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## President's Message

ASWA Members and Friends,

The tulips are blooming and the lawn needs to be cut, Summer is almost here!!

I hope you all enjoyed April's speaker, Melissa Stuczynski. Melissa provided training on Microsoft Word 2003. I know I picked up some tips that I've been using daily. Thank you Melissa!!

Our ASWA Chapter year is winding down with only two more meetings. We voted on our new Officer's and Board Members at the April meeting. Thank you to all that will be taking on a leadership position. Our lives are all very busy, but volunteering to hold a leadership position is vital to the Chapter's success.

I look forward to seeing you all on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Best regards,

Janet Sargent  
President

### MAY PROGRAM

#### Scams & Flimflams: Preying on the Elderly

Join us May 27th for a great presentation by Matt Plummer, Supervisor of Daily Money Management for Aurora Family Service. Matt will be revealing the financial dangers to the elderly as well as some of us not so elderly and how to avoid them.

Matt Plummer is the supervisor of Elder Service Money Management services for Aurora Family Service. He oversees the Money Management program, which assists elderly clients manage and protect their finances, and HOPE the Homeowners Options Program for the Elderly, a program that works with seniors with delinquent property taxes to identify ways to remain in their homes and avoid foreclosure. He is a Certified Consumer Credit Counselor and has presented both locally and nationally on money management for seniors. He is also a member of the American Association of Daily Money Managers. Prior to his involvement with the Elder Service Money Management programs, he worked with Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Milwaukee and also for M&I Bank.

E-mail [Reservations@aswamilwaukee.org](mailto:Reservations@aswamilwaukee.org) to reserve your seat or call Sheila at 262-246-7258. Hope to see you there!

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#### ASWA Mission:

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.

To learn more about us, go to [www.aswa.org](http://www.aswa.org) or [www.aswamilwaukee.org](http://www.aswamilwaukee.org).

**POCKET PEELERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE May 27th MEETING!**

The coupons on the spring edition Pocket Peeler still sell for \$10 each with a 50% profit for our group. The coupons are from I-Hop Restaurant (4 @ buy entrée and 2 beverages get an entrée free), Cousins Subs (4 @ buy 2 subs get third free), Chancery (2 @ buy 2 entrees get an appetizer free), Uno Chicago Grill (2 @ buy 2 entrees get the 3rd free), Rocky Roco (4 @ buy slice and drink get same free), Cold Stone Creamery (3 coupons), Cascio Interstate Music (1 coupon), Wong's Wok (2 coupons), Scrub-A-Dub Wash & Oil Change (2 coupons), Dairy Queen (4 coupons), Subway (4 coupons), AMF Bowling (1 coupon), & Dunhams Sports (1 coupon for 10% off). The coupons in the Spring edition are good until March 31, 2009. If you would like to see what they look like you can check out their website at [www.pocketpeelers.com](http://www.pocketpeelers.com).

So far we've sold 11 Pocket Peelers for a \$10 profit and we still have 8 left to sell (one was used for a speaker gift). Any more sold will be total profit since we've now covered our costs for this sale! If you can't make it to the May 27th meeting but you would like a Pocket Peeler, you can contact me at the number or e-mail address below to get one. Since Pocket Peelers fit in an envelope if you send me a check made out to ASWA I can mail you the Pocket Peeler. Let's make this Pocket Peeler sale a great success!

Ann Neshek

Fundraising Chair

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**More Stimulus Payment Information**

If you haven't received your stimulus payment, you should be receiving it soon, or you may be getting bombarded with questions from your friends and relatives. Here is some information you can pass on.

Your economic stimulus payment will be based on information provided on your 2007 income tax return. Many, but not all, taxpayers qualify for the maximum basic payment of \$600 for singles or \$1,200 for married couples. Many parents are also receiving an additional \$300 for each qualifying child, born after Dec. 31, 1990.

Your payment may be less than the maximum for one or more of the following reasons:

- You are single and your net income tax liability is less than \$600. If you file Form 1040 net income tax liability is the amount shown on Line 57, plus the amount on Line 52.
- You are married and your net income tax liability is less than \$1,200.
- You are single and your adjusted gross income (AGI) is more than \$75,000. On Form 1040, AGI is the amount on Line 37.
- You are married filing a joint return and your AGI is more than \$150,000.
- You owe back taxes.
- You have non-tax federal debts such as unpaid student loans or child-support obligations.

Around the same time you receive your payment, you will receive a notice from the IRS explaining how your payment was figured. It is important to keep this notice as a record of your economic stimulus payment. In addition, you'll get a separate notice if you owe back taxes or non-tax debts.

The easiest way to figure the amount is to use the Economic Stimulus Payment Calculator on the IRS.gov web site. Essentially, there are two parts to the stimulus payment: a basic amount based on tax liability, filing status or other qualifying income, if there is no tax liability, and an additional amount based on whether a qualifying child is reported on the return.



## Summer Exercise Safety

It is essential to take the necessary precautions while exercising during the summer months. The average person can take from one to two weeks to adapt to warmer, more humid temperatures. Here are some helpful safety tips to follow while exercising during the summer:

**Re-hydrate your body.** While exercising in hot weather you can easily lose up to a quart of water an hour. Drink water before, during and after exercising. Since your body can only absorb 8 ounces of cold water every 20 minutes, continue to drink fluids even after you no longer feel thirsty.

**Avoid working out during peak hours.** Very hot and humid weather hampers perspiration's ability to cool your body. Try exercising in the morning or evening to avoid the most intense heat as well as the times when smog and pollution levels are highest. Or consider exercising indoors at the local YMCA, health club or shopping mall.

**Try walking.** Walking is considered the most popular exercise among Americans. Invest in a good pair of walking shoes with a flexible sole, and good heel and arch support. It may be the only equipment you'll need. Gently stretch for five minutes before starting your walk. When you are finished walking, cool down for five minutes by gently walking and stretching for another five minutes to prevent soreness.

**Cool off in the water.** Swimming is an excellent way to exercise during the summer months. There is no need to be a good swimmer to benefit from water exercise. Performing strokes such as the backstroke or doggie paddle at the shallow or deep end of the pool still counts as aerobic exercise.

**Don't forget your sunscreen.** Apply SPF 15 sunscreen at least 30 minutes before exercising outdoors. Protect your eyes with sunglasses that block the sun's UV rays. Exposure to direct and indirect sunlight over many years increases your risk of developing skin cancer.

**Watch out for the symptoms of heat stroke.** When the body can't rid itself of excess heat, there can be a sudden rise in body temperature. Look for very hot and dry skin, dizziness, nausea, confusion and unconsciousness. Remember, these symptoms can appear rapidly. If these conditions exist, move the person to a cool area or immerse him or her in a cool bath to lower the body temperature as quickly as possible. You can also pour cool water over the person. Seek medical attention immediately; heatstroke can be fatal.

**Choose the appropriate clothing.** Wear loose-fitting clothing to allow circulation of air between your skin and the environment. Also, light-colored clothing will reflect sunlight, while darker clothing will absorb the heat. Cotton and linen are natural fabrics that may absorb moisture (sweat). However, synthetic fabrics that have a mesh-like weave will allow moisture to be whisked away from your skin.

Normal is in the eye of the beholder.

— Whoopi Goldberg



**ASWA Milwaukee Chapter 41  
Congratulations to Our New  
Officers and Board Members  
For Fiscal Year 2008-2009  
Elected on April 22, 2008**

**OFFICERS**

President	Linda Steinberg
Immediate Past President	Janet Sargent (ex officio)
Recording Secretary	Valerie Sheldon
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Press
Treasurer	Catherine Yekenevicz
Vice President – Program	Sandi Chase

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Program – Reservations	Susan Jaeckel
Publicity	Christine Yard
Membership	Sue Christensen
Member Retention	Rhonda Fritz
Fundraising	Ann Neshek
Scholarship Chair	Sue Heaton
Webmaster Chair	Wendi Hall

**COMMITTEES** (not elected positions)

Scholarship Trustee	Sue Christensen
Scholarship Trustee	Jean Williams
Student Night	Kathy Burzynski
Member Education/Legislation	Caryl Ehlert

**Officers, Board  
Members and Chairs**

<b>President:</b>	Janet Sargent <i>President@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Past President:</b>	Sheila Robak
<b>Vice Pres-Programs:</b>	Wendi Hall <i>VPresident@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Sharon Stone <i>RecSecretary@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Sue Press <i>CorSecretary@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Cathy Yekenevicz <i>Treasurer@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Reservations:</b>	Sheila Robak <i>Reservations@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Publicity:</b>	Linda Steinberg <i>PR@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Membership:</b>	Sue Christensen <i>membership@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Member Retention:</b>	Rhonda Fritz <i>members@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Fundraising:</b>	Ann Neshek <i>fundraising@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Website:</b>	Wendi Hall <i>webmaster@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Student Night:</b>	Kathy Burzynski <i>student@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Member Education:</b>	Caryl Ehlert <i>Education@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Scholarship:</b>	Sue Heaton <i>scholarship@aswamilwaukee.org</i>
<b>Scholarship Trustees:</b>	Sue Christensen and Jean Williams

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

*The deadline for newsletter articles will be ONE WEEK AFTER our monthly meeting. The deadline for the next newsletter bulletin is Friday, June 6, 2008! Please submit all articles to Sue Press, [spress@schlitzpark.com](mailto:spress@schlitzpark.com) or [gpress@centurytel.net](mailto:gpress@centurytel.net). If you have any questions, you can contact Sue at 414-272-6302 or 262-495-8611.*

## ASWA Meeting Schedule for 2007-2008

<b>Location:</b>	Klemmer's Banquet Center, 10401 W. Oklahoma Avenue
<b>Time:</b>	Social 5:30, Dinner 6:00, Program 7:00
<b>Fees:</b>	Members \$21, Retired Members \$18, Students \$18, Guests \$23

Date	Entrée	Program Topic/ Speaker
May 27, 2008	Shrimp with Vodka Sauce Mesquite Grilled Pork Chop Garlic Herb Pasta	
June 24, 2008	NY Strip Baked Stuffed Shrimp Mushroom Ravioli	lia sophia, Jewelry Nancy Meier
July 29, 2008	TBD	2008-2009 Planning Meeting Held at Linda Steinberg's Home 285 N. Park Blvd. Brookfield (near Brookfield Square) 262-821-1861(RSVP) 5:30 pm dinner, 6-7:30 pm Meeting

Please call Sheila Robak at 262-246-7258 or by e-mail to [srobak@miller-bradford.com](mailto:srobak@miller-bradford.com) by the Thursday before our meeting to make a dinner reservation. Please advise if you wish the alternate Vegetarian Steamed Vegetable Entrée instead. Guests are always welcome at our meetings!

**PERMANENT RESERVATION LIST: (Call in ONLY if you wish to cancel!)**

Kathy Burzynski	Sue Christensen	Rhonda Fritz	Wendi Hall	Susan Hallberg
Sue Heaton	Sue Jaeckel	Vivian Moller	Ann Neshek	Cheryl Pfundtner
Sue Press	Sheila Robak	Valerie Sheldon	Sharon Stone	
Catherine Yekenevicz				

PER EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION, any member who makes a reservation by the deadline, or any member on the permanent reservation list who fails to cancel their reservation by the deadline, will be billed for their meal. Anyone wishing to be added to or deleted from the permanent reservation list may contact Sheila Robak. Please note that by placing your name on this list, you are responsible for paying for the meal from every meeting. If you are not able to attend, please call or email by the previous Friday and you will not be responsible for payment.



# 2007-2008

## ASWA MEETING CALENDAR

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Holiday
  Regular Monthly Meeting
  Special Board Meeting
  Newsletter Deadline

**Regional Conferences****2008 Southwest Regional Conference  
May 16-17, 2008**

Radisson Woodlands Hotel Flagstaff  
Sponsored by:  
Flagstaff, AZ Chapter  
Chapter Contact:  
Kelly Robertson  
928-523-2017  
[kelly.robertson@nau.edu](mailto:kelly.robertson@nau.edu)

**2008 Northwest Regional Conference  
May 30-31, 2008**

Courtyard Marriott  
Sponsored by:  
Bellevue, WA Chapter  
Chapter Contact:  
Eleanor Siverts-Akerman  
425-255-8842

**2008 Northeast Regional Conference  
June 6-7, 2008**

Akron-Fairlawn Hilton  
3180 West Market Street  
Akron, OH 44333  
330-867-5000  
Sponsored by:  
Akron-Canton, OH Chapter  
Chapter Contact:  
Becky Price  
[beckyp606@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyp606@yahoo.com)  
or Susan Tripepi  
[stripepi@neo.rr.com](mailto:stripepi@neo.rr.com)

**Future Annual Conferences**

**ASWA/AWSCPA  
Joint Inspired Solutions Conference**  
October 28-30, 2008  
The Fairmont Dallas  
Dallas, TX

For sponsorship or exhibit opportunities, please download the [2008 JNC Sponsorship Brochure](#) or call Lindsey Monson at ASWA headquarters, (703) 506-3265.

**Other Events****2008 Mid-Atlantic Employee Benefits Conference  
May 22-23, 2008**

Capital Hilton Hotel  
Washington, DC  
Sponsored by the IRS and the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries (ASPPA).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Empowering Today's Accountant Seminar  
July 25, 2008**

Tempe Mission Palms Hotel  
Tempe, AZ  
Sponsored by:  
Mesa East Valley Chapter  
Chapter contact:  
Laura Mangan  
480-276-5926  
[lauralynne@earthlink.net](mailto:lauralynne@earthlink.net)

**Tentative 2008-2009 ASWA Meeting Calendar**

July 29<sup>th</sup> – Planning Meeting – Linda's house  
285 N. Park Blvd. Brookfield (near Brookfield Square) 1-262-821-1861 (RSVP) 5:30 pm dinner, 6-7:30 pm Meeting

August 26 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

September 23 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

October 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – due to National Convention)

November 10 ((2nd Monday– possible joint meeting with IMA)

December – no meeting

January 27 – Tax update

February 24 – possible Student Activities

March 24

April 27 – Election of Officers

May 26

June 23 – Installation of Officers



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Don't forget to check out our chapter website for information, schedules, ASWA logo wear and more! <http://www.aswamilwaukee.org> is available 24/7/365. See important news about our fundraisers, scholarships, and meetings. See what the upcoming meeting topics are, reserve your place for dinner at the next meeting, view a proclamation from the City of Milwaukee for our 50th Anniversary or learn who next year's leaders will be.

Do you know anyone who would be interested in sponsoring our chapter's website? The company would be prominently promoted as our website sponsor with their logo on our home page and a link to their own website. They would receive free job postings on our website as well. For more information, please e-mail [webmaster@aswamilwaukee.org](mailto:webmaster@aswamilwaukee.org).