

# ASWA

American Society of Women Accountants

## Orange County Chapter News



*The mission of ASWA is 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.*

### President's Message

One of the things I love most about the holiday season is the spirit of generosity and goodwill that seems to spread its warmth among us at this time of year. I am inspired by the acts of kindness, both great and small, often anonymous, that so deeply touch the lives of those who receive them.



This year, as so many of our colleagues, friends and loved ones continue to face the challenges of unemployment and continued uncertainty in the economy, the friendship and support offered by our network of chapter members and friends is especially valuable. We are a community of professionals dedicated to helping one another, and in doing so, find that we often receive far more than we give.

I'd like to extend a very special thanks to this year's sponsors of our annual Scholarship Awards and Student Night. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to award \$2500 in scholarships to four talented and deserving students. Investing in our future generations is a gift we can all be proud of.

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to thank each one of you for touching my life, and for sharing so richly of your time, your talent, your knowledge and your compassion. I am honored to

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be a part of this amazing group, and wish you all a glorious holiday season, and a spectacular New Year!

**Lynn Parker**

## ASWA OC Chapter Awards \$2500 in Scholarships!

by Elise Johnson



The ASWA scholarship committee began recruiting scholarship applicants in September through local university and college student groups and through California State

University's Beta Alpha Psi-sponsored Meet the Firms. Millie Culpepper, Jennifer Jeanblanc, Elise Johnson and Irene Mack reviewed submitted applications, including transcripts, personal resumes and statements of career goals and objectives, and references from professional and academic associates.

The scholarship committee considered various factors such as GPA, personal goals, work experience, campus involvement and scholastic awards in ranking scholarship candidates. The selections process proved to be difficult due to the many qualified candidates that submitted applications. ASWA OC presented the following scholarships at our annual student night dinner on November 17th:

**\$ 500 - Laura Shigeoka from Chapman University**

**\$ 500 - Melanie Yamabe from CSU-Fullerton**

**\$ 500 - Bianca Bonus from CSU-Fullerton**

**\$1,000 - Elizabeth Liman from CSU-Fullerton**

At the awards dinner, the scholarship winners, students in attendance, ASWA Members, and both guests from our scholarship sponsors and local community were also privileged to hear from a panel of speakers on the topic "Navigating the Road Ahead - Mapping Out Your Future." Marilyn Lobel, Tanya Valle, Jessi Roper and Michelle Lusen addressed questions related to beginning a successful career, networking throughout one's career, work-life balance, the importance of finding passion within one's work, and how to overcome mistakes.

In addition to the opportunity of hearing from these seasoned professionals, ASWA OC was able to raise additional funds to financially support our annual scholarships through a silent auction. We would like to thank all those who generously made our scholarships and our awards dinner possible through their financial and volunteer support.

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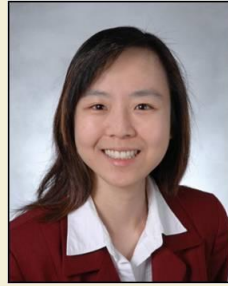
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## **TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2010 AND BEYOND**

Please join us for our annual Tax Update at our next Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, January 19th. Our guest speaker is **Bella Wang**, CPA, MST, Senior Manager, Tax and Accounting Services at Windes & McClaughry Accountancy Corporation.



Keeping up with all the significant tax legislation, regulations, rulings, new administrative developments and changes that impact individual and business taxpayers can be challenging. During the meeting, Bella Wang will review and analyze important changes and developments in federal and California tax law. You will leave with an understanding of key issues and tax planning tips that may help your business, and you, personally, for the 2010 tax year and beyond.

Additional details will be included in the January newsletter!

### **Congratulations to Last Month's Opportunity Drawing Winners!**

**Nancy Liming**

won a Starbucks gift card!

**Jeanne Tarazevits**

won a bottle of wine!

**Rhea Leigh Graf** won tickets to the South Coast Repertory!

**Teddy Kang**

won a Free ASWA Dinner!

We are looking for a member to manage the Opportunity Drawing at each dinner meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for this position or would like to make a donation, please contact Lynn Parker: [president@aswaoc.org](mailto:president@aswaoc.org) or Alison Aldrich: [treasurer@aswaoc.org](mailto:treasurer@aswaoc.org).

## **Chapter Bulletin Board**

View our profile on 

***Happy Anniversary to the following ASWA members!***  
*12/21 Adriana Estrada 1 year*

## **Check out our updated Employment Opportunities Page!**

We are offering free job postings for all accounting or finance positions within the Greater OC areas. Go to the website: [www.aswaoc.org](http://www.aswaoc.org) for further details or contact our Employment Opportunities Chair, Dolores Lara, at [employment@aswaoc.org](mailto:employment@aswaoc.org).

## **Drawing for Guests Only**

Did you know at every dinner meeting we hold a drawing for guests to receive a free dinner meeting (a \$48 value)? So bring a guest to the next dinner meeting and your guest has a very good chance of winning another dinner meeting on us!

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