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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe the holiday season is over. It has been a busy fall and time has passed so quickly. At the end of October our national conference was held in Indianapolis. AFWA was celebrating 75 years. It was my first time attending the conference and I enjoyed it immensely. Speaking and interacting with other women accounting and financial professionals from all over the United States was truly energizing. Eunice, an accountant from Seattle, was in my class of first time attendees. She was truly inspirational. Eunice was in her 90's and had been a member of AFWA for over 50 years. She is an example that it is never too late to start something new. The conference provided exceptional CPE seminars and fun-tastic social events. Next years conference will be in New Orleans during the last week of September, so mark it on your calendar and join us for the week.

Our student night was held on November 6, and I want to send a big thank you to Stephanie Sommers. Her efforts and those of the committee are truly appreciated. The students heard from professionals from private companies, the IRS Criminal Investigation unit, and from finance. Our speakers gave the students insight into the various professions that they can enter with their accounting and finance degrees. The students also had the opportunity to speak with our sponsors and hopefully gain information about internships and/or continuing their education. Thanks to our sponsors, we raffled off many CPA review scholarships.

We enjoyed a Bunco Benefit night on December 6. It was an amusing night socializing with other members and supporting our scholarship program. Personally I have never played Bunco, but I learned quickly and almost won. A great big thanks to Pam for putting the night together. All proceeds went to our scholarship program.

January 14<sup>th</sup> will be our annual tax update at St. Clair CPA's. I am sure any the members in tax, including myself, will find this topic very interesting and pertinent to their practice.

Now that winter season is upon us, I want to wish everyone a Prosperous and Healthy New Year and I look forward to seeing you in 2014! Please check our website for upcoming news and events.

Truly yours,

***Tracey Bond-Weincyzk***

President, Philadelphia Chapter.

# January Meeting Notice

**Event:** Tax Update  
**Location:** St. Clair CPA's, PC  
101 West Elm Street  
Suite 500  
Conshohocken, PA 19428  
(610)862-1998

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00 pm

**Cost:**

Members:	\$ 20.00
Non-members	\$ 25.00
Students	\$ 15.00

**RSVP:** Please contact Tracey Bond-Weinczyk by end of day, Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> by email [afwaphilly@gmail.com](mailto:afwaphilly@gmail.com)

**Topic:** We will be discussing the tax changes that will affect the preparation of the 2013 personal and corporate tax returns. Also we will learn the new tax changes for the 2014 tax year. There are many changes, so please come and learn what is new.

## About our Speaker:

### Cheryl Post, CPA, Manager, St. Clair CPA Solutions

Cheryl Post brings more than two decades of tax and accounting experience to corporations, S-corporations, partnerships, estates, trusts, not-for-profit organizations and individuals. While serving a diverse range of clients, she has special expertise in working with businesses in the real estate, low income housing, and investment industries, and with individuals of high net worth.



Many of Cheryl's long client relationships began in 1989, when, after graduating from Muhlenberg College with a bachelor's degree in accounting and history, she launched her accounting career with two of the firm's founding shareholders. As that company grew into St. Clair CPAs, P.C., a subsidiary of St. Clair CPA Solutions, Cheryl specialized in the tax department, where her expertise in tax planning, audits and working

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with taxing authorities, coupled with her sincere commitment to outstanding customer service, continues to benefit clients year after year.

Cheryl enjoys helping business owners, individuals, bookkeepers, and controllers plan to better manage their tax liability. Clients trust her to prepare and review tax returns that satisfy federal, state and local tax authorities and to resolve notices or assist with audits as needed. As a tax manager, Cheryl also monitors technical and legislative changes in tax code, and educates both clients and colleagues on current tax policy. She rigorously pursues ongoing professional development and contributes to the accounting profession by teaching tax seminars for other accountants, as well.

Active in her community, Cheryl is a founding member of the Spring-Ford Women's Club and is a member of the Spring-Ford Music Association and the Spring-Ford Home and School Association. She resides with her husband and two daughters in Schwenksville, Pennsylvania



## Scholarships

**Attention all students:** Scholarship applications are available on our website, **due in February 2014**. Please apply The application may be found at this link:

[2014-2015 AFWA Scholarship application.](#)



**All meetings with the exception of April are on the second Tuesday of every month. Please refer to the Calendar of Events below**

## Members Corner

**Stephanie D'agostino** has moved back to Bala Cynwyd from Reading. She landed her new position at Temple University Health Systems as a Senior Accountant. It's been a lot to take in but so far Stephanie loves it! Even more so, she's very excited to be closer to family and friends and to be able to make it to more AFWA meetings!

Well Steph, we hope to see you at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. It's practically in your backyard!

**Jan Spiegel** just can't say enough about her son, Michael! He is a recent graduate of West Chester University with a dual Bachelors degree in Accounting and Finance. He has also graduated as a Summa Cum Laude. His future plans are to study for the CPA exam starting this January and he starts with Ernst and Young in their auditing department September 2014.



Here is a listing of our meetings for the upcoming year. Mark your calendars now for the dates. Topics and locations may be subject to change, so please refer to our website monthly for the most up to date information.

## Calendar of Events 2013-2014



<b>January</b>	Chapter Meeting	<b>Tuesday, January 14, 2014</b> Tax Update Cheryl Post, CPA St. Clair CPAs, P.C. , Conshohocken, PA 19428
<b>February</b>	Chapter Meeting	<b>Tuesday, February 11</b> Obamacare Speaker: TBD Location: TBD
<b>March</b>	We wish all the best to those of our members working many hours during tax season. We hope to see you after April 15th	
<b>April</b>	Chapter Meeting	<b>Wednesday, April 23</b> Speaker: Laura Flanders Ponzio's 7 West Rt 70 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
<b>May</b>	Chapter Meeting	<b>Tuesday, May 13</b> Proactively Manage Your Career Speaker: TBD Location: TBD
<b>June</b>	Chapter Meeting	<b>Tuesday, June 10,</b> Officer Installation / Scholarship Fundraiser Location: TBD

### **Deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is January 20th**

Please forward all submissions to **Jan Spiegel** at: [jsrspiegel@comcast.net](mailto:jsrspiegel@comcast.net).

Use **AFWA newsletter** in the subject for all submissions please.



## Philadelphia Chapter Scholarship Fund

If you would like to make a contribution or honor someone for a great accomplishment, please think of our Scholarship fund. You may send donations to:

**Mary-Claire Corcoran**  
**324 Woods Road**  
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Please make checks payable to **ASWA Philadelphia Scholarship**. Your contributions will help further the education of a student pursuing a career in accounting. We will also send acknowledgments to your honoree, just send the information.

## Our Affiliations

Did you know that we have affiliations with NAWBO, WIFS, ALPFA as well as the other companies you see here ? What does this mean you may ask? By being an affiliate of these professional women's groups, it allows us, the members of ASWA-Philadelphia Chapter to attend their meetings at their member cost, to expand our networks, professionally and personally to help us grow. To know more about them and see their meeting schedules, please check out their websites It also allows us discounts to the CPA review courses and other benefits to the other affiliates (just click on their icons to go to their websites):



# Do you know any Accounting or Financial professionals 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 discussion forums, national and regional conferences and chapter meetings.

## Benefits of Membership

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

- Prestigious status of professional affiliation
- National contacts for networking and professional information
- Forum for CPE
- Scholarships
- Leadership opportunities in supportive arena
- Subscription to *Accountability* e-newsletter
- National and regional conferences at a discounted rate
- Access to Career Center
- Access to ASWA's LinkedIn group
- National online membership directory
- Discounted membership to the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA)
- Discounted products and services through affiliation agreements (CPA review courses, CCH tax & accounting books, Long Term Care insurance and Bank of America credit card.)

If you know of an accountant or financial professional who is not a member, please tell them about us! Have them go to [www.afwa-phila.org](http://www.afwa-phila.org). Click on **MEMBERSHIP**. Or click on this



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