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PUBLIC RELATION LUNCHEON May 18, 2004

Speaker: Rachel Seff Koenig, Ed. D.
Topic: Choose Your Attitude

Where: Post Oak Grill
1415 South Post Oak Lane
Houston, TX 77056

Networking: 11:30 a.m.
Lunch: 12 noon

Reservations by Friday May 7, 2004 to Ann White. Email awhite@collectordart.com or call 713-528-2771.

Price: \$ 30

The chapter will bill for reservations made but not cancelled by Friday, May 7, 2004.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ellie Moore

Greetings to all!

Our April meeting was a huge success. The attendance was wonderful, the speaker was terrific and the company was fun. AWSCPA joined us for the evening and it was great. Thanks to all who made it possible.

The Annual Luncheon is being held at noon, May 18th, at the Post Oak Grill. I hope each of you have invited one or more of your co-workers, friends, and family to this event. It is a great way to share the benefits and the history of ASWA. Being a member of this wonderful organization is something to be proud of and deserves to be shared. Let's not only invite them to the luncheon, but invite them to join ASWA.

The slate of officers for next year was approved at the April monthly meeting. Ann is working on filling all the committees, so please, step up and help make this coming year the best yet.

Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events and read the articles about our trip to serve at the Loaves and Fishes last month.

See you at the Luncheon!

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Kelly Bennett	Eunice Reiter
Judy McMillian	Mary Simpson
Ellie Moore	Ann White
Kajal Nagrani	Lisa Wilson

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

Please contact Judy McMillian to be added or deleted from the Standing Reservations List.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18 Annual Public Relations Luncheon
 May 20 AWSCPA MiniSeminar (see page 4)
 May 20-22 South Central Regional Conference—
 Omaha, NE
 May 20-22 NW Regional Conference—Billings MT
 June 4-6 SW Regional Conf—Phoenix AZ
 June 12 Transition Board Meeting (Current year
 and next year board members)
 June 22 Membership Meeting and Officer
 Installation
 Nov 10-12 ASWA/AWSCPA Annual Conference
 Chicago, IL

**TRANSITION MEETING
JUNE 12, 2004**

**ASWA HOUSTON CHAPTER
2004-2005 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The transition meeting will be held Saturday, June 12, 2004 at Collector, Dart & Associates, 3000 Richmond Ave. Suite 270, Houston, TX 77098 beginning at 10am. Refreshments will be available.

It is critical, for the betterment of the chapter, that all incoming and outgoing board and committee members attend this meeting.

Everyone's participation is needed to revitalize the chapter.

Please let Ann know if you will or will not be attending by Wednesday June 9th. (713) 528-2771 or awhite@collectordart.com.

President	Ann White
President-elect	Eileen Neucere
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COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

There are still a few vacancies open for Committee Chairs. If you would like to get involved in revitalizing the Houston Chapter of ASWA please contact Ann White at (713) 528-2771 or awhite@collectordart.com. Everyone's participation is needed to revitalize this organization.

The chairs that are available are:

Programs - Kelly Bennett has laid a great foundation for her replacement to step right in and take over. This committee is responsible for arranging speakers for the monthly dinner meetings. Kelly has already made the arrangements for the July and August speakers. Kelly has many contacts that I am sure she would be happy to pass on as well as her assistance.

Newsletter - Let's give Colene Blankinship a break. She has endured this job for several years now and deserves to help in another area. The newsletter is not a difficult or time consuming job if we all pitch in to provide the articles ON TIME. You will be provided with the necessary program to create the monthly newsletter.

Job Bank - Betty Lew-Watson has been handling this committee for several years now but it seems to have died. The job bank was created to list available openings and for members and non-members to let us know that they are looking for work. Therefore, this job requires little work. All you need to do is write an article for the newsletter requesting information on any positions available or anyone seeking employment. Then, report any feedback to the membership and in the newsletter.

Please volunteer and make this organization what it should be. A place where women are enabled to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

SPEAKER PROFILE

Rachel Koenig is the National Manager of Recruiting and Development for Consolidated Graphics, the largest commercial printing company in the United States. She directs college recruiting, training and development, and leadership and succession planning for this \$780M public company with 66 business units in 25 states.

A Yankee by birth and a Texan by choice, Rachel received her undergraduate degree from George Washington University and her Master’s Degree from Texas A&M University. She completed her doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Houston in 2001.

She is well known to the academic and corporate community having served as the Director of Career Services at the University of Houston College of Business Administration and the Coordinator of Career Services for the University of Houston Law Center. She has also directed admissions and marketing for the Rice University MBA Program.

“Dr. Rachel” has fifteen years of experience in human capital planning, both at the individual and corporate level and is the co-author of “60 Minutes to Success: The Ultimate Guide to Power Lunching.”

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Houston Chapter ASWA MEMORIAL FUND

One way that we fulfill our mission is through the awarding of scholarships to deserving accounting students.

These scholarships are presented each year at our annual luncheon. The recipients are students that have shown dedication and outstanding academic achievement. The financial assistance we provide is recognition of their efforts and achievements.

We are able to make these awards thanks to the generous contributions of our members, friends and supporters. Through your contribution to the Memorial Fund, you are personally contributing to the future development of the accounting profession.

Please consider making a contribution to honor friends and loved ones. Your gift does make a difference.



ADVERTISING RATES

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\$300/ year—full page

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\$ 10/ month—business card size

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Loaves & Fishes Community Project

We had good attendance to our community project at the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen on April 24, 2004. Evans Neucere worked his magic with his secret ingredients for baked chicken legs and everyone pitched in to help cook, wrap plastic utensils in napkins tied with a blue ribbon and assisting the kids in drawing welcome signs on the disposable table cloths for the tables.

Evans had the serving line set up so that the food was dished up fast and no one had a long wait. There were even others standing behind us replenishing the chicken, corn, potato salad and bread. Even though the weather was drizzling rain and people had to wait in line outside of the building, we ended up serving 290 dinners.

While we were waiting for the food preparation to be completed, some of the attendees took a tour of the upstairs women's shelter. Ask the attendees for more details.

We had a wonderful time visiting, especially with members that have not been able to attend meetings in a while. Now we have more pictures for our scrapbook. Since Eileen and Evans are not leaving us after all, we will have further opportunities for community projects at the Loaves and Fishes. We hope to see all of those listed below and many others at our next community project.

Eileen and Evan Neucere and son Everett
 Mary and Bob Simpson
 Debbie McKenney
 Stacey Cheek
 Joan Landreth
 Judy McMillian, husband Robin Hartman and three grandchildren,
 Audrey, Katharine and Jackson
 Ellie Moore and son John
 Kathryn Pearce and two granddaughters, Teresa and Elizabeth
 Ann White

AWSCPA CHARTER RENEWAL & SCHOLARSHIP DINNER June 17, 2004

The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants will have its Charter Renewal & Scholarship Dinner @ 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 17, 2004 at the Live Oak Grill, 10444 Hempstead Road (between Dacoma and Long Point).

Topic: The Offshore Outsourcing of Accounting – Capabilities, Considerations and Casualties.

1 hour CPE. Speaker: Dr. Susan Sorensen, University of Houston, Clear Lake. Cost \$25 members. \$30 guests if postmarked by June 10th. \$35 at the door.

Reservations: Anna Marie LaPorte (713) 209-8552.

AWSCPA MINI-SEMINAR May 20, 2004

The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants will hold its Spring Mini-seminar on at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2004 at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel, 3000 North Loop West.

Topic: The A, B, C's of Bankruptcy and Taxation
 CPE: 2 Hours

Speakers: Joan Kehlhof and Charles Wist, Attorneys at Law, Wist Holland & Kehlhof, LLP

Cost: \$35 members, \$40 guests if postmarked by May 12. \$45 at the door

Reservations call Ellen McMurrey, 281-489-1822

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