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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members!

This is Paige Hibbits filling in for Diana this month. She has been away on a well-deserved vacation. We have so much to mention this month that I hope I don't miss anything!

First of all, **thanks to our Golf Social committee** for their extraordinary effort on a cold and windy evening. Everyone with whom I spoke enjoyed the social, golf and instruction, and commented that this was really a fun evening!

May 12 is our Annual Joint Meeting at the University Club, Santa Barbara. This public relations night has been confirmed by the SB Women Lawyers, Institute of Management Accountants, and Women CPA Luncheon Group. Alan Hopkinson, CPA will speak on Fraud relating to Professional Malpractice and Breaches of Employment Contracts. He is an exciting and dynamic speaker and we look forward to hearing him. See the enclosed information!

The BIG news for June 7 is our Transition Meeting! Please join us for the passing of the torch to 2003-2004 Officers and Committees. **We still need a few good volunteers! If you can't take on an annual position, please help by volunteering with an event or position in which you are especially interested. Contact Pam at plombardo@housing.ucsb.edu. Your very special invitation is inside!**

Thanks to **Jeanette Cambron**, on June 9, **Tom Frutchey** with the Employees University for the County of Santa Barbara will discuss "**Conflict Management**". **Mark your calendars!**

And...our **ASWA National Conference** is coming up very quickly! San Diego is not far away and we hope that several of you will help represent our chapter...hosting, etc. Gail has provided her contact email address on page 2.

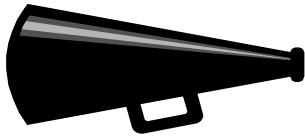
Until next month, keep in mind that sharing knowledge and compassion is an important step in mentoring and leadership.

Paige for



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SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for June newsletter is Wednesday, May 28. Contact Paige Hibbits at ladyconslt@aol.com.

2003 California Accounting & Business Show & Conference is Mon - Tues, June 9-10 at the LAX Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles. The FREE show, sponsored by the California CPA Education Foundation, will focus on new computer-savvy systems for CPA practices and client operations. CPE is offered. Contact Paige for more information.

Our Scholarship fund needs your help! We still have several remaining boxes of See's candy waiting for homes. Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation are all good candy times. Thanks so much to those members who have taken boxes to sell (or even to give away - chocolate squares are really nice treats for visitors to your office). So, those, who haven't yet picked up their boxes, now is the time. Contact Barbara Shaw at bjshawsb@cox.net.

A reminder that Simone Byers is offering an incredible deal to contribute to our Scholarship Fund: for each massage or yoga class you pay for before May 31, she will contribute HALF the proceeds to our Scholarship Fund! Simone can be reached at 452-8240.

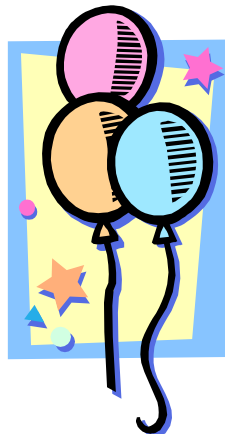
Call Pam Dain at Jones Wheeler Co. at 963-1902 to purchase CPA review courses at half price!



***Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday***

dear...

**Jenny Beckman-
Curzan
Sherri Mauler
Rebecca Szerwo**



Don't forget to
bring a raffle gift to the
upcoming dinner meeting !!
Contact Paige Hibbits if your

Catalysts in Paradise

(Paradise South, that is)

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.

Please contact Gail at gail@mfco.com if you are interested.

ASWA SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER

cordially invites you to attend our

ANNUAL JOINT MEETING

The American Society of Women Accountants

Santa Barbara Women Lawyers

Institute of Management Accountants

Women's CPA Luncheon Group

Alan Hopkinson

is an attorney, accountant and consultant who practices as a forensic accountant from offices in Santa Barbara. He specializes in the provision of litigation support services, including expert testimony in civil and criminal matters. He will speak on

Fraud

Relating to Professional Malpractice and Breaches of Employment Contract

This is another opportunity to learn, discuss and ask questions about issues that concern us all!

Monday May 12th

5:30 P.M.

Santa Barbara University Club

1332 Santa Barbara Street

966-0853

\$38.00 per person

Please RSVP to Fiona Lofgreen

by Friday, May 2.

flofgreen@bpw.com



Standing reservations:

Pam Lombardo, Diane Donohue, Barbara Shaw,
Diane Ravenscroft, Paige Hibbits, Sherri Mauler & Diana Dahlen

THE USE OF “ACCOUNTANT” & “ACCOUNTING”

An excerpt from Professional Ethics Review prepared by
Beth Armstrong, PhD, CPA, California Education Foundation

The use of these terms in the state of California has been decided by the court case *Bonnie Moore v. California Board of Accountancy*.

Bonnie Moore held a degree in accounting but was not licensed as a CPA. Nevertheless, she used the terms “accountant” and “accounting” to describe herself and her company, Accounting Center, on building directories, in the telephone book, and in radio and television advertisements. Moore’s firm installed accounting systems for small clients, prepared monthly financial statements, long-range financial projections and performed internal auditing procedures on clients’ books and records. Moore performed no services requiring a CPA license.

The issue before the court was whether the use of the generic terms “accountant” and “accounting” by an unlicensed person was likely to mislead the public. If so, the state would have an interest in restricting the use of such terms. If not, the protection of commercial free speech, a right within the First Amendment of the US Constitution, must take precedence. In other words, if a term is not misleading it must be allowed because of a person’s constitutional right to commercial free speech. If a term is misleading, it may be prohibited in order to protect the public interest. And in the case of a potentially misleading term, it may be restricted so as to reduce its ability to mislead.

In 1992 the California Supreme Court ruled that the specific terms “accountant” “auditor” “accounting” and “auditing” could NOT be used by unlicensed persons when holding out to the public. The court determined that those terms could mislead the public into thinking that the person was licensed by the state. The court also stated that in order to satisfy the First Amendment of the US Constitution, the use of any terms must be permitted if they are qualified by a warning or disclaimer that avoids their misleading impact. The court used “unlicensed accountant” as an example of a qualification that might be acceptable.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

Monday, May 12 at 5:30 pm . . .

Monthly Meeting

ANNUAL JOINT MEETING

Alan Hopkinson CPA, AAL speaking on "Fraud"

University Club, 1332 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara 966-0853 \$38 for all

Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30 pm...

Monthly Board Meeting

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

2003-2004 TRANSITION MEETING

Join us for a casual meeting to discuss the chapter's agenda for the new fiscal year. Help us welcome the new Officers, Board and Committee members. Help us acknowledge and thank our outgoing Officers, Board and Committee members. We need YOU!

Saturday morning, June 7, 9AM-12N. Damitz Brooks Nightingale Turner and Morrisset, 200 East Carrillo, Suite 202, Santa Barbara.

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TO ENABLE WOMEN IN ALL FIELDS OF ACCOUNTING TO ACHIEVE THEIR PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROFESSION.

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