



## *March 2011 Newsletter*

*The mission of this Society shall be 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.*

### **Regular Meeting:**

The Las Cruces Chapter of ASWA will hold the next General Meeting on Wednesday March 16, 2011 in the Conference Room at Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, located at 505 S. Main Street, from 11:45 – 1:00pm. The cost will be \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members.

### **Program:**

Election of the new board for FY 2011-2012.

Our speaker will be Genevieve Chavez Mitchell, ND from Optimal Health, LLC. She will do a presentation on *Using Emotional Freedom Technique for Stress*. Genevieve is a Naturopathic Doctor trained in naturopathy, wellness, homeopathy, herbalism, nutrition, flower essences and is a Certified Emotional Freedom Technique practitioner.

### **On the Menu:**

Menu includes: Teriyaki Chicken with rice and vegetables, drinks and surprise dessert.

**RSVP:**

Please RSVP to Donna at [donna@bmc-cpa.com](mailto:donna@bmc-cpa.com) or (575) 528-6700 by 5 pm on Monday March 14, 2011. Members on the Standing Reservations list must call Donna by Monday at 5 to cancel in order not to be charged for the meeting.

**Don't want to have to call every month with your reservation?**

Ask Donna to put you on the Standing Reservation List, and then you will only need to call if you have to cancel that month.

***SAVE THE DATE... 16 CPE HOURS  
MAY 19 & 20, 2011  
HOTEL ENCANTO IN LAS CRUCES***

**Southwest Regional Conference Update**

The committee members are still looking for sponsors and vendors for our conference next May. We reviewed a preliminary budget and discussed the schedule of sessions and events. If you would like to participate in the conference planning, please call or email Sharon at (575)571-2742 or [sharonk@nmsu.edu](mailto:sharonk@nmsu.edu), or just attend our next meeting (details below).

**National Conference Update**

Let's bring new members! Our chapter needs 3 new members before the end of May to win a free registration for the national conference in Charlotte, NC Oct 24-26, 2011.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Mar 16 - General Meeting, Citizens Bank of Las Cruces.
- Mar 18 - Regional Conference Meeting, noon, My Brothers Place Restaurant.
- Apr 01 - Board Meeting, noon, Beasley, Mitchell & Co.
- Apr 20 - General Meeting, Citizens Bank of Las Cruces.

## Slate of Officers to be elected on March 16<sup>th</sup>:

President	Donna Hourigan
President Elect	Jeanette Wisner
Secretary	Lupe Lechuga
Treasurer	Kristi Granados
Directors	Sharon Kirkpatrick - Past President Phoebe Pierce Rebecca Poland Tammie Hamilton



### **BOARD NOTES** from our chapter President Sharon Kirkpatrick:

The board passed a resolution to sign an agreement with Becker Professional Education which will allow our chapter members to receive a \$300 discount off of the full four-part course tuition of the CPA Review Program. This course may be taken live (Albuquerque is the closest place), online or CD self study.

The board also passed a resolution to obtain an Association Professional Liability insurance policy with Marsh US Consumer, a service of Seabury & Smith, Inc. This policy will protect our chapter directors and officers in the case of any legal claims against the Board.

**PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR PROFESSIONAL  
CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> Announcement

**From:** Beltran-Schmitz, Laura [mailto:Laura.Beltran-Schmitz@cliftoncpa.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2011 8:41 AM

**Subject:** FW: AGA Professional Development Conference

Hello All,

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) New Mexico and Albuquerque Chapters are proud to announce this year's Professional Development Conference. Please see the attached flyer and registration form for details. I would greatly appreciate it if you would please pass this along to individuals within your professional organizations or workplaces. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

We hope to see you there!!!

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement

**From:** Christine Wright

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 1:22 PM

**Subject:** Litigation support opportunities for Las Cruces Accountants

Dear ASWA Colleagues,

I recently attended an organizational meeting for Collaborative Law, and am reaching-out to invite you to participate in this emerging practice area.

“Collaborative Law” is a new model for divorcing couples which involves working with a “team” that includes attorney, CPA, and mental-health coach. We’re trying to bring this new model to Las Cruces.

Attached is the brochure for the NM Collaborative Law Symposium to be held in Albuquerque on April 23 and 24.

Please contact Christine Wright if you’d like additional information, or are interested in attending future Las Cruces Collaborative Law meetings.

Thank you,

Christine

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