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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.

2014 Student Scholarship Awards Dinner Wednesday, November 19th @ 5:30pm



Please JOIN US, for our biggest night of the year, our Annual Student Scholarship Award night. In the last 20 years we have awarded over \$50,000 in annual student scholarships to local college students (female and male) at the university and community college levels who are actively pursuing an education in accounting or finance.

We invite you to be part of our mission to "contribute to the future development of the Accounting & Finance profession" by making a direct donation to our scholarship fund or to partner with us by becoming a Corporate or Individual chapter sponsor. Not only will you benefit by knowing you are giving to a worthy cause, but you will be supporting professional networking opportunities and continuing education credits for members and guest!

Complementary dinner is being offered to all accounting and finance students. Student must E-mail RSVP by 11/14/2014 - Noon to reservations@AFWAoc.org.

**Guest Speaker: Tallia Hart, CEO, Irvine Chamber of Commerce,
Topic: "Rise Above...the Challenges and Triumphs of Becoming a Young Leader"**

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 **Time:** 5:30 PM

Place: Holiday Inn
2726 S. Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, Ca 92705

Members: \$52.00, Guests: \$57.00

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Upcoming Events

11/19/2014 5:30pm
Student Night
Scholarship Awards
Holiday Inn
Santa Ana

12/06/2014
Holiday Breakfast
Citrus Cafe
8am to 10am

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

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PHONE: Contact AFWA voice mail at 949-862-0777

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Our Website: [REGISTER HERE](#)

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President's Message

Millie Culpepper



We've had a good number of responses to our scholarship applications, and I will be excited to meet the four well deserving student winners as they receive their scholarship awards at our November 19th meeting.

As a reminder, all accounting and finance students are invited to attend and to receive complimentary (FREE) dinner. All students planning to attend must RSVP by email to reservations@afwaoc.org by November 14th to reserve your seat.

To cover their attendance costs, we have a number of terrific corporate and individual sponsors helping us out with underwriting, and we welcome more if you would like to contribute and haven't done so yet, please contact Doris Cerna at vp.special.events@afwaoc.org.

There will be a silent auctions, opportunity drawings, and networking with Orange County professionals. If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation to the scholarship fund. 100% of your donated funds are restricted to scholarship awards. [DONATE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND](#)

Millie Culpepper
President

Save the date December 6th, 2014 @ 8am
Holiday Breakfast Event



Citrus Cafe
1481 Redhill Avenue
Tustin, CA

Breakfast at 8 am

Please join us for a leisurely Breakfast on December 6th to celebrate the Holiday Season. You'll have a chance to network or just enjoy each other's company, leaving you plenty of time afterwards to prepare for the busy Holiday Season.

Cost per Person \$ 23.00

Please bring \$10.00 in Canned Food items or personal hygiene items to the event - toothpaste, toothbrush, diapers, soap, shampoo, etc. to be donated to the 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

Let your donation be the prelude to a joyful and festive Holiday Season and the warm connections you make, an inspiration for the New Year.

Please choose from the following menu choices:
Eggs Benedict, Mediterranean Skillet or Smoked Salmon Bagel, Coffee or Tea.

Please RSVP by December 1, 2014, by visiting our website [Click here](#),
By phone please call Doris Cerna @ 949-916-2215, or 714-227-3312.

Opportunity Drawing Winners

Sandra Maldonado

Congratulations to the winner of the prize from our monthly Opportunity Drawing, that benefits our chapter's Student Scholarship program:

- **Laurel Mann** won a \$25 Gift Certificate to Cheese Factory

Thank you all for your support during October 23rd, Speed Networking Mixer! 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 and financial students in Orange County.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are in need of donations to continue our monthly Opportunity Drawing. Please consider donating a gift card, or whatever you'd like to see in the Opportunity Drawing!

Please contact Sandra Maldonado at opportunity.drawings@afwaoc.org or visit [AFWA-OC website](#)

Speed Networking Mixer Recap

Gina Webber



Another Successful Speed Networking Mixer!

We had another successful Speed Networking Mixer at Ten Asian Bistro in Newport Beach! Although it was a smaller group, all the feedback was very positive. We had small business owners as well as various accounting & finance professionals, including several up and comers who will be a great asset in their next role!

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

"Great event! Those who didn't make it, really missed out! This was a great opportunity to spend one on one time with other professionals who I may not have had the opportunity to meet in another setting."

"I had a very nice time speaking with a great group of professionals. I can't wait until the next AFWA event!"

"Good format. I liked that I got to talk to everyone who attended."

"Great venue and food. I really liked the Speed Networking concept!"

**Mark your calendars,
our next AFWA-OC Chapter Speed Networking event
will held on Thursday, March 19th, 2015!**

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 under represented 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.

To learn more about joining our organization, [click here](#)

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