



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.

President's Message

Millie Culpepper



We're trying out a new venue at J.T. Schmid's Restaurant and Brewery, Tustin. Networking is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow members and guests who may become members. This is one of the benefits we receive when we participate in all that our chapter has to offer. For more information see article below and to register visit our website at www.afwaoc.org.

2014 Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana September 28 - October 1, 2014. Our chapter may send up to three delegates to vote at the Annual Meeting. One of the three delegate positions is still open to our membership. If you are chosen to be a delegate, you are responsible for paying your own costs of attending the conference to include registration, transportation, lodging, and those meals not included with the

registration fee. If you are interested in being a delegate, please feel free to contact me with any questions via email at president@afwaoc.org. We also welcome other members and guests to attend the conference as non-delegate participants.

I'm registered to attend and am looking forward to spending four days with my accounting and finance colleagues. I have attended many AFWA Annual Conferences, and always come home with much knowledge, a significant number of CPE credits, and many new valuable friends and contacts. You can find all the details about the conference including session descriptions, special events and information about Louisiana at www.afwa.org and session information [located here](#). Trust me when I say you too can benefit tremendously from this conference.

AFWA Leadership Opportunities

Interested in volunteering? If you would like to contribute to a dynamic organization, we would love to have you. AFWA's Orange County Chapter is looking to fill one board and various committee positions. We have opportunities for short term and annual commitments for the following committees:

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Upcoming Events

- 09/18/2014
Networking Mixer
5:30 J.T. Schmid's
 - 09/23/2014
Fiduciary Summit
11:30 to 3:00
Santa Ana Country Club
 - 09/25/2014
CSUF-Meet the Firms
Westin SC Plaza
 - 09/28-10/01 2014
2014 AFWA Annual Conference
New Orleans, La.
 - 10/3/2104
CSUF Mock Interviews at CSUF
 - 10/16/2014
NAWBO Gala
5:00 Irvine Marriott
 - 10/23/2014
Speed Networking Mixer
TBD
 - 11/19/2014
Student Night and Scholarship Awards Dinner
TBD
- [Visit chapter website for more details](#)

Board: Recording Secretary
Committee: CPE-Dinner Meeting only, Student Relations, Student Scholarship

If you would like to know more about any of the above committees, please contact Millie Culpepper via email at president@afwaoc.org.

Millie Culpepper
President



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](#)

Board of Directors

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End of Summer Networking Mixer Join us Thursday, September 18th!

[Kristina Diaz](#)



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.

Date: Thursday, September 18th, 2014
Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Place: J.T Schmid's Restaurant and Brewery
2415 Park Avenue, Tustin, CA

Ph: 714-258-0333
FREE Parking

Pre-pay at www.afwaoc.org

PayPal: Members \$15, Guests \$20, Member + one Invited Guest \$25

For more information or to RSVP, send email to: networking@afwaoc.org
or contact **Kristina Diaz at 714-726-0775**.

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

2014 Southern California Fiduciary Summit

Doris Cerna



You are cordially invited to attend the 2014 Southern California Fiduciary Summit presented by Xponential Growth Solutions. Join industry professionals as they discuss fiduciary issues impacting plan sponsors. Click [here](#) to register for this event now!

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 // 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

2014 Southern California Fiduciary Summit

Southern California Area 401(k), 403(b), and Retirement Plan Sponsors are gathering on September 23rd for the 2014 Southern California Fiduciary Summit. The summit is an educational workshop for CFOs, HR Directors, Business Owners, and Fiduciaries to discuss retirement plan best practices and strategies.

The summit is the 13th stop on the [Retirement Plan Roadshow](#), which has helped thousands of plan sponsors positively impact millions of America's participants. Our diverse group of industry experts and plan sponsors makes it a can't miss event!

- See more at: <http://xgrowthsolutions.com/retirement-events/2014/09/2014-southern-california-fiduciary-summit/#sthash.x21eVMtP.dpuf>

CSUF BAP Meet the Firms & Mock Interviews

Save the Date

Millie Culpepper

On behalf of California State University Fullerton's Beta Alpha Psi, we would like to invite the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance to attend our Meet the Firms and Mock Interviews events.

Please save these dates, and future emails will follow with more details.

Meet the Firms	Thursday, September 25th
Mock Interviews	Friday, October 3th
Golf Tournament	Friday, October 17th
Awards Banquet	Thursday, December 4th

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Omar Bayaa
Vice President of Correspondence, Fall 2014
Beta Alpha Psi
California State University, Fullerton
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Save the Date Student Night Dinner - November 19, 2014

Millie Culpepper

Why is that date so important? We will host our annual Student Night dinner that night. This is an evening to celebrate all current Accounting and Finance students who have submitted their scholarship applications to us for consideration. Through your generous donations during the year, we have amassed \$2,500 in scholarship monies that will be awarded to three deserving students. Please mark November 19, 2014 down in your calendars, because you won't want to miss this event. Keep an eye out for more details next month.

If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, or would like to sponsor a table or student, please contact Doris Cerna at special.events@afwaoc.org.

Opportunity Drawing Winners

Sandra Maldonado

Congratulations to the June Opportunity Drawing Winners!

Yan Lu won two CD's "How to Never be Unemployed" and "The Nine Keys to Effective Interviewing" from Dolores Lara, donated by Dolores Lara valued at \$24

Millie Culpepper won admission to the AFWA Annual Meeting held in New Orleans held Sep. 28th thru Oct. 1st, donated by Ledgent, for a total value of \$599.

Laurel Mann won a bottle of wine donated by Millie Culpepper.

Thank you everyone for your donations, especially Ledgent that donated admissions to the AFWA Annual Meeting!

Rosa Zarian 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.

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

Lily Gidcumb

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. AFWA members achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and contribute to improvements in the accounting and finance industry.

How to Become an AFWA Member

Join Membership

Join the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance to strengthen your professional growth. AFWA offers networking and continuing education for accounting and finance professionals at the local, regional and national levels. Our **membership benefits** include the opportunity for our members to communicate both virtually and in-person through online discussion forums, national and regional conferences and chapter meetings.

Individual Membership Categories

- **Annual Regular/ Affiliate Member Dues:**
National \$131 + OC Chapter Dues \$56 + One time Application Fee \$25
Total New Member Dues \$212 / Renewing Member \$187
- **Annual Student Dues:** National \$42 + OC Chapter Dues \$21 Total \$63

1. [Apply online.](#)

2. Apply by mail. Go online and download the application and submit with check per the application instructions. The most recent application will always be located here: <http://afwaoc.org/membership-info/>

3. Orange County Chapter Notification: Also, please send an email only (not the application) to Lily Gidcumb at: membership@AFWAoc.org to let her know you have applied to be a member. Lily will monitor your application status and will address any questions you may have.

4. Once your application is processed, you will receive:

- Membership Number
- Orange County Chapter Membership Roster
- Emails regarding upcoming meetings and events
- Leadership opportunities in a supportive arena throughout the AFWA Chapters
- Subscriptions to weekly, monthly and quarterly **AFWA publications**
- Access to jobs and resources in our **Career Center**
- Access to online networking through **LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Google+**
- Discounted services and memberships from our **alliance and affinity partners:** (Member discount details available on AFWA Member Login)
 - **The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)**
 - **The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)**
 - **The CCH Group**
 - **Continuing education from monthly membership meetings**

Questions? Contact Us.

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National website: www.afwa.org/join

AFWA National News

2014 AFWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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2014 AFWA Annual Conference 9/28/14 - 10/1/14

Astor Crowne Plaza French Quarter New Orleans, LA

The AFWA Annual Conference offers several events throughout the year on the national, regional and local levels. The 2014 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 excellent education seminars and key note speakers. Our New Headquarters staff is doing an unbelievably awesome job coordinating this event and we are looking forward to all the excitement that comes with attending our Annual Conference. They are awesome opportunities to personally connect with your peers, in person, meet other Chapter Leaders from around the country!

- **9/28/2014 - 10/01/2014 Annual Conference in New Orleans. Please plan ahead to attend Chapter Leaders Training, Exchange and the Annual Business meeting.**

Join us in New Orleans and learn from leading experts on ways to develop a variety of your skills. The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference will be loaded with opportunities for networking, leadership development, education - including CPE credit hours - and take back some great ideas for your chapter!!

View all conference details, including the session schedule and registration details at www.afwa.org

Updates will be posted on afwa.org Also, follow on Twitter [@AFWANational](https://twitter.com/AFWANational) or like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/afwa.org) for all the latest on the Annual Conference.

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