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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our June meeting took place at the lovely, newly renovated home of Mary-Claire Corcoran, our membership chairwoman and past president and director. Mary-Claire provided a very tasty buffet for our newly installed officers, directors and supporters to enjoy.

I was also invited to show my handmade jewelry, which has been a hobby of mine for about 15 years. Thanks to the encouragement of Pam Wenner and the interest of those who attended, I will be presenting our new treasurer, Renee Cooper and our scholarship chairwoman, Anne Zmijewski with a check for \$ 50.00 as a donation of a portion of the proceeds to the scholarship fund.

Special thanks to the Corcoran Clan: Tim, Joe, Jack, and Patrick for their assistance and grilling skill for this event.

I was very pleased to have the attendance of a very dedicated group of ladies who have committed to fulfill the needs of maintaining our chapter. I know from my own experiences how very difficult it is to maneuver around challenging work requirements as well as family and personal obligations. Initially, we have gotten off to a great start and I appreciate the support. Sincerely, every little bit helps.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28, 2007

Planning Meeting

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July Planning Meeting Notice

Topic: "Planning Meeting"

Date: Saturday, July 28, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$ 20.00 Light lunch will be provided

Location: Seagem (Lori's boat)
Seaview Harbor Marina
Longport, NJ
609.504.8956

RSVP to: Lori by **Friday, June 27th** at seagem.11m@comcast.net

Directions to Seaview Harbor Marina

- ❖ Take the **Atlantic City Expressway** to **Exit 7S** on to the **Garden State Parkway**.
- ❖ Take **Exit 30** (Somers Point/ Ocean City).
- ❖ Continue on the road from the Toll booth. Go past one light. Then proceed to the **Circle**. Go ¾'s around the Circle following the signs for **Somers Point** and make a right onto **Shore Road**. Make the first sharp right towards the Waterfront Marina, and then turn left onto **Bay Road**.
- ❖ Follow this down to the light. Make a right onto **Longport Blvd.** (Mitchell's and Caroline's are on the far corner)
- ❖ Go over the bridge to the light. Proceed straight. On the right you will see **Seaview Harbor Marina**. Make a right at the next light, and follow the road around to the entrance of the parking lot. If a guard is there, let him know that you are a visitor and he will direct you to the far right parking lot for guests that do not have permit parking.
- ❖ Go to the far end of the pool, closest to the beach, onto "A Dock". The 7th boat is **The Seagem**.

WELCOME ABOARD!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We still have some committees open and if you could spare some time, it would be great to have you participate. I would love to have the additional support of more wonderful women in our organization. Jan Spiegel just volunteered to take on the Publicity Committee and Pam Wenner will be the Meetings chairwoman. Programs, By-laws, Education and Legislation, Employment and Yearbook committee chairs are still open for volunteers.

Check out the details for our planning meeting on page 2. In addition to those who have continued to attend this annual meeting, I would be delighted to see some new faces. Please join us to offer your opinions for steering the organization into the direction that fulfills the needs of the majority of our members.

To strengthen the existing membership for those who have been members, who have given their time, effort and support in the past and to ensure that the organization provides value and benefits that the members originally set out to gain when they began their membership. I believe that this is the number one goal this year!

I would like the chapter to be a vehicle to new members to assist in spreading their wings, sharpening their volunteer and public speaking skills and enabling them to lead the organization into the future.

Please mark you calendar and contact me to RSVP for the planning meeting as indicated, at your earliest convenience. Even if you are unable to attend, it will be imperative to have your voice heard through the survey attached. So email the completed form to me as soon as possible. Your response would mean so much to me and to the future of the chapter.

Enjoy the summer!

Lori Lucente-McKeage
Chapter President

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Barbara Weisenbach, current chapter director, who just started a new position as Senior Manager with The Siegfried Group, LLP. The company's headquarters is in Wilmington, DE and with 26 offices throughout the US, provides high-caliber, experienced accounting and financial professionals to assist with the implementation of high-priority, critical financial work.

Although Barb prefers us to contact her through her home email and phone number which are respbill1@verizon.net and (856) 546.5779, her work place is located as follows:

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Information Update and Survey 2007

Please provide as much information as applies to you and return this form to Lori McKeage at seagem.ilm@comcast.net by July 24, 2007. Your answers will be used for discussion purposes at the July planning meeting on the 28th. Looking forward to your cooperation in completing this survey.

Name:

Home address:

Home Phone:

Work:

Email address:

Cell phone #:

Company Name:

Your Title:

Address:

Phone#:

Description of what the company does/Industry:

Your professional interests:

Your personal interests:

Marital Status/Family details:

ASWA positions held past/current:

Date of Last Meeting Attended:

Professional Designations (ex. CPA):

Do you need to maintain CPE credits?

What other organizations are you a member: (please list offices held if applicable)

Survey:

- 1) Does your company pay for annual and/or meeting dues?
- 2) What have you enjoyed about your ASWA membership and participation in the past?
- 3) What have you disliked, or not enjoyed with regard to the organization in the past?
- 4) What do you feel needs to be improved or what do you believe the membership should provide that it currently doesn't?
- 5) Are you interested in participating in a committee or as a committee chair for the 2007-2008 membership year? If you have committed your time already, please list the committee or position.
- 6) Would your company be willing to provide a speaker for a meeting? Or would you like to speak at a meeting? If so what would be the general subject matter?

Information Update and Survey 2007

7) Would your company be willing to sponsor a location to hold a monthly meeting for at most 25 attendees?

8) Would your company be willing to sponsor the meals for a meeting for at most 25 attendees?

9) To assist us at the July 28th Planning Meeting, please supply subject matter for seminars and events that would be interesting in December for our Social Meeting and any other items of interest to be discussed. We will put your ideas on a list to be discussed at the planning meeting.

10) If you are not currently active (at least attending meetings regularly) what are the reasons?

11) If you have not renewed your membership this past year (2006-2007), what were the reasons? Please discuss whether the circumstances have changed or whether there is something that the officers and directors need to address in order for you to consider renewing for 2007-2008?

12) If you don't renew because of the cost or lack of ability to attend meetings, would you be interested in receiving our emailed newsletter for a nominal fee of \$ 25 which would provide you with a one-time voucher to attend one free meeting during an annual period, effective the date of payment? Please note, if you do not renew, we must take you off of our mailing list by December 31 of the membership year.

13) Final comments:

To All Interested Tax Professionals:

On Tuesday, July 24th, at 11:00AM, the Internal Revenue Service Mid-Atlantic Area Stakeholder Liaison office will host a free, one hour phone forum on the topic of "e-Services". IRS Senior Stakeholder Liaison Filomena Mealy will be the featured speaker. Ms. Mealy has been involved with IRS e-Services for practitioners since the program's inception and she is a subject matter expert on the various components of e-Services:

- **Online Powers of Attorney**
- **Electronic Account Resolution**
- **Transcript Delivery System**

This free phone forum will last for approximately 1 hour and will allow time for participants' questions. Pre-registration is required -- please follow the steps listed on page 7 and 8 of the newsletter.

Please feel free to forward this e-mail to staff members and members of your professional organizations who might be interested in learning more about IRS e-Services for tax professionals.

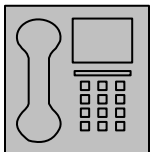
Also: IRS is sponsoring 2 upcoming National Phone Forums:

**Future Annual Conference
ASWA/AWSCPA
Joint Inspired Solutions Conference
October 25-27, 2007**

Reminder

The annual dues bills have been mailed and payments were due by July 1st. A late fee of \$ 10 is now required. If your invoice was not received, please contact the membership chair Mary-Claire Corcoran.

IRS Stakeholder Liaison presents:



A Local Phone Forum

e-Services....An Overview

Date: July 24, 2007 - 11:00 AM EST

Cost: FREE!!!

Location: The convenience of your home or office!

Be our guest:

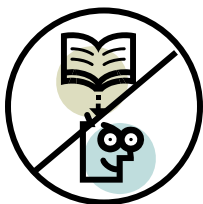
- Tax Professionals & Practitioners
- Electronic Return Originators (EROs)
- Payers who submit information returns subject to backup withholding
- State Tax Administration Agencies

Learn about e-Services, how to resolve account issues and more:

e-Services provides the efficient way to resolve account client issues and communicate with the IRS! Learn how to sign-up and utilize e-Services incentive products such as Disclosure Authorization. Submit an online Power of Attorney. Utilize the Electronic Account Resolution and the Transcript Delivery System to resolve your clients' account issues or need for account information! Obtain a Preparer Tax Identification online or use the Interactive TIN Matching application. Update and update your e-file Application online!

Earn Continuing Professional Education credit:

- Enrolled agents receive one CPE credit for a minimum 50-minute participation
- Other tax professionals may receive credit if they qualify per their organization
- You need to register individually and use your PIN to receive credit
- Call in on a separate line to verify attendance



A question and answer period will follow the presentation; however, due to the public nature of the call, we will not be able to answer specific client issues.

Sign up now! Here's how:

The conference is on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 11:00 AM EST. Duration: 1 hour.

- Register at: <https://www.attevent.com/rsvpreg.asp?PPass=408372>
- You will be assigned a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that must be used to join the conference.
- If you have never registered with AT&T for a prior phone forum, you will need to click on "create a profile" first.

Register by July 22, 2007. We will e-mail materials for the class on July 23, 2007.

If you do not receive this e-mail by 4:00 PM (EST) on July 23rd, e-mail us at: philip.g.yamalis@irs.gov or filomena.mealy@irs.gov to request the presentation materials.

Reservations are limited so register early!!! Please let us know if you registered and will not be able to attend the forum as there is a fee charged to the IRS for each unused line.

Dial in on July 24, 2007:

Toll free: 1-866-216-6835

Toll: 1-913-227-1220

- Dial in 3-5 minutes early
- Enter the conference code **(408372)**, then the pound (#) sign
- Enter your Personal Identification Number (PIN), then the pound (#) sign
- Your line will be placed on hold until the conference begins

Questions? E-mail us at:

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