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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome sum-mer-time!!

Thanks to all of you who attended the June meeting at the Camino Real Café where **Tom Frutchey** gave us many ways to deal with conflict. Good advice... and great audience participation...especially from some of us who were sharing their recent conflicts in the workplace!!

A GREAT BIG THANKS to all of you who made this year an incredible success. I had a wonderful time orchestrating the symphony that was already written by many of my dedicated ASWA colleagues. The movement ends ... and the baton is now passed to **Paige** to lead the way into the 2003/2004 year!!

Please help me welcome **Paige** and her new Board and committee members at the next meeting held on **Monday, July 14th**. Our guest speaker is **Cindy Brittain AAL** who will discuss **“Tax Research Basics“** at **Bartlett Pringle & Wolf CPA's office.**

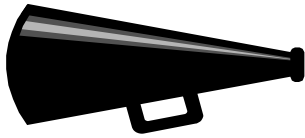
There are many exciting agenda items planned for the coming year so don't forget to renew your membership!!!

Au revoir . . . à bientôt.



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SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for July newsletter is Wednesday, July 23. Contact Paige @ Ladyconst@aol.com or Kathryn Costello at Kcostello@nhhco.com

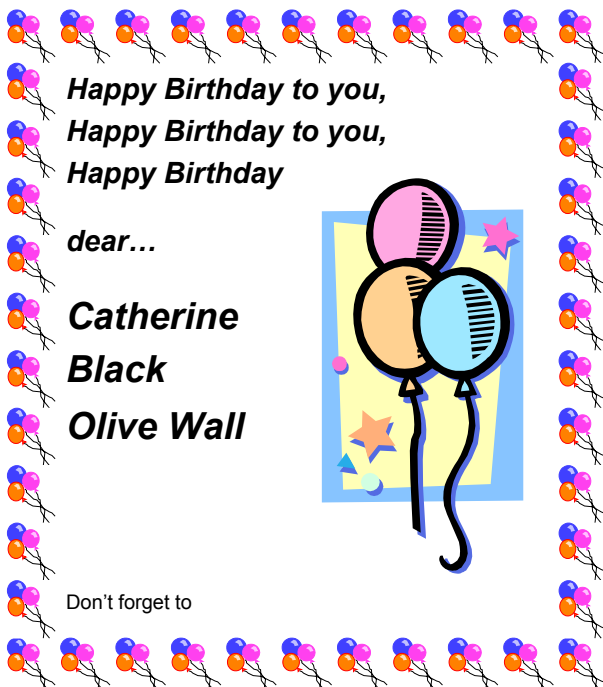
Effective January 1 2004 the Chapter newsletter will be available online only. Current and past issues are available now on our website www.aswasb.org and hard copies have been mailed to members also. This will result in a HUGE savings in operating costs and member resources. A special thanks to Diane Donohue for her financial contribution and effort to mail 130 issues each month!

Call Pam Dain at Jones Wheeler Co. at 963-1902 to purchase CPA review courses at half price!

Did you know...when you make a dinner reservation and don't attend, that the chapter is still responsible to pay for your meal! If you do not cancel before the deadline, please send someone in your place if possible. When we bill you for a no-show we would appreciate your sending in your check promptly. Thanks!

The June 7th Transition meeting resulted in lots of good ideas being presented and approved for this coming fiscal year. We have an exciting and educational (CPE) schedule of monthly meetings including Excel, Outlook, Employee Compensation, Employment Law, Choice of Business Entity, Starting Small Business/Sole Proprietorship and many others. Stay tuned for more information as our new slate leads the way!

Please renew your membership! We need you!



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cordially invites you to attend our

Monthly Dinner Meeting

Monday July 14 5:30 PM

Bartlett Pringle & Wolf LLP CPA's

1123 Chapala, Santa Barbara

(Please use the corner elevator to the third floor office)

Plenty of parking on the first floor of the building

Cindy Brittain AAL

will speak on

“Tax Research Basics”

Cindy is a local tax attorney specializing in individual and corporate tax planning. She attended California Western School of Law where she attained her Juris Doctor. After working as a prosecutor at the San Diego City Attorney's Office, she studied at the University of San Diego where she received her Master of Law in Taxation. She moved to Santa Barbara in 2000 and has worked for Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf CPA's and Ambrecht and Associates.



Dinner: Pizza, Salad and Soft Drinks \$15.00

Please RSVP to Fiona at flogreen@yahoo.com by Friday, July 11.

**Standing reservations: Pam Lombardo, Diane Donohue, Barbara Shaw,
Diane Ravenscroft, Paige Hibbits & Sherri Mauler**

IRS WEBSITE offers Identification Numbers for Businesses

The Internal Revenue Service now lets businesses obtain identification numbers directly from its Web site. After the taxpayer completes an application form online, the system issues an employer identification number (EIN) that may be used immediately.

This online process eliminates the need to send paperwork to the IRS as well delay in issuing a number that may result from an incomplete application form. Once a business has its EIN, it can file tax returns and may enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax System to handle its payments most efficiently.

Businesses do not need to pre-register before requesting an EIN. The number issued is the permanent EIN for the business, unless the IRS finds that it has already issued an EIN for that business or if the principal officer's name and social security number do not match Social Security records. In such cases, the IRS will void the number issued through the Web site and notify the business.

An accountant or tax preparer may use the Web site at www.irs.gov to request EINs on behalf of their clients. The taxpayer must sign a copy of the Form SS-4 and a statement authorizing the representative to receive the number online. The representative must keep both documents on file. The Web site describes the elements required for an authorization statement, which a preparer may print out for the client to sign.

The online application process is not available to some EIN requestors, including federal, state and local government agencies, Indian Tribal governments, real estate mortgage investment conduits, and taxpayers with addresses outside the 50 states.

For more information, go to www.irs.gov/smallbiz and click the "Online Application—Form SS-4" link.

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Catalysts in Paradise

Mark your calendars for an exciting 3 day event September 24-26: the ASWA Annual Conference held at Paradise Point in San Diego. This year's conference, **"Women Accountants as Catalysts for Change"** will provide many an occasion to learn, to network, to laugh, to grow. In addition to 4 tracks of incredible CPE, opportunities abound for personal growth: consider volunteering for the hospitality suite to greet the weary traveler with refreshment or for introducing a speaker.

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Monday, July 14 at 5:30 pm . . .

SCHEDULE EXCEPTION DUE TO HOLIDAY

Monthly Meeting

Cindy Brittain AAL speaking on "Tax Research Basics"

Bartlett Pringle & Wolf LLP CPA's Santa Barbara \$15.00

Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 pm...

Monthly Board Meeting

at Walpole & Co. located at the Galleria, 3891 State Street, Santa Barbara 569-9864

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