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CNY ASWA on the Move

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2007

President's Message

Dear fellow members of ASWA,

On August 23rd, the membership met at the Corinthian Club for a lively meeting and program. We first enjoyed a light fare while we reviewed and approved the fiscal 2007-2008 budget. If you were unable to attend, you can find the final budget online at www.cnyaswa.org/meetings/html. Those members present also voted on the attendees for the JNC in October. Jessica Mau and I were chosen as your delegates. At the JNC business meeting, there will be a few items which will be voted upon by the chapters. Our chapter has three delegate votes, members present will vote on these items at our next meeting on September 20th. After the August business meeting, we had a very exciting program on Self-Defense. All of the attendees practiced the self-defense techniques on a trustworthy partner. I am happy to report that there were

no serious injuries!! The demonstration was followed up by a very informative Q&A session.

On Thursday, September 20th, the Program Committee is presenting Anne Messenger, President of Messenger Associates. The program will be on Business Etiquette. I have been to several of Anne's etiquette presentations and they are always lighthearted and very informative. Please bring any questions or concerns you might have as she has all of the answers to any business faux pas! See the inside of the newsletter for Anne's bio and more information on the program.

We hope to see you on September 20th at the Corinthian Club, don't miss out!!

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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

Dessima Barnwell Vice President 2007-2008

Dessima earned her BS/MBA in Accounting from SUNY Oswego in five years. Immediately following graduation, she worked in private accounting for 1.5 years before making the transition into government accounting.

Through the networking opportunities that CNY ASWA offers, Dessima was hired as an Examiner with the NYS Office of the State Comptroller. She has been with the Office for two years, serving as an Examiner for one year and currently as a Senior Examiner.

She has been married for three years to Demetris, a NYS Correction Officer. She resides in Fulton with her husband and their cat, Teddy. Both Dessima and her husband are originally from NYC, but decided to reside in the Central NY Region after completing college. Within the past two years, they have purchased their home and a couple of investment properties in Fulton.

Dessima originally joined CNY ASWA in her graduate year after receiving a student scholarship from the Chapter. She became a regular member in July 2005. She has held positions as Membership Chair for two years and now serves as Vice President.

CNY ASWA has provided Dessima with professional and community involvement through various programs and community service events. "ASWA has also provided me access to a great career in Government Accounting." As Vice President, one of her main goals is to plan diverse programs that will increase the group's involvement and awareness both professionally and personally.

Dessima would like to personally thank Mireille Watts, who has previously served as the Chapter's President and Vice President and currently serves as a Director, for her involvement with such a great group.

New Member Spotlight

XiaoJing Fei joins us from Dannible & McKee, LLP. She joined Dannible & McKee, LLP in Jan. 2005 after graduating from SUNY Oswego in December 2004 with a B.S. degree in Accounting. XiaoJing was just promoted to Tax Senior this past June and her immediate goal is to pass the CPA exam. XiaoJing lives in downtown Syracuse. She joined ASWA to meet other people in the industry and to learn more about issues that affect women.

Christina Snell is employed as an Advance Staff Accountant in the tax department at Firley, Moran, Freer and Eassa, P.C. Christina joined FMF&E a year ago after working for a local firm for almost two years. She graduated from LeMoyne College with a bachelors degree in Accounting and is currently working towards obtaining her CPA license. Christina is also an associate member of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. Her Husband, Stephen, is an engineer at O'Brien and Gere Engineers and they were married in September 2005. They currently reside in Cicero with their daughter, Alexis and puppy JR. Christina joined ASWA this summer at the annual membership drive that Jessica Mau, a coworker, informed her of. At the meeting she was encouraged to become a member and be involved in the organization. She is hoping that ASWA will provide her with an opportunity to be involved in the accounting community and be able to expand within the organization professionally and personally.

Let us welcome XiaoJing and Christina!

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.

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 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.

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 or www.makeandtakegourmet.com

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ASWA September Membership Meeting

Join us Thursday, September 20, 2007

**At The Corinthian Club
930 James Street, Syracuse
5:30 pm Happy Half-Hour
6:00 pm Dinner/ Meeting / Program
Program: Business Etiquette**

**Please note the
change in time from
prior meetings.**

**Presented by Anne Messenger, President of Messenger Associates, Inc.
(see below for more info.)**

The cost will be \$25.00, tax and gratuity included.



Anne Messenger has practiced in the field of human resources for 20 years. A Wellesley College graduate, she is currently Chairman of the CNY Community Foundation, a member of Key Bank's District Advisory Board and a member of the St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center Council of Advisors. Anne is also active with the Women President's Organization and is a founding member of its Syracuse Chapter. She is also a winner of the CNY Business Journal's 2002 Women in Business Award and Syracuse University's 2005 Ann Michel Distinguished Entrepreneur Award for Small Business. For more information about Anne Messenger and Messenger Associates, Inc., visit <http://amgr.com:80/aboutus.cfm>.

**Please RSVP online at www.cnyaswa.org/meetings
or to Charla Roth at 315-472-9127
by Thursday, September 13, 2007**

Hope to see you there!

Employment Opportunities

Current Postings:

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield - Staff Accountant

For more information about this posting, please visit
<http://www.cnyaswa.org/links.html>

If you would like to post an employment opportunity on our website, please email

Charla Roth at

webmaster@cnyaswa.org

Save the Date* Save the Date* Save the Date

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 and Beverage

(Coffee, Tea, Soda)

Panel of Speakers in Various Fields of Accounting:

Governmental

Public Accounting

Private Accounting

Interviewing Skills



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Save the Date

September Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 20th
The Corinthian Club
930 James Street, Syracuse
5:30pm - Happy Half Hour
6:00pm - Business Etiquette Program
7:00 - Short Meeting

Annual Student Night

Spaghetti Warehouse, Syracuse
Tuesday, October 23rd

ASWA/AWSCPA JNC

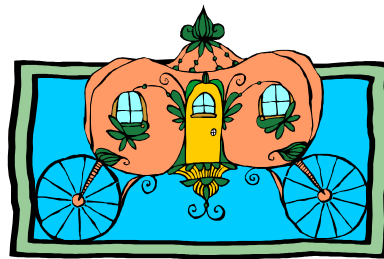
October 25-27, 2007
Disney Coronado Springs Resort
Orlando, FL

Visit our website for more future meetings

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

Joke du Jour

An accountant had just read the story of Cinderella to their four-year-old daughter for the first time. The little girl was fascinated by the story, especially the part where the pumpkin turns into a golden coach. Suddenly she piped up, "When the pumpkin turned into a golden coach, would that be classed as income or a long-term capital gain?"



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