapter of Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance for the upcoming year. Congratulations to all of our nominees, and thank you for volunteering to guide our chapter in the coming year!

President: Karen McGarrigle
President-Elect - Programs: Kristina Diaz
VP - Communications: Zohra Cornin
2nd VP - Membership: Open
3rd VP - Special Events: Sufen Wang
Recording Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Alison Aldrich
Past President / Director: Millie Culpepper
Director: Lily Gidcumb
Director: Open
Director: Open

The proposed slate of officers will be presented for a vote by the general membership at our upcoming Member's Appreciation Mixer on Thursday, May 21st. Additional nominations may still be submitted to the nominating committee in advance, and will also be accepted from the floor that evening. Upon acceptance of the slate by our membership, the formal installation of our new 2015- 2016 Board of Directors will take place during the June 24th dinner meeting.

2015 Member of the Year Nominees

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of announcing this year's Member of the Year Nominees. Both are remarkable AFWA members who have given generously of her time and talent, contributing richly to the ongoing growth and development of our chapter.

Please join us in congratulating these outstanding members of our chapter who have been recognized as this year's nominees:



Gail Campbell

Gail has been an AFWA member since 1994. She is a Past President and served AFWA on many other board positions along the way. She is currently serving AFWA in creating and emailing the monthly newsletter. AFWA has been very instrumental in her leadership and networking abilities. Joining AFWA in 1994 was motivated by networking as a priority, but in the end true lifelong friendships became the priority and the networking became secondary.

Gail has over 30 years experience in the Accounting field with her last position as Controller before starting her own business "Profits Plus" in 1994. Profits Plus is a Sage Business Partner with expertise in the Sale, Installation, Implementation and support of the Sage 100 ERP Accounting Software. Profits Plus also caters to her clients needs for accounting consulting along with the software support. Gail's priority with her clients is building relationships and helping them to build profits by work flow efficiencies in an accurate and timely manner. Many of her clients have become lifelong friends and her attitude in everything comes from her life verse "In everything you do, do it with all of your heart as working for the LORD and not for men." Colossians 3:23

Gail is humbled and nothing but a heart of Gratitude for being nominated for Member of the Year of AFWA.



Karen McGarrigle

Karen has been as AFWA member since 2013. Currently serving as President-Elect and VP of Communication 2013-2015, business owner and founder of ATR, recently sold to merge with another company, her new title Sr. Sales Executive at SWK Technologies, Inc.

Karen Espinoza currently is a sales executive for SWK Technologies. She has been in the software industry for over 25 years. She recently sold her business, Accounting Technology Resources, to SWK Technologies. She continues to work in the industry as she enjoys helping companies improve their technology strategies, improve business processes and experiencing their growth and success. She loves to contribute her time in the local community through different organizations such as AFWA, NAWBO and others. Karen is married to Scott McGarrigle and has 4 grown children. She enjoys the outdoors and loves to hike, camp and go RVing on her weekends off.

Karen is honored to be nominated as AFWA's Member of the Year and looks forward to continuing as a member in the AFWA Orange County Chapter for many years to come.

Voting for Member of Year is open to registered AFWA members and will take place in-person via confidential ballot at the May 21st Member's Appreciation Mixer. Results will be announced during the June 24th installation. If you are unable to attend the May meeting and still wish to cast your vote, please contact Millie Culpepper by e-mail: president@afwaoc.org no later than Friday, May 22nd.

After Tax Brunch Pictures April 19th

Check out our new blog page. We have a recap of the event from April 19th.

[BLOG POST RECAP](#)



Membership Corner

Lily Gidcumb

We are very pleased to welcome the following new member into our chapter in April 2015:

Rocky Kelly, Currently attending CSU-Fullerton pursuing her study toward becoming a CPA.

Since this is our last month for membership recruitment to count toward Accounting & Financial 2015 National Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, PA on October 26-28, 2015, we are asking all of you to reach out to your friends and coworkers who would benefit from membership in our organization.

We would like to see each of our members invite a guest to one of our upcoming meetings or networking mixers. This is a great organization, and we gladly welcome *'new faces'*. Be sure to let all of your friends and acquaintances in the industry know we are dedicated to the following:

- Increasing technical knowledge, skills and abilities
- Keeping members current in their field of expertise
- Providing guidance and assistance in career management
- Helping one another achieve our full potential, and
- Contributing to the evolution of the accounting and finance professions

For details on becoming a member of AFWA, visit [JOIN](#) (reference chapter #73) or contact Lily Gidcumb, VP of Membership at membership@afwaoc.org.

Congratulations to the following AFWA members!

May-2015 Anniversaries

Millie Culpepper 11 years
Krystal Wang 1 year
Natalia Tioulkova 1 year

Are you an AFWA member looking for a new career?

It is easy to network through our newsletter! Just submit a bio about yourself, your contact information, and what fields you are interested in to membership@afwaoc.org

AFWA-OC 2015-2016 Board Installation Dinner & CPE

The Right Job and Career for You: How to Create One That You Really Love (tm)

The Orange County Chapter of Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance would like to invite you to our next dinner meeting, where our guest speaker, Dr. Miriam Reiss, will share her knowledge and expertise.

Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 6 - 9pm

Holiday Inn, 2726 S. Grand Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705

Members: \$38, Guests: \$43, Students: \$30

Featured guest speaker: Dr. Miriam Reiss



Dr. Miriam Reiss helps women in accounting and financial services create careers that bring them contentment and prosperity. Co-author of "Branding & Marketing Mastery" Miriam is a career development and business strategy speaker, trainer and master coach. Miriam's business clients have ranged from Fidelity and Boeing to the Washington State Bar Association. Individual clients have included CEOs, accounting professionals and financial service leaders. Past President, International Coach Federation, Washington State Chapter, Miriam holds degrees from Cornell and Columbia Universities. Her doctorate is from Peace Theological Seminary. Miriam has been quoted as an expert coach in publications including Good Housekeeping and The Wall Street Journal. Miriam can be reached at miriam@spiritedmarketing.com , www.spiritedmarketing.com.

Miriam has helped thousands of women to create careers they really love. Many of Miriam's coaching clients have been in accounting and financial services, Miriam worked in mortgage banking as a Director of Marketing. In her early career, Miriam consulted for Fidelity, helping them convert their written offerings into something that people would understand, find desirable and actually buy.

Learning Objectives & Program Content:

Program Level: Overview

Program Prerequisites/Advance Preparation: None

Instructional Delivery Method: Group Live Presentation

Recommended Amount of CPE Credit: 1 credit hour

Continuing Education Chair: Millie Culpepper, president@afwaoc.org

Official National Registry Statement

The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: www.learningmarket.org www.learningmarket.org

Three convenient ways to register by Friday, 6/19, noon:

By phone: AFWA voice mail at 949.862.0777

By email: reservations@afwaoc.org

On-line: [Register here](#) (Add \$5 for late registration after 6/19)



spring regional conference2015 - SPRINGFIELD -

AFWA members and friends from around the country are welcome to join us for the 2015 Spring Regional Conference, hosted by the Springfield, Missouri Chapter. Earn up to 14 CPE hours at this great event!

When: **June 10-12, 2015**

- * Wednesday, June 10, 3:00pm Chapter Exchange followed by Fun Night
- * Thursday, June 11, 7:30am-5:00pm followed by dinner and the installation of the Foundation and National Boards of Directors
- * Friday, June 12, 7:30am-3:00pm

Where: Double Tree by Hilton
2431 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65803
www.springfield.doubletree.com

For more information, please contact Beverly Anderson
E: banderson8993@yahoo.com
P: 417-872-8046

[CHECK OUT MORE CONFERENCE INFORMATION HERE](#)

Prices: Member / Non-Member

Full Conference Fee (Early Bird) \$365.00 / \$565.00
Full Conference Fee (After EB) \$390.00 / \$590.00
Thursday Only \$175.00 / \$250.00
Friday Only \$125.00 / \$200.00
Ethics Only \$75.00 / \$75.00
Casino Night \$50.00 / \$50.00
Extra Dinner Tickets \$40.00 / \$40.00

Registration forms are available at: [register here](#)

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