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May Meeting

Non-for-Profit Audits

Spring is here! The season of graduations and new beginnings has arrived. We also know that the tax deadlines have passed. That means now is the time to focus more on quarterly statements and of course, the annual audit. What will the audit report show for 2009 results? In the not-for-profit segment of the economy, the 2009 report may show a dramatically different scenario than that from the 2008 year.

For the May 18th dinner meeting, the Chapter welcomes two highly qualified practitioners to discuss the state of the not-for-profit world. Marie LaFever, past chapter president and Vice-President-Finance (recently retired) from El Centro, Inc., and Tondeé Lutterman, Senior Manager, BKD, LLP, will discuss various aspects of the annual audit process as well as the state of the economy for not-for-profits. They will also touch on the roles/responsibilities of not-for-profit board members as well as answer any questions members bring forward.

Tondeé L. Lutterman, CPA, Senior Manager, is the co-leader of BKD National Not-for-Profit & Government Group and provides audit and consulting services to charitable organizations, foundations, religious organizations and health care providers, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and continuing care facilities. Her ten years of experience includes implementing new Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, technology issues and internal control reviews. In addition, she is knowledgeable of OMB Circular A-133 audit requirements and federal grant reporting requirements. Tondeé received two degrees from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, a B.S. degree in accounting and an M.B.A. degree. Tondeé is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She also is a member of the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants and

received the organization's Women-to-Watch Emerging Leaders Award in August 2008. Her community outreach efforts includes membership on the BKD Foundation Committee, which provides financial support and volunteer time to charitable organizations throughout the community, membership in the Centurions Program, as well as serving as the treasurer for Project AIM's board of directors.

Marie LaFever, CPA, has served in the in the financial services arena for 27 years. She began her career in Wichita after receiving a B.A., Business Administration degree from Wichita State University. While in Wichita, she worked as a Staff Accountant at Haney, Riffel & Company and a Tax Analyst for Interactive Financial Services (a computer software development firm). She and her family moved to the Kansas City area in 1990. These prior positions prepared her to serve as an Accounting Analyst at Children's Mercy Hospital and later as Controller at MTW Consulting where she became more heavily involved with the annual audit process. She became interested in working in the not-for-profit portion of the business world and joined Synergy Services, Inc. in Parkville, MO as their Director of Finance in 1999. This position also included greater interaction with the annual audit process and the reporting to the Board of Directors. In 2004, Marie accepted a position as Vice-President of Finance for El Centro, Inc. in Kansas City, KS where she was responsible for the accounting functions for three not-for-profit corporations as well as the annual audit processes. During the last several years, Marie has also conducted a consulting business assisting local not-for-profit organizations. Marie is a member of the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants and American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) where she served in several offices including President. She has also presented lectures at Rockhurst College, Park University, and Maple Woods Community College as well as programs for the Kansas City ASWA Chapter meetings.

Contact Aneita Remus at aneita_remus@hotmail.com with questions. We look forward to seeing you May 18th!

When: Tuesday, May 18, 2010

5:30 PM Social
6:00 PM Dinner
6:45 PM Speaker

Cost: Members \$30.00
Non members \$33.00
First time guests \$15.00

Where: Marriott Country Club Plaza
4445 Main Street (Main & 45th Street)
Kansas City, MO 64112

Menu: Pork Scaloppini with Thyme Bordelaise Sauce
and Braised Carrots, Tossed Garden Salad, Chef's
Selection of Dessert

Special dietary requests should be made with
reservation.

Reservations:

For reservations, please contact Jessica Galati at (816)
508-4103 or by e-mail, jessica.galati@hotmail.com
Reservations are due by **noon Friday, May 14th**.

Note: All standing reservations have been cancelled. In
addition, any cancelled reservations must also be
received by Friday, May 14th. Any cancellations received
after this time will be billed for the meeting.

Officer's Message

Welcome to Spring!! Maybe!! It seems like we are
having either winter or summer. Spring is a welcome
change from the snow and ice. Even though I do like
snow, we had enough this year. Finally the trees and
flowers are blooming and the grass is growing. As we
think of spring, we also think about the new officers and
directors. As a past president, it is also my responsibility
to support the new slate for the 2010-11 year.

Being president of the Kansas City Chapter was a very
rewarding and humbling experience. It also brought me
to the Past Presidents' luncheon that I now plan in the
spring. Once again this year, we are gathering at Mary
Jo McCann's condo for a fun sharing of past times,
scholarship award information, and the giving of
donations to the Scholarship Fund. Mary Jo is one of our
founding members. If you have not met her, this is your
opportunity to do so. This year the luncheon is Saturday,
May 22. All past, current, and future presidents, please
let me know if you are coming.

The scholarship recipients have been selected and will be
attending our June 15th meeting. Two of them are
attending the University of Missouri at Kansas City and
one attends Kansas State University. They are all three
joining as student members and hopefully becoming
active in the chapter. Please welcome them to our
chapter. In addition to the scholarship recipients
attending the June 15th meeting, the new officers and
directors will be installed that evening. The Kansas City
Chapter has an exciting new slate, and I look forward to

working with them.

The other thing that happens in the spring is the area
conference for the South Central Region. This year it is
being held in Wichita on June 24 & 25. This is a
wonderful opportunity to meet ASWA members in our
region and share information about what is working in KC
and other areas. There is always at least one National
Officer in attendance. If you have not been to an area
conference, consider attending this one in Wichita and
learn more about ASWA.

See you May 18th!

Mary Roach
Past President

Monthly Question

A new tradition began last year by asking an "icebreaker"
question at the beginning of each meeting. In the
process, we learned a little more about our fellow ASWA
members. We plan on continuing this fun activity, but are
now giving you an opportunity to prepare your answers.
So, do your homework and come prepared to share a bit
about yourself at the next meeting! But do not stress too
much, this is meant to be a fun, quick way to learn about
others.....no essays required.

**If you were responsible for the Monthly Question,
what would you ask? What would you like to learn
about your fellow ASWA members?**

A sample of previous questions:

- Favorite restaurant?
- Are you a morning or night person?
- If you travel to any place in the world, where would
you go?

2009-2010 Kansas City Chapter Officers and Directors

The following members have been elected to the 2009-
2010 Board of Directors:

President:	Rachel Speth
President Elect:	Tammy Lawson
Vice President:	Pamela Fraley
Secretary:	Bridget Sturr
Treasurer:	Megan Sumners
Director:	Krista Johnson
Director:	Aneita Remus
Director:	Jessica Galati

2009-2010 Kansas City Chapter Committee Chairs

Bulletin:	Jessica Galati
Budget:	Megan Sumners
Chapter Dev:	Rachel Speth
Member Handbook:	Pamela Fraley
Membership:	Tammy Lawson Krista Johnson

Program: Aneita Remus
Bridget Sturr
Meeting Logistics: Carla Neely
Reservations: Megan Summers
Scholarship: Mary Roach
Web Site: Jessica Galati
Lana Scroggins

New Members

Please join the Kansas City Chapter Board in welcoming our newest member:

Brylie Broos

Scholarship Board Meeting

The Kansas City Chapter #30 of the American Society of Women Accountants will be awarding three scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year. Each year, applications are sent to area universities and colleges. This year they were sent to eighteen area schools. The Kansas City Chapter received twenty applications. The outside judges this year were: Jodi Atkinson, Kiewit Power Engineers Co.; Amy Pino, Jefferson Wells; and Frankie Summers, Retired Business Education Instructor. The judges had a hard time and there were three applicants that fell at the top of the rankings.

The Scholarship & Awards Board of Directors then met and reviewed the rankings, the applications, and the applicant's essay. All three were awarded a scholarship, along with a complimentary student membership to ASWA. The winners have been invited to the April Social and chapter's June 15th regular meeting. It is very rewarding to see such three diverse individuals as winners this year – one studying abroad, one interested in the not-for-profit world, and one being a college education advocate.

The winners are as follows:

Lindsey Stiles, Kansas State University. Lindsey also is the Kansas City Chapter's applicant for the Foundation Undergraduate National Scholarship. She is a well-rounded candidate as she maintains her GPA while being involved in extracurricular activities – both at her university and in the community. Lindsey is currently studying in the Czech Republic gaining a global perspective. Her ultimate goal is to obtain her Masters in Accounting, become a CPA and work in the audit practice for one of the big four public accounting firms.

Joy McBride, University of Missouri in Kansas City. After spending twelve years in the not-for-profit world, Joy is working toward her Master's in Accounting. After receiving her undergraduate degree in Human Resources, she spent two years in Switzerland. While there, she led retreats for international students. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and has been involved in many extracurricular activities. Joy has been a tax preparer for VITA, a volunteer tutor for beginning accounting students, and a volunteer at her church. Joy plans to work as an

auditor or controller for a not-for-profit organization.

Melissa Kehoe, University of Missouri in Kansas City. Melissa is an accounting major and should complete her undergraduate degree in December 2010. Her many roles include: full-time student, mom, vice-president of Beta Alpha Psi, and instructor assistant. She feels her main goal is to be a leader for her three daughters and show them the importance of a college education. Melissa plans to pursue either being a partner or a professor, while continuing to volunteer her time helping others.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

ASWA South Central Regional Conference "Sunflower Summit"

Do not miss your opportunity to attend this year's South Central Regional Conference in Wichita, Kansas. The conference will be held June 24-25, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Wichita. This is a great way to network with ASWA members and earn CPE. Please see the brochure sent along with this month's Voucher. More details can be found at www.wichitaaswa.org.

In addition, the Wichita Chapter is calling for ASWA members to share success stories from other ASWA chapters! Please submit the completed form by June 1, 2010. The submissions will be reviewed, and the winning success story will be recognized at the welcome dinner entitled "Celebrating Successes." The winning chapter's success story will also be awarded with a \$150 donation to their chapter's scholarship fund.

Chapter Bylaws

The Kansas City Board of Directors have reviewed the following:

Chapter Bylaws
Bylaws – Scholarship and Awards Fund

The proposed changes will be distributed to members in May. A vote on the proposed changes will take place at the regular June meeting. If you have any concerns regarding these items, please contact a board member.

If you have not received the by-laws with their proposed changes by May 15th, please contact Pam Fraley at plfraley@msn.com with "By-Law Request" in the subject line.

Girls Night Out

Let's all have a great night out with the ladies at Kaufman Stadium! The Royals are having a Girls' Night Out at the ballpark on Saturday, September 18th. Please join us for a night of baseball and fun with your fellow ASWA members. Feel free to also invite other friends, family, or co-workers that you think would enjoy a night out with the girls. This event takes place at Kauffman Stadium in the

Outfield Experience prior to the Royals game.

Game Details:

Saturday, September 18th

Cleveland Indians vs. Kansas City Royals

Game Time: 6:10 pm

Tickets:

VIP Ticket Package - \$34

- Field Box or Field Plaza Lower Level Ticket

- \$6 in Loaded Value to be used for concessions

- Royals T-shirt

- \$5 Donation to the American Heart Association

In addition, the first 10,000 ladies through the gates will receive a free Royals Cap.

Please contact us with questions or to reserve your ticket!

Jessica Galati at jessica.galati@hotmail.com or Pam

Fraley at plfraley@msn.com

Join ASWA's LinkedIn Group Today

We encourage you to join ASWA's "LinkedIn Group." LinkedIn is an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world.

LinkedIn provides ASWA members:

- The ability to quickly find fellow ASWA contacts nationally for networking and professional information
- An ASWA group discussion forum to ask questions, make recommendations and more!
- The power to connect with industry experts
- Exponential opportunity to increase local, regional and national membership
- The ability to know more than a name – view rich professional profiles from fellow ASWA Group members
- A platform to accelerate careers/business through referrals from ASWA Group members

To join ASWA's LinkedIn Group, all you need to do is click on the [Invitation](#) and build your profile. ASWA's National Membership Committee has assembled a simple to follow set of [ASWA LinkedIn Group Instructions](#) to guide you through the process. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact ASWA Headquarters at aswa@aswa.org.

We look forward to networking with you on ASWA's LinkedIn Group!

And now available....the ASWA Kansas City Chapter Group!

Membership Stimulus Plan

The ASWA Membership Committee invites your chapter to stimulate your passion for ASWA with this year's

membership campaign. This year's goal is to recruit 800 new members and to achieve at least 90% retention for each chapter. There are two ways to win free registrations to the 2010 Joint National Conference (JNC) in Nashville, TN, September 27-29, 2010!

● **Recruit, recruit, recruit!** – Members recruited from July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010 will count towards the campaign so if you haven't already started recruiting new members this year, you should get going!

● **Retain your members!** – Chapters that retain at least 90% of their membership count from June 30, 2009 will win a free registration for any chapter member to attend the 2010 JNC.

The Compass

ASWA members can access articles of interest in the "Four Points" categories of Accounting & Auditing, Controllershship, Leadership and Tax. Click on any of the Four Points each month for a new and noteworthy article, case study or research paper in each of these categories.

Corporate Membership Program

The ASWA Corporate Membership Program was developed to encourage companies to take advantage of the benefits of ASWA membership for their employees by offering discounts and bonuses for multiple memberships. The program has three levels of participation (based upon number of members enrolled) with excellent bonuses for the top two levels. Individuals who become members under this plan will receive all the benefits of ASWA membership at a special discounted dues rate, and the company will be eligible to choose from several corporate bonuses. All members must be employed by the same affiliated group, but may work at different company locations. ASWA requests one group payment and a contact for communication throughout the year and for annual renewal notification. Please see the ASWA National website for a [brochure](#) featuring the details of this new program.

April Recap

We hope everyone who attended our spring social had a great night. It is important for all of us to remember to take time to relax, and what a great way to do just that! The appetizers, drinks, and desserts were delicious. We were joined by some great vendors showing us their latest products and providing us with answers to all of our questions. A few of our guests even walked away with some wonderful vendor prizes. We hope all the winners of our "spa-themed" raffle prizes are enjoying their new treasures. Thank you to everyone for supporting our scholarship fund.

Thanks to the board for all your hard work to provide us with another enjoyable evening!

Anniversaries

The following are celebrating their anniversary this month with ASWA Kansas City Chapter:

Sue Berry
Judy Byrum
Janette Schumm

Exciting News!!

Congratulations to Megan Sumners on her recent engagement!

Reservation Reminder

Reservations for the monthly meetings are due to Jessica Galati by noon on the Friday prior to each meeting date. Those who have made a reservation at any time and are unable to attend will be billed for the meeting cost. The Chapter Officers and Board of Director members appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Happy Anniversary

The Kansas City Chapter will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary in January 2011. Please start gathering stories, photos, videos, etc. and share them with a board member. Please also share any ideas you may have on how we may celebrate this anniversary in style!

ASWA News

National Website

ASWA is proud to announce the launch of our new website at www.aswa.org. We encourage you to visit our redesigned site as soon as possible to utilize our online resources.

Member News

If you have any program ideas for the 2009-2010 meetings please contact Aneita Remus at aneita_remus@hotmail.com.

Contact Information

Remember to update your contact information when it changes on the ASWA web page www.aswa.org.

Footnotes from the Board

Web Site: Check our chapter's web page at www.aswa-kc.com. **All Voucher information is there. Any comments or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.**

Suggestions or News for the Bulletin?

Do you have news to share with the chapter? Weddings, births, promotions, new job, won the lottery? Professional news? Suggestions? If so, please send your information to Jessica Galati at (816) 508-4103 or by e-mail – jessica.galati@hotmail.com

The next voucher deadline is June 2, 2010.



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Upcoming Events:

Kansas City Chapter ASWA Monthly Meetings:

June 15, 2010 New Accounting Grads: What to Expect in Year One – Alee Phillips

ASWA Conferences:

May 6-7, 2010	Southwest Regional Conference	Santa Barbara, California
May 14-15, 2010	Southeast Regional Conference	Fort Walton Beach, Florida
May 21-22, 2010	North Central Regional Conference	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 18-19, 2010	Northwest Regional Conference	Portland, Oregon
June 25, 2010	South Central Regional Conference	Wichita, Kansas
August 19-21, 2010	Northeast Regional Conference	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
September 27-29, 2010	Joint National Conference	Nashville, Tennessee
