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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of the Philadelphia Chapter:

Hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are ready to welcome Fall. I will miss the time on the beach and the lighter traffic during the commute to work. Now we can prepare for upcoming holidays and who doesn't love painting and carving pumpkins?!

We are very excited about the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you so much for all who attended the July planning meeting and your input in the programming we will be providing to our members and friends. We hope you all have a chance to join our group for a few meetings. A special thank you to Lori for making the arrangements for the planning meeting!

With the input of the group, we have decided to incorporate more 'social' meetings throughout the year with our first to kick-off our fiscal year on **Wednesday, September 30th**. We will be hosting a social outing through **City Food Tours** with the theme "**Ethnic Eats**" lead by an experienced food and culture expert including delicious eats at a Vietnamese and Thai restaurants, Asian supermarket and Indian restaurant for a cost of \$47 (includes gratuity). We will enjoy an entire meal during the tour and for an additional \$6, you can add a glass of wine. We look forward to enjoying an evening out with you all.

Please remember to register for the **AFWA National Conference in Pittsburgh, PA from October 26-28, 2015** (click [here](#) to register). There is fun and education for everyone at the conference, and you can earn up to 21 hours of CPE credits presented by leaders of the industry. If you are able to make it out early, please sign up for the Foundation Amazing Race on Sunday, October 25th (a portion of the donation is tax deductible).

Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings

Sincerely yours,

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September Meeting Notice

Event: Ethnic Eats

Presented by: City Food Tours
Philadelphia

Location: Ratchada Thai,
1117 S. 11th St,
Phila, PA 19147
just south of Washington Ave

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 30 / 6:00 pm

Cost: All Attendees \$ 47
Add a glass of wine \$ 6

RSVP: Please contact Adrienne Straccione by
end of day, Thursday, September 24 by
email afwaphilly@gmail.com

Mention the words "South Philly" and almost everyone immediately pictures the Italian Market. Yet, nestled in and around the market is a treasure trove of outstanding Asian culinary delights! Treat your taste buds to an exotic journey that will open your eyes to these rich flavors and vibrant cultures. This adventure is serving up enough delicious (not scary) food for lunch; fascinating insight into Vietnamese, Thai, Japanese and Indian food traditions; and a generous side of humor. Our guides are well-versed in many international food traditions.

During your enlightening and delicious adventure, you'll visit:

- A Vietnamese specialty shop and restaurant to peruse Vietnamese favorites and to enjoy scrumptious and exquisitely made roasted pork Banh Mi (Vietnamese hoagie).
- A Thai Restaurant to enjoy a hearty sampling of three delicious Thai appetizers in the lavishly decorated dining room.
- An Asian supermarket, to discover key cooking ingredients that create the signature flavors of many Asian cuisines.
- One of the area's best Indian restaurant to enjoy 2 fantastic appetizers and a delicious dessert, unlike anything you've tasted.

Membership Challenge

We are offering a challenge to all our members. To the member who brings the most potential new members to our meetings and converts as many of those potential members to actual members of the AFWA Philadelphia Chapter will win \$50 towards their next dues renewal!!

So, invite your colleagues, associates and friends to become a part of a great organization of fellow accountants and financial professionals. Everybody benefits!



Scholarships

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS...

Scholarship applications will be available on our website soon, **due in February 2016**. Please apply. The application may be found at this link in the near future:

[2016-2017 AFWA Scholarship application.](#)





2015 Accounting & Financial Women’s Alliance National Conference
October 26-28, 2015
The Westin Convention Center | Pittsburgh, PA

[Register Now](#)

Register today and save! Early bird discount through September 1!

Participation at the National Conference is limited to those registered.

Full registration includes:

- Admission to all sessions (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Access to the exhibit area
- Monday’s Welcome Reception
- Group meals and refreshment breaks (*see schedule*)
- Session materials available online

Full registration does not include: Sunday Pre-Conference Sessions, Student Day, Young Professionals’ Day, or The Foundation’s Amazing Race. Passes for these events may be purchased within the registration process.

2015 Registration Fees

FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION <i>(Monday – Wednesday)</i>	By 9/1/2015	9/2-10/16/2015	On Site
AFWA Member	\$599	\$649	\$799
Non Member	\$699	\$749	\$799

Thank you's all around....

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to **Campbell & Company** for the donation of a diamond necklace to help us celebrate our 75th Anniversary. All proceeds from raffle tickets helped our Scholarship Fund grow



And by the way, they have finally moved into their new digs:
715 Sansom St, Phla, 19106 ♦ 215/627-4996

Also, Kathleen Randell, our scholarship winner had sent us a Thank you note:



Dear Mary:

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the AFWA Philadelphia Chapter Scholarship. I am thrilled to receive this honor. It was such a pleasure meeting everyone at the Anniversary meeting last night and I look forward to participating with the Philadelphia Chapter in the future.

I recently finished a summer class, which brings my current GPA up to 3.95. In the fall, I will officially be a senior and expect to graduate in May 2016. I am planning to sit for the CPA exam right away.

Again, thank you for the scholarship. I am honored and truly grateful. This gift is an investment in my future, and helps ease the financial burden of tuition and books. I hope one day to be able to provide this same opportunity to others.

Please feel free to share my letter with all.

Very Truly Yours,

Kathleen Randell

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

Calendar of Events

2015-2016

September	Chapter Meeting	Wednesday, September 30 Ethnic Eats Dinner at a Vietnamese, Thai and Indian Restaurants Location: Ratchada Thai, 1117 S. 11th St, Phila, PA 19147 just south of Washington Ave
October	Chapter Meeting	Wednesday, October 29, 2015 Affordable Care Act 2 CPE-Other Daniel Batty CFP, ChFC [®] , CFBS, CFS [®] , CLTC Stephen Slade (IRS perspective) St. Clair CPAs, P.C., Conshohocken, PA
November	Webinar	Date to be announced Two webinar options to be announced
December	Social	Date to be announced Group Painting
January	Chapter Meeting	Wednesday, January 20, 2016 Tax Update 1 CPE - Tax Thomas Krauss, CPA, MST St. Clair CPA Solutions, Merchantville, NJ
February	Chapter Meeting	Wednesday, February 17 Income from IRA's 1 CPE - Tax Sponsored by Wells Fargo La Collina, Bala Cynwyd
March		We wish all the best to our members working many hours during tax season. We hope to see you after April 15th.
April	Chapter Meeting	Wednesday, April 20 Professional/Personal Development Sara Canuso Ponzio's, Cherry Hill, NJ
May	Chapter Meeting	Wednesday, May 18 Succession Planning 1 CPE - Other St. Clair CPAs, P.C., Conshohocken, PA

June Chapter Meeting Thursday, June 16
Officer Installation / Wine Tasting
Ciraq Center

Deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is September 30th

Please forward all submissions to **Jan Spiegel** at 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:

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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 or finance. We will also send acknowledgments to your honoree, just send the information.



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 AFWA'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 and go to **MEMBERSHIP**. Or click to **RENEW-JOIN**.

