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## Membership Meeting January 22, 2008

Speaker: Sonia Calloway, CPA

Topic: Tax Update

CPE: 1.5 hour Level: Basic Prerequisites: None

Where: The Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane  
(corner of Westheimer and Timmons Lane)

Parking available in the member parking area across the street from the Briar Club. Valet parking is available.

Time: 5:30 p.m. Networking:  
6:15 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Speaker

### Early bird reservations by Thursday 5:00 pm prior to meeting:

Members and 1st time guests	\$30
Returning guests	\$35

### Late reservations and walk-ins:

Members and guests	\$35
Returning guests	\$40

Administrative Policy: Per ASWA standing rules, if you register and do not attend, you will be charged for the regular meeting price.

Reservations need to be made by the Thursday preceding the meeting. Special dietary requirements available upon request

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There is a huge difference between someone who is a true leader and someone who has been promoted or elected to a leadership position. They may have the title but it doesn't mean they are a leader.

Leaders do a lot of things and most "leaders" are recognized or selected/promoted/elected based on their professional attributes. But today's leader has more than professional attributes, s/he must also continuously develop their personal attributes. A leader's job is to move the people they work with to the next level and no amount of professional attributes can move/change people. The old militaristic concept of leadership (command and control) is dead and, hopefully, long gone from the workplace. However, where that management/leadership style is still present, you will see morale problems, turf issues and turn-over concerns.

A true leader differentiates him/herself on the side of the intangibles such as vision, mission, values, change, motivation and humor. True leaders must be able to think with their heart and feel with their brain. They must be able to intuit what is or is not going on within the organization.

You might be wondering why I said humor above. Humor is so important in the workplace and if a leader uses it wisely and effectively, s/he can change the dynamics of any work situation for the better. Humor is a subculture that connects every workplace with every other work place. Unfortunately, humor has been mis-used/abused in so many workplaces that it is not spoken about or used. This is when a true leader can re-introduce humor to diminish negative effects in the workplace and add a lighter note.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 22 Membership Meeting—Briar Club

February 26 Membership Meeting — Briar Club

**Standing Reservations**

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|--------------------|----------------|
| Jeri Barthel       | Melanie Norton |
| Colene Blankinship | Eunice Reiter  |
| Adrienne Brown     | Ann White      |
| Sonia Calloway     | Kristi DeNardo |
| Julianne Dorsett   | Kristy Hughes  |
| Suzi Martin        |                |
| Eileen Neucere     |                |
| Debbie McKenney    |                |

The Chapter will bill for reservations that are not cancelled by noon Thursday prior to the meeting.

Please contact **Melanie Norton** to be added or deleted from the Standing Reservations List.  
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## Houston ASWA Memorial Fund

The Houston ASWA Memorial Fund was chartered in 1973 with the two-fold purpose of:

- Providing scholarships to deserving accounting students
- Furthering the mission of the American Society of Women Accountants -- “To enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession”.

The Memorial Fund receives contributions, in lieu of flowers, for members and their loved ones during times of grief. We receive contributions to celebrate special occasions and in honor of special people.

Please consider the ASWA Memorial Fund as an opportunity to honor or to memorialize the people in your lives.

Contributions should be made payable to:

ASWA Memorial Fund  
c/o Eunice H. Reiter  
5005 Woodway, Suite 200  
Houston, TX 77056-1789

If your contribution is in honor or in memory of someone, be sure to include information regarding where to send the acknowledgement.

### Charitable Project

Please remember to gather your sample toiletries when you travel and donate them to Miryam’s Hostel which is on the second floor of the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. It is a place where 6 – 8 women can spend the night, wash their clothes, take a shower and sleep in a bed. Then they are back out on the street. It is sponsored by Magnificat House which is affiliated with the Catholic church. They can use toiletries, towels, twin bed sheets, pajamas etc.

## ADVERTISING RATES

The ads are to be emailed to the newsletter chair no later than the 1st of the month in which the ad is to appear.

\$300/ year—full page  
\$160/ year—1/2 page  
\$ 10/ month—business card size

The Fax return is published monthly except December.

## Official National Registry Statement

ASWA is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State Boards of Accountancy have the final authority on the acceptance of individual courses of CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be addressed to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors: 150 Fourth Avenue, Nashville, TN 37219-2417. Web site: [www.nsba.org](http://www.nsba.org).

## JANUARY MEETING

### Sonia Calloway, CPA

Sonia Calloway, CPA has over twenty years experience in individual and partnership taxation and five years large corporate tax experience. Sonia has served taxpayers through national and regional public accounting firms, small practioners, industry positions, and through her own tax and bookkeeping service. Sonia is currently a Senior Tax Analyst with Helix Energy Solutions, Inc. and provides public tax services independently. Since becoming a member of the Houston ASWA Chapter as a first generation college student, she has served as Vice-President and Program Committee Chair for the last two terms as she strives to give back to the organization that helped Sonia obtain her goal of becoming a CPA.

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## Career Center

Please remember to encourage friends and colleagues to register and that there is no cost to individuals to post their resumes. Members can help by letting their HR Departments at work know about the site. Using the site is a win-win-win-win proposition because 1) employers gain access to a pool of specialized job seekers, 2) individuals seeking employment in accounting and finance can easily connect with employers/recruiters looking for candidates with those skills, and 3) the ASWA raises funds that it uses to 4) provide scholarships to worthy individuals.

Support a worthy cause by spreading the news about the ASWA Career Center today!

### ASWA Memorial Fund Acknowledgements

In memory of: Yvonne Dorger

By: Ellie Moore

Eunice Reiter

In honor of ASWA

By: Colene Blankinship

Kathy Pearce

In memory of: Tom Duangploy

By: Eileen Neucere

In honor of: Kathy Pearce

By: Eileen Neucere

In honor of ASWA Past Presidents

By: Colene Blankinship

In honor of ASWA

By: Melanie Norton

Those who contributed at the annual Christmas Party: Loyce Anderson, Adrienne Brown, Kristi DeNardo, Julianne Dorsett, Huandong (Mary) Faris, Brandi Lucher, Eileen Neucere, Kathy Pearce, Eunice Reiter, and Ann White

Those who participate in the monthly raffles.

#### 2007 Memorial Fund Cash Report

Cash, 01/01/07	\$9,463
Interest Income	47
Contributions Received	2,265
Cookbook Sales	110
Scholarships Awarded (4)	<u>(3,000)</u>
Cash, 12/26/07	<u>\$8,885</u>

### Current Fundraiser

Our chapter has been registered with the Current Fundraiser Online program. It is very simple—all you have to do is shop online at [www.CurrentFun.com](http://www.CurrentFun.com), and when you check out, select:

State: **Texas**    Organization: **ASWA – Houston**    City: **Houston**.

Our chapter will receive a check quarterly for 50% of online sales that are attributable to our organization. Tell your friends and relatives, and help raise money for our scholarship fund. You can do some of your Christmas shopping, saving some money for yourself and getting some great products, and at the same time, contribute to the scholarship fund. What a deal!

## Getting to Know Our Officers—Kristi DeNardo President Elect

Kristi DeNardo is a relatively new addition to the Houston chapter of ASWA. She transferred her membership from the Chattanooga chapter, where she was serving as President when her husband was transferred to Tyco Valves in Stafford. Kristi was eager to get involved in the local chapter, and gladly accepted the position of Membership Chair in 2006.

Kristi has over 25 years accounting experience. She began her career in a Savings and Loan in Nacogdoches, TX. From there, she moved into a controllership position with a bowling lane manufacturer in Nacogdoches. Almost immediately after marriage, her husband was transferred to northern Indiana. Kristi spent several years as assistant controller for a rapidly growing grocery store chain. She came to the conclusion that she wanted to more equitably balance her work with her personal life, and took a position with a rubber extrusion manufacturer. Kristi spent about a year as an assistant controller for a maquiladora in Reynosa, manufacturing printers for Texas Instruments and other distributors after her husband was transferred to Mexico. Transferred back to northern Indiana, Kristi accepted a position with a Catholic Healthcare system. Although she truly enjoyed working for a non-profit organization, her plans changed, when after only a few months it was announced that the system was merging with another Healthcare system and moving headquarters to Detroit. Not wanting to move just then, she accepted an assistant controllership with a rotational plastic molding manufacturer. However, moving was in the cards. Her husband was transferred to Chattanooga, where Kristi spent six years as east coast regional controller for a quickly expanding upscale casual restaurant chain with microbreweries in each restaurant. The last transfer brought Kristi back to Texas, where she is employed with Igloo Products Corporation. She and Patrick agree that there are no more moves in their future, except possibly after retirement!

Kristi and husband Patrick have 2 grown sons. They enjoy riding their Harley's every chance they get, SCUBA diving, bicycling, hiking, jet-skiing, target shooting, 4-wheeling, and almost any outdoors activity. They have 3 adorable dogs, ranging in age from 16 1/2 to 6 months, which keep them quite busy.

Kristi is very enthusiastic about ASWA, and looks forward to serving as President in the coming year.

### Federation of Houston Professional Women

Next Meeting: January 28

Web site: [www.fhpw.org](http://www.fhpw.org)

ASWA Delegates: Melanie Norton,  
Arlene Dilworth

Location: H.E.S.S. Building

5430 Westheimer (between Chimney  
Rock and Yorktown)

Alternates: Pam Ahlers  
Debbie McKenney

### Federation of Houston Professional Women (FHPW)

The Federation of Houston Professional Women is an alliance of women's professional organizations, chartered by the state of Texas as a non-profit, non-partisan business league. Each FHPW member organization, although diverse in style and structure, has professional or businesswomen members focused on education, networking, specific careers or community service.

FHPW offers quarterly events designed to bring its diverse membership together to promote a place of POWER and INFLUENCE. Quarterly events are open to both members and guests and allow Houston professional women the opportunity to network, have some fun and learn something new.

If you are a member of ASWA then you are automatically a member of FHPW.

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