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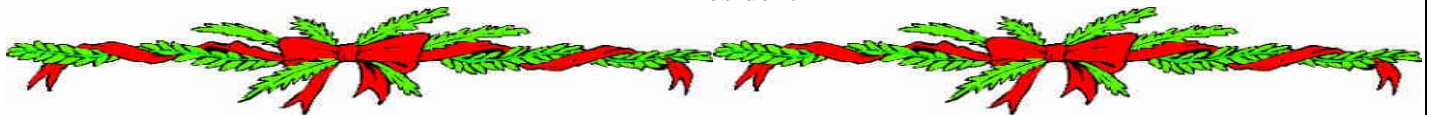
President's Message

I would like to thank all who helped make our 36th Annual Tax Seminar a resounding success – those who assisted in planning & implementing the plan and all members who supported us with their attendance. A special thanks to Penny Hawker and Mireille Watts, without whom the day would not have gone so smoothly, and to Charla Roth for her pre-day input. Thirty-eight attendees, more than double last year's number, were provided 2006 tax updates as well as some insight into Fraud issues by a highly professional panel of five. The weather even cooperated. This is the first year in my memory that we did not have some hint of snow.

Details of our Holiday "Bake" for the benefit of the Rescue Mission & Holiday party immediately following are found in this newsletter. I hope many will join us on December 2nd to share some holiday cheer.

Hope all of you had a very blessed Thanksgiving and I wish you a very happy, holy and peace-filled upcoming Holiday season.

Roseanne Battoe
President



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and related fields to achieve their full
personal, professional and economic
potential and to contribute to the
future development of their
profession."* – ASWA Mission

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ASWA HOLIDAY PARTY



*You're Invited to the
American Society of Women Accountants
Annual Open House Holiday "Bake" & Party*

Holy Cross School
4200 E. Genesee St. Dewitt
Saturday, December 2nd 9:00am-3:00pm

Join us in a:

Cookie bake for the benefit of the Rescue Mission from 9am-12pm

We'll be baking 100 Dozen cookies to donate to the Rescue Mission for their holiday meal!
(items to bring: cookie sheet, mixing bowl, apron, and a hat or bandana)

Holiday Party from 12:00pm-3:00pm



\$15.00 gift exchange
(if you wish to participate)



Dish to pass

Christmas Carols, Great Conversation, and Holiday Cheer!

*Please RSVP to Charla Roth at 472-9127 with your dish to pass-
Hope to see you there!*

IN MEMORY

In remembrance, the American Society of Women Accountants, CNY Chapter has made a donation to the St. Charles Borromeo Church Capital Improvement Fund in honor of member, Nina M. Cali.



ASWA RESERVATION LIST

A permanent reservation list has been set up for the chapter's monthly meetings. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Mireille Watts or Roseanne Battoe. This will save time each month since you will only need to call to cancel your reservation. If you do not attend and do not cancel, however, you will be obligated to pay for your meal if the restaurant charges the Chapter. Finally, by electing this option, we will be offering only one menu selection per month.

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ASWA MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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As I mentioned last month, October and November are busy months for Chapter #29 as we host our two longest standing programs. Because of that and their connection with long-time member, **Ann Lawler**, I thought this would be an appropriate time to highlight Ann's ASWA career.

Ann became a member in December 1963 and remained a very active member until just a few years ago. Over the years she served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Director, chaired most of our Standing Committees and was instrumental in initiating many of the programs of the Chapter.

Most notable of these is our Annual Tax Seminar, which Ann with another ASWA member (both of whom were former IRS employees) started in January 1971. The Seminar was open to the public and was intended to assist our members in preparing their own tax returns. IRS and New York State representatives would provide basic forms that they reviewed line by line, answering questions as they arose. Our 36th Seminar was a far cry from those humble beginnings, but we can thank Ann for its existence. (In case you've done the math, this should be the 35th but in the year we changed from January to November, we held two seminars.) As time went on, Ann saw the need to offer CPE and filed our Chapter's first application for accreditation with New York State.

Another of Ann's favorite jobs for ASWA was the Student Activity/Scholarship committee. She was very involved in choosing the recipient of our local scholarship for many years. I don't know when the local awards began, but in 1967 Ann selected me to be the first LeMoyne accounting student to receive the scholarship!

In addition to these two highlights of Ann's ASWA career, she was responsible for initiating "Women Accountants Week" in the city of Syracuse and later Onondaga County, proclaimed by the Mayor/County Executive and which continued on an annual basis for many years; she encouraged and sponsored many new members to join ASWA; as a representative of ASWA, Ann appeared on an educational TV show with an IRS representative and conducted liaison meetings with IRS personnel to discuss changes in procedure that would be helpful to tax practitioners; and she was chosen Chapter #29 "Woman of the Year" in 1992 in recognition of her total commitment to the Chapter.

Ann's involvement in ASWA was a mirror of her life. She began her income tax and accounting business in 1956, in her home, and continued to grow the business until 1997 when she merged with a local accounting firm. Although she kept her business in her home, it grew from the kitchen table to eventually encompass the whole first floor of her house. During her career she trained and employed many employees, offering flexible hours before it was fashionable. A few of those employees also became ASWA members. And she also got her five children active in the "family business" during tax seasons. Yes, she did all of this while raising five children!

Ann was and still is active in St. Patrick's Church in Jordan. She was also active in the Chamber of Commerce, the Syracuse Federated Women's Club, Jordan Fall Festival, Muscular Dystrophy, Girls Scouts, etc., etc.

Although this essay does not say enough about Ann's contribution to ASWA and the impact she has had through her many activities and her devotion to her clients, I will just say **THANK YOU, ANN.**

Roseanne Battoe
President



STUDENT/CAREER NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



ASWA's Annual Student/Career Night was a noteworthy accomplishment. Area students and their professors were provided with a panel of four speakers, all offering key essentials about resume writing, interviewing and various job options in the accounting field. We had a total of forty-eight attendees from five Central New York colleges including Cayuga Community College, LeMoyne College, Morrisville College, Oswego State University, and Syracuse University. Eleven members and one guest were also present to support a great assembly of students. Thank you for your representation!

Our annual scholarships were also awarded to two students in the amount of \$600 each. Congratulations to winners; Letizia Knapp from Cayuga Community College and Noelle Faith Whitmore from Oswego State University!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 2nd
Holiday "Bake" 9:00am
Annual Holiday Party 12:00pm-3:00pm
Holy Cross School

Thursday, January 25th
General Business Meeting
Casa Di Caponi
6:00pm

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What do accountants suffer from that ordinary people don't?



Depreciation.

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