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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of the Philadelphia Chapter:

It's been an exciting, educational, challenging, motivational, self-esteem building 2 years. My presidency is coming to an end and I want to say **Thank You** to everyone. Along the way there have been many people who have been so encouraging and supportive. I can't say how important it was to have that support to help me through some of the challenges that I faced. Even with those challenges, it's been a wonderful experience. There have been so many lessons learned and I truly appreciate the opportunity to have honed my professional skills as I worked my way through our different board positions. Some of those improved skills were in organizing, planning, public speaking and many more. AFWA provides an important service in allowing us to work on those skills in an environment that has little intimidation and plenty of encouragement. And on that note, I have to encourage everyone to **"Lean In" and get in involved**. I can't express enough how rewarding it's been.

Thank you to our fellow member **Kathy Rue from Bookminders** for her presentation of some advanced functionalities of QuickBooks. I heard from a number of people who attended the meeting that they found a topic or more that they would be able to incorporate in their regular use of QB's. We hope Kathy will be able to speak again with some new helpful tips or little known features that QuickBooks has to offer. We appreciate improving our opportunities to help ourselves and our clients.

Wednesday, June 19th at 6pm is the final meeting of our fiscal year. We're going to be celebrating a **Happy New Year and an Exciting New Name**. You don't want to miss this sensational party with great food, at a beautiful location, with interesting and fun people. The details are on the following page and don't forget to RSVP to this exciting evening.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and please mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 20st**. Our new Chapter President, Tracey Bond, will be hosting her first planning meeting for the new fiscal year and we'll need all the help we can get to plan a successful new year.

Pam Wenner

President of the Philadelphia Chapter

June Meeting Notice

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Event: Happy New Year & Exciting New Name

**Location: The Conservatory at West Laurel Hill Cemetery
225 Belmont Ave,
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
(267) 991-0048**

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 19, 6:00pm

Cost: \$ 35.00

**RSVP: Please contact Pam Wenner by end of day,
Monday, June 17, 2013 by email
afwaphilly@gmail.com**

Program:

**Presentation of the
ASWA-Philadelphia Scholarship for 2012-2013
to
Ashley Bauscher**

**Installation of the 2012 – 2013 Slate of Officers
for Philadelphia, Chapter 6 of AFWA.**

Networking

**Celebration of the
Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance**

Planning meeting – Saturday, July 20, at 10 am

What's this you ask? This is our most important meeting of the year. We get together, bring our ideas for topics, speakers and plan the upcoming year.

We get all our planning out of the way so that during the year, we can just get down to business.

This gives you a chance to contribute to the programs, get involved and get to know us.

This year's meeting will be held at our new President Tracey Bond's home, 2002 Sylvan Park Road, Burlington NJ, 08016

Tracey also tells us to bring our swimsuits. After the meeting, we can enjoy they're pool.

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Deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is August 22th

Please forward all submissions to Jan Spiegel at: jsrspiegel@comcast.net.

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

Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance
Philadelphia Chapter
presents our slate of officers for the 2013-2014 year

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We have three openings for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please email Tracey Bond at tracey@linowitzcpa.com, to express your interest in being on our team for the next year. The best way to get involved is to serve on a committee.

This is where the organization enhances its goal to "Empower Successful Women". AFWA offers the opportunities for our members to take on various leadership roles within the organization in a progression of responsibilities. This is one of the most valuable benefits of your membership because as you grow into leadership roles and assume responsibilities, you will have the support of valued friends at your side.



Happy New Year

And An Exciting New Name

Dear AFWA Members and Friends;

Don't miss out on this fun evening. We would like to invite you to an exciting celebration. We're having a blow out bash to kick off the New Year and our New Name. Don't miss out on this exciting evening with great food and fun friends at a truly unique location. The festivities are being held at The Conservatory at West Laurel Hill Cemetery. This is truly a beautiful historic location. Please RSVP to the email below as soon as possible so we can be sure to be prepared for this thrilling night.

Wednesday, June 19th at 6pm

Cost: \$35.00

The Conservatory at West Laurel Hill Cemetery
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AFWA Philadelphia Chapter President

Please RSVP to me at afwaphilly@gmail.com

And the winner is.....

The Philadelphia chapter of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA, formerly known as our 2013 Scholarship winner, Ashley Bauscher, who is completing her junior year at Alvernia University, just outside of Reading Pennsylvania. Of all the applications received, Ashley has shown outstanding grades (3.95 overall/4.0 in Accounting/Finance courses) while being involved as a student member of the AICPA, IMA and she tells us, soon a student member of the AFWA. Ashley is also a member of Phi Beta Lambda, the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and a VITA volunteer.



AFWA) is proud to announce winner, Ashley Bauscher, junior year at Alvernia Reading Pennsylvania. Of received, Ashley has shown overall/4.0 in courses) while being member of the AICPA, us, soon a student member of the AFWA. Ashley is also

In her essay she says, "I will be in my senior year at Alvernia University, and will earn my Bachelors' degree in Accounting. Looking back at the type of student I had been ten years ago, I am amazed at my progress and all that I have accomplished in the last two years. I worked as a medical assistant for six years and had very little to show for it. I know deep down that I was meant for something more, but I did not know what, and this feeling led me to find out by re-enrolling in college. Two semesters into the business program, I found something that I enjoyed and excelled at: accounting. Not many people find accounting as fascinating as I do, but there is something about the ethical aspect of auditing that is driving me to become a CPA. "

She continues with "I believe that my dedication and participation will prepare me for the CPA exam as well as a fulfilling career. Although it took ten years, I am happy to have found a career incorporating ethical values that match my own."

We will be making our presentation of the scholarship award at our June meeting, so please come and congratulate Ashley. She has a bubbly and enthusiastic personality that you will certainly not want to miss.

Upcoming Events and Conferences



**2013 Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual
Conference
October 20-23, 2013
Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN**

It's Our 75th Anniversary!

The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance turns 75 this year! We are planning to celebrate in style during the [2013 Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference](#), which we have intentionally scheduled in Indianapolis, Indiana, the location of our very first chapter! Now, we are counting on you to help us make the most of this special occasion.

Send Us Your Chapter Memorabilia! The conference "Fun Night", to be held on Sunday, October 20th, will serve as the pinnacle of our celebration, where we will gather with members from across the country to commemorate this special 75-year milestone. As part of our celebration, we are asking our chapters to share memorabilia that your chapter has collected over the years. We hope you will have fun with this, and to add some competition, we plan to award chapters for superlatives such as "funniest", "oldest", and more.

Help Us Create a Documentary! We would love to receive video interviews of members who can provide some history about your chapter. If possible, please identify one of your members who has been in the chapter for a long period of time and film them for a minute or two to provide some commentary about the "way things were" back at some point in time. If your chapter is relatively new, we would still love to receive a 1-2 minute clip about your chapter. Ultimately, we'd like to combine these video clips into a short "documentary" to share during the conference and later through social media.

• Members Corner œ

Ashley Bauscher is 27 and will graduate in May 2014 with her Bachelors' in Accounting. She plans to go on for her MBA so that she will be able to be a licensed CPA. She currently tutors Accounting and several other business courses at Alvernia University. Ashley loves tax and audit! She is the President of Delta Mu Delta, the business honor society, also the VP of SHRM and Phi Beta Lambda. This summer she will be interning at Penske Truck Leasing in the billing department. Ashley will be attending several conferences for SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management), IMA (Institute of Management Accountants), PICPA, and AFWA. "If it isn't already clear, I love accounting! When I am not working or studying, I like to go hiking and camping."

Ashley also happens to be our Scholarship winner this year. She happens to be a very enthusiastic student and member of our AFWA chapter. Please congratulate her at our June meeting!!

Sherine Grizzelle currently works as a Financial Analyst 2 at T. Rowe Price in Baltimore Maryland, but resides in York Pa. She is a transplant from the beautiful island of Jamaica. Her primary area of expertise are, budgeting and forecasting, project management accounting and reporting, month end close and variance analysis. She has recently completed an Advanced Financial Modeling in Excel course online to expand her formal Excel training. Sherine obtained her MBA in accounting from the Florida Institute of Technology. She is an avid healthier living advocate and enjoys running, walking, yoga and biking. She is also the mother of two boys.

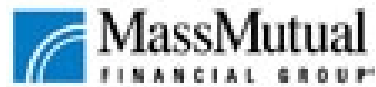
"I heard about ASWA a year ago at the IMA conference in Las Vegas, but only recently committed to becoming a full member. Logistically it will be difficult for me to attend the events the Chapter has been organizing, but available to connect at weekend activities or regional conferences."

Please give Sherine a warm welcome when she comes to our meetings. She will have traveled a long distance to attend.



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):



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
Glenside, PA 19038

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.

Do you know Accountants 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 who is not a member, please tell them about us! Have them go



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