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OUR MISSION

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.

ABOUT US

AFWA, originally named ASWA, was organized in 1938 to increase the opportunities for women in all fields of accounting and finance. The first chapter was chartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members include partners in national, regional and local CPA firms, financial officers, controllers, academicians, financial analysts and data processing consultants, college students and recent graduates, and women returning to the work force. Many of our members have attained professional certifications such as CPA, CMA, CIA, and CFP. The Huntsville chapter was chartered on December 4, 1982. We hold monthly meetings with programs of technical and educational value.



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President's Message

Hello Ladies!

August was a great month for our chapter! We had our monthly chapter meeting, our annual seminar, and volunteered in the ALS Walk for a Cure.

Our annual seminar was held on August 22nd. The meeting was very informative and the speakers were wonderful.

A special thanks to Sylvia Ayers for all of her hard work planning the annual seminar.

I also want to thank everyone who came out and helped with the ALS walk. It was a hot day, but I

think everyone had a great time.

AFWA helped the ALS Association raise almost \$272,000!

Our next meeting will be held on September 16th at 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn located in the Madison Square Mall. The speaker this month will be Courtney Edmonson, Certified Public Accountant from Redstone Government Consulting. Her topic is how to be compliant in government contract accounting. I hope to see you all next week!

- Leah

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday September 16, 2014

Address

Holiday Inn at Madison Square Mall, 5903 University Drive,
Huntsville, AL 35806

Program

“How to Be Compliant in Government Contract Accounting”

An explanation of the fundamentals of Government procurement regulatory requirements that affect a Government contractor's accounting system.

5:10 pm – Check-in

5:30 pm – Dinner

6:00 pm – Program

7:00 pm – Networking

Speaker

Courtney Edmonston, CPA
Senior Managing Consultant
Redstone Government Consulting

Cost

\$20 – Members, spouses, and first time visitors

\$25 – Non-members (after first visit)

\$10 – Full time undergraduate students

This meeting will qualify for 1 hour of CPE credit in the Taxes field. This program is basic with no prerequisites.

Reservations/cancellations for dinner must be made no later than noon on Friday, September 12. Reply to your Evite invitation or contact Florence Royer at (256) 830-0377 or royerfe@juno.com. The treasurer will bill for reservations made, but not honored.

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AFWA Helps Raise \$270,000

The ALS Walk for a Cure 2014 in Huntsville was held at the Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology on August 23.

Almost \$272,000 was raised, well over the goal of \$205,000. This was due in part to the help of many volunteers and participants, including AFWA members that volunteered to serve in the event. Over 1300 participants resisted the heat and humidity on a hot summer day to walk for a cure. Michelle Skelton, ALS Association Huntsville Chapter Event Chairperson graciously sent a thank you note to the AFWA chapter,

“THANK YOU so very much for being such an awesome, dedicated group of volunteers that persevered through the hottest weather we have ever had at a Walk. You all were/ are wonderful!!

I hope everyone recovered and had no ill effects from our morning spent in the brutal Alabama August heat. You all did an amazing job, and the ALS Association is so grateful. The Walk could never take place without the efforts of many volunteers, and what you all did makes a difference in the lives of people suffering from this horrific disease.”

Thank you to AFWA members that volunteered and helped raise money for such noble cause.

Huntsville Chapter Held a Successful Education Seminar in August

The Huntsville Chapter of Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance presented its annual Accounting, Finance and Tax Seminar on Friday, August 22 at Redstone Federal Credit Union's Conference Center.

Both men and women with interests in business were invited to attend. There were 33 individuals who attended this local training presented by six speakers. Topics included: *GAAP and Tax Updates... *New Revenue Recognition Standard... *DCAA Audits... and *Benchmarking. The Seminar provided 8 CPE hours including 5 hours in Accounting and Auditing. The registration fee also included a full hot breakfast, buffet lunch, two snack breaks, and session handouts.

This annual one-day seminar services the North Alabama community by providing low-cost CPE with a variety of current topics and helps fund our Chapter's scholarship program.

We wish to thank the attendees and speakers for their support and hope they make plans to attend again next year. Tentative plans are to hold the seminar in September 2015.

By Sylvia Ayers

SEPTEMBER Membership Anniversaries

Diane Ackerman – 2013
Sylvia Ayers – 1987
Katie Burks – 2013
Michelle Cummings – 2013
Alean Dupin – 2013
Brittany Harris – 2013
Patti Prince – 2013
Karen Smith - 2013

FIRST time visitors

Julie Hardin – Invited by
Brittany Harris
Sharon Heinz
Indria Qualls

JOB Opportunities

Job opportunities are listed at <http://www.huntsvilleafwa.org/wordpress/jobs/>. If you wish to receive an email with new listings or post a new listing, please contact Amanda White at amanda.white@alwcpaaccounting.com.

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We invite you to check us out on Facebook. Please request to join our group page "AFWA - Huntsville Chapter" so that you can be informed of the chapter meetings and events.



Upcoming Events

September 16. AFWA September Meeting

September meeting's program is designed to explain the fundamentals of Government procurement regulatory requirements that affect a Government contractor's accounting system. The brief instruction outlines the components of an acceptable contract cost accounting system in consonance with critical regulations governing those requirements, which includes identifying direct cost, pooling and allocating indirect costs, and capturing unallowable costs.

September 21. Cynthia Cooper Speaking in Huntsville

WorldCom whistleblower Cynthia Cooper will be presenting her talk "Ethical Leadership for the 21st Century" at the Chan Auditorium of the University of Alabama in Huntsville Business Administration building. The talk will start at 5:30 and 1.5 hours of CPE credits will be awarded for the seminar. For more information please email vre0001@uah.edu.

September 28 - October 1. AFWA Annual Conference

The AFWA Annual Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA from September 28 to Oct. 1. The annual conference is a great way to meet other AFWA members, develop your leadership skills, and earn CPE credits. Please consider attending! More details at www.afwa.org.

October 21. Public Relations Night.

On October 21, the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance will be having their annual Public Relations Night. There will be dinner, music entertainment by Electric Violinist Winslow Davis, networking and speaker Byron Butler who will be discussing his topic of the 7Ps for Success for CPE Credit! Hope you can join us at the Holiday Inn on University Drive at Madison Square Mall. Registration starts at 5:10 pm followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. The cost to members is \$20, non-members is \$25, and students is \$10. Reservation is required; please contact Florence Royer at (256) 830-0377, royerfe@juno.com or Sarah Smith, sarakate91@gmail.com.



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Cynthia Cooper, WorldCom whistleblower in \$4 billion fraud will be speaking in Huntsville

WorldCom whistleblower Cynthia Cooper will be the guest speaker for The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) College of Business Administration's Distinguished Speaker Series on Tuesday, September 23.

Cooper's talk "Ethical Leadership for the 21st Century," will begin at 5:30 pm., in the Chan Auditorium (located in the Business Administration Building). The UAH College of Business Administration will award 1.5 hours of CPA continuing professional education credit

for seminar attendees. The talk is free and open to the public.

Cynthia Cooper was vice president of the internal audit department when her team of auditors uncovered nearly \$4 billion in fraud at WorldCom in 2002. At the time, it was the largest account fraud in American history. Later that same year, Cooper was one of three people named "People of the Year" by *Time* magazine.

Today, Cooper is an internationally recognized speaker, best-selling author and consultant. She has been featured in national periodicals such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *CFO Magazine* and *Business Week*. Cooper consults with organizations around the world. Her clients include Dell, Bell South, PepsiCo, Walmart, and Raytheon.

She also served as vice president for MCI where she and her team helped the company move forward and successfully emerge from bankruptcy. Prior to joining MCI, Cooper worked in Atlanta for public accounting firms PricewaterhouseCoopers and Deloitte & Touche.

Cooper earned an undergraduate degree in accounting from Mississippi State University, and a graduate degree in accountancy from The University of Alabama. She is a certified public accountant, certified systems auditor and a certified fraud examiner. Cooper is the author of the 2008 book, *Extraordinary Circumstances: The Journey of a Corporate Whistleblower*.

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