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RECENT ACCRUALS

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

- Date:** Tuesday February 19, 2008
- Location:** Denver Athletic Club
1325 Glenarm Street, Denver, CO 80204
(Parking is \$5 in lot on corner of 14th & Welton Streets)
- Program:** Your Fiduciary Responsibility in Retirement Plans
Rena K. Breeding, Benefits Integrity

Rena K. Breeding is the President of Benefits Integrity, a third party plan administration (TPA) and investment firm for qualified and non-qualified plans for businesses of all sizes. Rena has twenty-eight years of experience managing, designing and administering employee benefit programs, defined benefit plans, executive compensation plans and other deferred compensation arrangements. She has strong technical knowledge complemented by a record of success in marketing and delivery of retirement plan services. Her presentation will focus on the responsibilities imposed on the aspects of fiduciary responsibility imposed by ERISA on professionals that offer investment advice and provide other influences on retirement plans.

CPE: 1 Hour of CPE (In accordance with the Standards of the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, CPE credits have been based on a 50-minute hour. ASWA's National Registry sponsor number is 105423.)

Price: Members - \$29.00
Students - \$24.00
Guests - \$36.00

Dinner: Main: Chicken Parmesan with Penne Past
Vegetarian: Eggplant Parmesan with Penne Pasta
Dessert: Chocolate Chip Cannoli

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Members: If the Telephone Committee does not contact you, please contact Carol Marsala at cmarsala@denisonmines.com or 303-237-0688. There will be a door charge for entrants without reservations. All no-shows will be billed.

ACTIVITY CORNER

Our members have participated in many great events for fun, education, and charity.

Please forward your ideas for future events to Joan Weishaupl at 303.455.7323 or email her at jweishaupl@pgdpc.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Leap and a net will appear *Julia Cameron*

We're often presented with situations that require a leap of faith. It can be a small thing like taking a risk with a bold paint color on the wall, or as significant as a career move. It can be intimidating to take the risk when the outcome is not guaranteed, but lead to the most satisfying and rewarding experiences.

When I was approached to serve as a team lead for the software implementation project undertaken by the community college system office, my initial reaction was to decline. I'm by no means an authority in any area of IT. There is a great deal of risk involved in this project. I heard some horror stories from fellow ASWA members who experienced the pain of poorly executed software implementations at their companies. I also heard positive accounts of successful transitions. This was a huge leap of faith for me. I clarified what the expectations were and what my resources would be then accepted the challenge. I've gained a great deal of knowledge during this process and the close relationship formed with fellow professionals at the other twelve community colleges in our system has been an invaluable resource. At times the project has been frustrating and always a challenge to meet deadlines, but there are also many rewards

I wouldn't have experienced if I didn't take the risk. It is a valuable process contributing to my growth

I'm challenging you to take a leap of faith and accept a board position or committee position with our chapter. I understand and share your concerns for the demands we all feel on our time. Be assured that the tasks involved with the smooth running of the chapter are easily shared so each person can contribute just a few hours a month. You will have many resources available to you and will develop a network of fellow professionals to mentor you along the way. There are many rewards to be gained in the process that will help you develop skills necessary to move ahead in your own career.

Over the next few months we will feature volunteer opportunities with our chapter in the monthly newsletter. Current positions open include programs committee, website monitor/update, president elect, secretary and vice president-personal development. In addition, the nominating committee will prepare the slate for next fiscal year over the next few months. Take that leap and accept a position. I guarantee you a net will appear.

Peggy

OTHER MONTHLY ASWA EVENTS

Denver Chapter Board of Directors Meeting:

Last Monday of each month at 6:00pm (all members welcome to attend)
Location: Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Street, Denver, CO 80204
Contact: Peggy Morgan (303) 421-8306

Sole Practitioners:

First Thursday of each month at 7:30 AM
Location: David L. Marfitano, CPA, 3650 S. Yosemite St, Suite 210, Denver, CO
Contact: Bobbi Marfitano (303) 290-9460

Investment Club:

Second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm
Location: Ross-Cherry Creek Library, 305 Milwaukee Street, Denver, CO
Contact: Sallie Gwinn (303) 234-9199

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Tuesday, Mar. 18	Mastery over Overwhelm Randy Ferguson
Tuesday, Apr. 22	Small Business Administration Loans Stephanie Gerringer
NOTE NEW DATE!	
Tuesday, May 20	Trends in the Mortgage Markets Rod Shuster, CPA
Tuesday, June 17	TBA

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

- The deadline for submitting bulletin articles is the 20th of each month
- Articles should be submitted in electronic format
- Email as an attachment to: cmansen@excite.com
- For more information, call Carol Mansen at 210.454.5110



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASWA BOARD – POSITION OPENINGS

President elect/ President:

Provide leadership to the general membership and fellow board members to further the mission of the organization. Represent and promote the Chapter at regional and national ASWA meetings and conferences. Preside at monthly general membership meetings and board meetings.

Resources available:

Chapter past presidents, current and past chapter board members, ASWA regional directors. Also numerous resources available on the ASWA national website under member tools and chapter leader corner.

Skills obtained:

Public speaking, strategic planning, delegation and meeting management.

Estimated time commitment: ten to twelve hours a month.

Programs Committee:

Select topics and speakers for the monthly membership meetings. Interview speakers to determine skill levels. Obtain speaker biography and presentation outline to publish in the monthly bulletin and forward to the CPE chair. Prior to meeting date, confirms the speaker's attendance, communicate any technology needs to the meeting arrangements chair. Committee members become very visible to the chapter and the community.

Resources available:

Sources of speakers include referrals from members and co workers, speaker bureaus at colleges, public agencies, and government offices, CPA firms, and non-profit organizations.

Skills obtained:

Public speaking, recruiting, survey development and access to current information on a variety of business, leadership and accounting topics.

Estimated time commitment: three to four hours a month.

Our chapter needs **your** involvement and support to remain strong and successful. Please contact Peggy Morgan at aswapeggy@hotmail.com or 303.421.8306 for more information or to nominate a member of ASWA Denver.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kyoko Day for successfully passing the CPA Exam. Kyoko continues her studies for a MS in Accounting at the University of Colorado at Denver.



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ASWA Mission Statement:

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.