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# CNY ASWA on the Move

## Newsletter

OCTOBER 2007

### President's Message

Dear fellow members of ASWA,

At our September meeting, our program committee invited Anne Messenger, President of Messenger Associates to speak on the topic of "Business Etiquette". We all enjoyed a light-hearted discussion on the proper way to hold your glass of wine, use your fork and knife and even how to conduct yourself at a cocktail party. Some of the members had some very interesting questions that Anne was able to shed some light on. Thanks Anne!

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will host our Annual Student Night at the Spaghetti Warehouse. During the dinner, we will present a panel of speakers ranging from all areas of accounting to discuss the different opportunities within those fields of accounting. We will also award two \$800 scholarships to two college students. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please visit us on the web,



[www.cnyaswa.org/scholarships.html](http://www.cnyaswa.org/scholarships.html).

It is that time of the year again, our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Tax Seminar! On November 16, 2007, we will host our seminar at LeMoyne Manor. We have a lot of great topics to cover once again this year. Our chapter offers this CPE session to our members and guests at a very affordable price. If you have attended in the

past, we hope you will join us once again this year. If you are new to our group or always wanted to attend but didn't, what are you waiting for? The proceeds for this event are applied to the chapter's student scholarship fundraising efforts.

Please see the inside of the newsletter for the registration form. We are expecting a great turnout this year, hope you can attend!

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American Society of Women Accountants

*"To enable women in all accounting  
and related fields to achieve their  
personal, professional and economic  
potential and to contribute to the  
development of their profession."*

- ASWA Mission

## ASWA Board Member Bio ASWA

### Dana Minotti Treasurer 2007-2008

Dana graduated from SUNY Oswego with a BS in Accounting in 2003 and currently resides in Oswego. After graduation, Dana worked at a local accounting firm where she assisted with tax and review services for individuals, small businesses, partnerships, corporations and not-for-profit organizations. In September 2006, Dana joined Grimaldi & Nelkin CPAs, PLLC as a tax accountant where she provides tax, accounting and review services for the firm's diverse client base. She is also working towards becoming a licensed CPA.

Dana joined the Syracuse ASWA Chapter in June 2005. Since then, she has served as Editor and Chief of the Newsletter, Director and currently Treasurer. Dana values the extensive networking opportunities and various continuing professional education programs that her ASWA membership provides for her.

## New Member Spotlight

**Jean Cole** joins us from Firley, Moran, Freer & Eassa, P.C. where she is employed as a Tax Manager. She has been with FMF&E for 6.5 years. Jean earned a BS degree in Mathematics and a minor in Accounting from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN. She currently resides in Liverpool with her husband and three sons. Jean joined ASWA in May 2007 after attending the chapter's membership drive. She was interested in joining a group that promoted women in the profession and was impressed with the chapter's focus on community involvement. So far, Jean's ASWA membership has provided her the opportunity to meet and network with other women in the profession. Her goal for this year is to become involved in the community events that are sponsored by ASWA.

**Michelle Mundy** is employed as an Audit Manager with Beard Miller Company LLP (bmc) with six years of experience in Public Accounting. Michelle earned her Accounting degree from The College of Saint Rose. She lives in North Syracuse with her husband and their three dogs (two beautiful beagles and a lovely Heinz 57 mix). Michelle and her husband are very excited as they are expecting their first child in the beginning of May 2008! Michelle joined ASWA for the networking opportunities with fellow accountants. Michelle joined the chapter after attending the chapter's membership drive in May 2007. Her ASWA membership has provided her the opportunity to meet many professionals which she hopes will develop into lasting relationships. Her goal as a member of ASWA is to continue to learn about ASWA.

Let us welcome Jean and Michelle!

*If you have recently joined our chapter and would like to be featured in the "New Member Spotlight", please email your information to Jessica at Newsletter@cnyaswa.org.*

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# ASWA STUDENT NIGHT

Spaghetti Warehouse  
Franklin Square  
689 North Clinton Street  
Syracuse, NY 13204  
(315) 475-1807

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007**

*Happy Half-Hour 6:00 - 6:30pm*

*Dinner/Program 6:30pm*

*Chapter Scholarships Will Be Awarded*

## **Cost of Dinner:**

STUDENTS: \$12.00

MEMBERS & GUESTS: \$15.00

### *Menu Choices:*

*Spaghetti with Meatballs or Sausage*

*Incredible 15 Layer Lasagna*

*Fettuccini Alfredo*

*Meal Includes: Salad, Bread & Beverage (Coffee, Tea, Soda)*

## **Panel of Speakers in Various Fields of Accounting:**

*Governmental - Deborah Wagner, New York State*

*Public Accounting - Joseph Beaver, Dimarco, Abiusi & Pascarella*

*Private Accounting - Angela Hughes, Haylor, Freyer & Coon*

*Interviewing Skills - Joy Rinaldi, Accountemps/Robert Half International*

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American Society of Women Accountants

### 37<sup>TH</sup> Annual Tax Seminar

Friday, November 16, 2007  
8:00 AM Registration  
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Program

LeMoyne Manor  
629 Old Liverpool Road  
Liverpool, NY 13088

**Program includes:**

- Federal Individual Tax Updates – John Dubiel, CPA, CFE, Grimaldi & Nelkin PLLC**
- Federal Corporate Tax Updates – Richard Maxwell, CPA, Dannible & McKee LLP**
- New York State Tax Update - Suzanne Reusch, NYS Dept of Taxation & Finance**
- Fraud Review – John Dubiel, CPA, CFE, Grimaldi & Nelkin PLLC**
- Social Security Update – Edward Onisk, SSA Administration**
- Estate, Gift & Eldercare – Tom Deurr, CPA, WNY Asset Management LLC**

#### Qualifies for 8 CPE Credits

For More Information, Contact Charla Roth (315) 472-9127 or [President@cnyaswa.org](mailto:President@cnyaswa.org)

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Learning Objectives:	Current Income Tax Review & Update
Course Level:	Intermediate
Course Prerequisite:	None
Instructional Delivery Method:	Live Lecture
Complaint Resolution:	Contact Charla Roth at <a href="mailto:President@cnyaswa.org">President@cnyaswa.org</a> or (315) 472-9127 Records are retained for five years from seminar date.

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to: ASWA CNY Chapter #29  
Mail to: Charla Roth, Financial Plaza 221 S. Warren Street Syracuse, NY 13202

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 FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_ BUS. PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER FEE: EARLY BIRD \$40.00 / \$50.00 AFTER NOVEMBER 2, 2007  
 NON-MEMBER FEE: EARLY BIRD \$100.00 / \$130.00 AFTER NOVEMBER 2, 2007  
 \$25.00 CANCELLATION FEE IF CANCELLED AFTER NOVEMBER 9, 2007

# 2007 Joint National Conference

The 2007 Joint National Conference will be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida during October 25-27th. The American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) and the American Woman's Society of CPAs (AWSCPA) invite you to attend this jointly sponsored event. JNC attendees represent an impressive cross-section of women in the industry ranging from CPAs and accounting professionals from the Big Four, regional and local companies, to sole practitioners, business owners, Fortune 500 and academia. Participants will learn about the latest technical developments in accounting, auditing, tax, management, leadership, government and industry, including E-commerce, and budgeting and accounting software applications; motivational strategies that work; methods for effective management; and valuable leadership techniques.

Select from up to 70 hours of CPE to earn 24 hours of credits at the Joint National Conference. Three days of sessions are offered during the meeting with a wide variety of topics of interest, extensive networking opportunities, and plenty of entertainment!



To preview the Joint National Conference schedule of events visit [www.aswa.org](http://www.aswa.org) and click on Conference Details. Mark your calendar!



## Board Bulletin

### Join an ASWA Committee

At our July business meeting, CNY ASWA organized the following committees:

- Program/Education & Legislation
- Newsletter
- Student Activities
- Membership/Member Relations
- Publicity/Public Relations
- Bylaws

If you are interested in joining a committee, or would like more information regarding a committee, contact Charla at [president@cnyaswa.org](mailto:president@cnyaswa.org).

### Make & Take Gourmet

Make & Take Gourmet, which makes it easy to prepare home-cooked meals for your family, offers to donate 10 % of your purchase to ASWA! Just mention that you are a friend of ASWA at your next visit!

This offer is good at any of four Syracuse area locations: Baldwinsville, Camillus, Cicero, and Fayetteville. At Make & Take Gourmet, you can have fun preparing enough meals for a month in under two hours without having to deal with the cleanup!

Learn more at [www.cnyaswa.org/links](http://www.cnyaswa.org/links) or [www.makeandtakegourmet.com](http://www.makeandtakegourmet.com)

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### ***37th Annual Tax Seminar***

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(See page 4 for more details.)

Visit our website for other future meetings

<http://www.cnyaswa.org/meetings.html>

## **Joke du Jour**

**To the optimist, the glass is half full.**

**To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.**

**To the accountant, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.**



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