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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of the Philadelphia Chapter:

This is it, my last president's message. I can't believe two years have passed so quickly. I have to say that I have mixed feelings. This has been a very rewarding position to hold. I recommend it to anyone who can make the commitment. The more you are able to do, the more rewarding it becomes. I am excited to have Renee Cooper take over the reigns, and although we have accomplished many of the goals I set with our executive team, there is so much more that I would have liked to do. That's why I think Renee will enjoy her presidency with plenty of help. I am committed to assist as Immediate Past President and we have very dedicated women who have pledged their commitment to our executive team. So as soon as she establishes the goals she plans to attain for her presidency, Renee has an excellent team to help her. See our Slate for 2009-2010 on page 3. We still have some important positions open and will tap a few shoulders before our next meeting. I hope some of you who haven't held an executive position will rise to the calling. Although student members are not eligible for the executive positions, they are certainly welcome to volunteer for a committee.

The final event of our fiscal year will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at Bryn Mawr College.

At this light fare reception, we will:

- Network with our Past Presidents, New Members and Guests.
- Conduct a brief installation of officers and directors ceremony.
- Share with new members and friends, special ASWA memories experienced with old friends.
- Continue our tradition to raise funds for our chapter scholarship through a silent auction of two free registrations for the October Joint National Conference in Las Vegas at the Palm Hotel, awarded by National for our increase in membership this year through our "Hit the Jackpot Campaign". (These prizes are worth over \$ 500 each).
- Conduct our raffle with some exciting prizes.
- Award the prizes for the Mentor Program Achievement Contests.

We encourage each of our members to bring to the meeting pictures or any other memorabilia that you may have kept that represent special memories of past ASWA events. If you are unable to attend but would like to share such memorabilia, send it to me with a note, I would appreciate showing your memories. I will see that it is returned to you in the same condition as you sent it.

I am truly looking forward to catching up again with our old friends as well as introducing them to our newest members. This meeting was extremely well received last year and I hope that you will make it even better by joining us to toast our New Executive Team!

I thank you all for making this two year term a delight. And I wish the same for my successors: Renee Cooper, Pam Wenner and Kathy Brunner.

Very truly yours,

Lori Lucente-McKeage
President of the Philadelphia Chapter

June Meeting Notice

Event: ANNUAL NETWORKING RECEPTION

Location: Wyndham- The Alumnae House of Bryn Mawr College - 101 N. Merion Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

For directions go to www.brynmawr.edu and click on "Admissions", then "click here for maps and directions" in the middle of the page. Once you get directions from your point of departure, if you are going west on Montgomery Ave the easiest way to get to the Wyndham is to make a right on Morris Ave, to the parking lot on the left side. When you are in the parking lot, The Wyndham is east in the middle of that side, straight back.

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Cost:

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

RSVP: Please contact Pam Wenner by end of day, Friday June 12, 2009 by email pwenner@bkicpa.com or call her at (610)-254-8961 ext 23.

Topic: Networking, Networking, Networking to include:

- Past President Appreciation – Meet the Past Leaders of Our Chapter and Gain Some History.
- Installation of Officer and Directors Ceremony – Meet the Current Leaders of our Chapter.
- Results of Our Mentor Contest and Open Forum Discussion of the Accomplishments of Our Mentor Teams during– Meet the Future Leaders of our Chapter.

Please contact Lori McKeage if you would like to offer an item for the Scholarship Raffle. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Members please bringing one of your favorite bottles of wine to share with our guests and members.

Sponsorship for this meeting is being provided by Becker CPA Review through member Sunny Chanthavong.

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**ASWA – Philadelphia, Chapter 6
Slate of Officers and Board Members
2009- 2010**

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- Mary-Claire Corcoran, CPA
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Committee Chairs:

Mary Duff and Kathy Brunner	Website
Lori McKeage	Employment
Mary Claire Corcoran	Membership
Jan Spiegel	Newsletter/ Publicity
Marian Borzelleca	Scholarship
Angela Wilsey with Liz Kolar as Student Night Moderator .	
.	Student Activities
Mary Feeney Bonawitz	
..	By Laws
Theresa Copeland	Mentor Program

Open Committee Chairs:

- Meetings
- Programs
- Member Relations
- Legislation

Inspiring Volunteers

ASWA committee members get “paid” for the work they perform in lots of ways. In addition to education and networking opportunities, ASWA provides a safe, non-threatening environment for its members to develop the skills they need to move ahead in their own careers. We encourage our members to seek committee assignments where they can enhance their skills needed to move ahead in your professional careers. For those who have the skills, it’s time to pay it forward by building future leaders.

Recap of the May 13th Meeting at Ponzio by Pam Wenner

The May meeting on **“Containing Client Benefit Costs: Present & Future”** was very interesting and I think many found some useful information. Leanne Cindea of Evesham Capital Management and Terriann Procida of Innovative Benefit Planning, LLC worked very well together in presenting some interesting and helpful information. Some of the potential cost saving ideas were discussed such as establishing wellness programs. If you can keep your employees from getting sick or promoting wellness, it will decrease the need for treatment. The overall healthcare costs go down which helps to reduce the insurance premiums. This is an example of the importance of taking care of ourselves. Another topic that was discussed was a benefit that NJ has available to older students and recent graduates. Many people in these groups do not have health benefits and many of us were surprised to learn there are options available that will allow children to stay on their parents health plans even as late as age 31. Pennsylvania has a similar plan in the works as well.

The meeting was held at Ponzio’s in NJ and we want to thank Leanne Cindea and her company Evesham Capital Management, as well as Terriann Procida and her company Innovative Benefit Planning, LLC for their sponsorship of the meeting. It was greatly appreciated.



Leanne Cindea and Terriann Procida



Many of the members who attend the May meeting at Ponzio's



Message to Members from President Elect Renee Cooper:

I wish to thank Lori for doing a marvelous job these past two years. She has taken the Philadelphia Chapter of ASWA to a whole new level and I hope that I can continue in that vein. I am looking forward to my years as President and thank everyone that has volunteered, to continue to steer our organization forward. I hope we can continue to expand our membership base and that we all benefit from being members of ASWA. I know in this difficult time we all need all the networking and support available to us. I hope we all see ASWA as a resource in some way, whether it be to help ourselves or those near and dear to us. So I hope you join me on my journey as your President and I look forward to this adventure.

Renee

🌀 The Spotlight this month: 🌀

We are very proud to announce the recent accomplishments of our By Laws Chair. In April, **Dr. Mary Feeney-Bonawitz** won the Campus Award for Teaching Excellence and the Campus Linda Fehr Award from the University Women's Commission for service in women's interests at Penn State University. She was also invited to Oxford University to participate in an International Women's Conference for Academics following her submission of a paper that she wrote, and her abstract was accepted. She is extremely excited and says she has a hard time imagining a low to mid-income, Irish Catholic kid from Queens speaking at Oxford University.

Mary has no idea who recommended her, as the conference is by invitation only. Her dean and the faculty are thrilled for her as this honor seldom if ever happens to faculty on her campus.

Mary said "I never expected any of this since I teach the killer intro accounting class. They call me Terminator II. Terminator I is the business calculus professor. It is due to one of these two classes, when students fail to be accepted at Smeal Business School at the main campus."

This is a wonderful time for Mary, we know her better than her students and know that she deserves these honors. We wish her a wonderful trip to England for the Conference at Oxford University.

Good Luck at your New Job

Our Student member and 2008 Mentee, **Hilary D'Aprile** started a new job only 2 weeks in but would like to say that she is enjoying it. The firm is Miller Coffey Tate, LLP located at 8 Penn Center, Suite 950 1628 John F. Kennedy Boulevard Philadelphia, PA, 19103. It is a full service accounting firm with a specialty in bankruptcy, fraud investigations and litigation support. Although the firm is small in size (about 15 people), they have been and are currently involved in some high profile cases. Her title is staff accountant and will mostly be working from the office on cases and audits with occasional travel to sites and clients.

We wish Hillary the best of luck in her new position.



Congratulations to our 2009 Graduates:

Student member and 2009 Mentee, **Lori Culbertson** graduated in May from **Delaware Valley College**. She is registered for a Philadelphia CPA Review course which starts June 9th. She is still seeking out full time employment. She is also planning her wedding for June 5, 2010.

Student member and 2009 Mentee, **Stephanie D'Agostino** graduated from **Chestnut Hill College** on May 9th. She has secured a full time position as a staff accountant at Herbein + Company, Inc., which is located in Reading, PA. We understand that her mentor, Mary-Claire Corcoran has been helping her apartment hunt in Reading. There she will be doing mainly auditing but some tax work as well. On June 9th she joins fellow mentee, Lori in beginning the Philadelphia CPA Review.

Student member, **Brittany Gephart** graduated from **LaSalle University** on May 17, 2009. She begins a position at PricewaterhouseCoopers starting in October. During the summer, she will be taking the Becker Review, for which she served as a campus rep while attending classes. She will be spending this summer studying for the CPA exam.

Student member and 2009 Mentee, **Cindy Zhang**, will receive her degree from **Drexel University** on June 13th. She is a resident of Princeton, NJ. She is currently pursuing opportunities for a full time position.

Danielle Raniolo, Student member, graduated from **Villanova University** on May 17th with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. She was also named the 2009 PICPA Outstanding Senior for Villanova University. She has accepted an audit position with KPMG LLP in the New York office starting October 5th. She was a campus rep for Becker and is currently studying for the CPA Exam.

Jennifer Warhoftig, Student member and Mentee in 2008 graduated from **Temple University** on May 14th. She will also be starting classes with Liz Kohler at the Philadelphia CPA Review on June 9th. She plans to be finished with all four parts of the CPA exam by September. She will start working at Amper, Politziner & Mattia in November in their audit division. Now that she has completed school Jen says she is looking forward to being more involved with ASWA and attending the monthly meetings regularly. We love hearing that in addition to all your accomplishments, Jen!

Congratulations to all of our Student members. We are very proud of your accomplishments and hope to continue to mentor you as you continue to develop your professional skills and build your career.

Save the Date:

Our planning meeting for the new program year of 2009-2010 will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at the home of Mary-Claire Corcoran in Glenside, PA. Please help us plan a successful year together. This is where your voice is heard. Tell us what programs or topics you would like to have at the meetings. All members are encouraged and welcome to participate.



The Philadelphia Chapter of ASWA has entered an agreement for alliance with the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) on January 19, 2009. NAWBO's Alliance Mission is to:

- Strengthen the network of women's business owners in the Greater Philadelphia area.
- Create innovative and effective ways to work together with the other groups & associations.
- Build strategic alliances, coalitions and affiliations

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of NAWBO agrees to do the following for these alliances, and the Philadelphia Chapter of the ASWA reciprocates:

Logo placement on Chapter Website Access to member database one time per year basis
Program Attendance at member rates - unlimited for members of these alliances

For more information regarding NAWBO and their meeting schedule go www.nawbophila.org