



American Society of Women Accountants

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.

# The River City Journal

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER #31

Vol. 61, Issue 3

September 2011

Our 61<sup>st</sup> year of success

www.ASWA-sacramento.org

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Monthly Meeting -	
Your Retirement	1
President's Message	
Jamie Brooks	2
Announcements	3
Job Corner	4
Calendar	5

Is there a speaker you've heard or a topic that you'd like to see covered at an upcoming ASWA dinner meeting, or any other ideas for ASWA events?

We welcome your feedback and ideas — in fact, we need them to help bring you the best ASWA experience we can!

Please email us your ideas to [aswa\\_sacramento@yahoo.com](mailto:aswa_sacramento@yahoo.com)



**Come to Charlotte NC for the Annual Conference in October at the Westin!**



## September 2011 Meeting

### Strong Women – Powerful Strategies

Our speaker, Violetta Sit Terpeluk CFP MBA CRPC

**When:** Thursday, September 8, 2011  
6:00 pm Networking  
6:30 pm Dinner and General Meeting

**Where:** Sacramento Hilton Arden West  
2200 Harvard Street  
Sacramento, CA 95815 (Business 80 and Arden Way)

**Cost:** Dinner \$31.00 members and first-time guests; \$36 non-members

**Menu:** South of the Border Buffet – Taco Bar, Quesadillas, Dessert

**RSVP:** Voice mail (916) 552-1470 or e-mail to [aswa\\_sacramento@yahoo.com](mailto:aswa_sacramento@yahoo.com) by noon, Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

**CPE:** 1 unit – program level is overview; no advanced prep is required

#### About the Speaker

Violetta Terpeluk is a Certified Financial Planner and a franchise owner with Ameriprise Financial in Roseville. She has an M.B.A. in Corporate Strategy from University of Michigan Ross School of Business and a B.B.A. in Marketing from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. She was recently recognized as a 2011 FIVE STAR Wealth Manager by Sacramento Magazine. Her goal is to provide successful individuals with personalized financial advice. She coordinates her clients' finances with other professionals, including accountants and attorneys, so that together the team can help implement tax and estate planning strategies and make decisions to improve their overall financial situation. Her practice's unique Seasons of Advice Client Servicing approach delivers proactive, flexible and relevant financial direction. She strives to help her clients make the right decisions at the right time. She specializes in small business owner financial planning and retirement income strategies.

#### ASWA is a member-driven organization dedicated to:

- Increasing technical knowledge, skills, and abilities
- Keeping members current in their field of expertise
- Providing guidance and assistance in career management
- Helping one another achieve our full potential
- Contributing to the evolution of the accounting & finance professions

**Please note our meeting cancellation policy:** If, at the last minute, you are unable to attend, please cancel by 12:00 PM on the Wednesday before our meeting. Cancellations can be made by calling (916) 552-1470 or e-mailing [aswa\\_sacramento@yahoo.com](mailto:aswa_sacramento@yahoo.com). Late cancellations or no-shows will be billed for the full cost of the meal. If you RSVP on behalf of a guest and the guest does not attend, we will bill you for the cost of your guest's meal.

**ASWA SACRAMENTO  
2011-2012 BOARD**

**President**

Jamie Brooks

[jmeinternet@yahoo.com](mailto:jmeinternet@yahoo.com)

**President-Elect**

Iryna Bush

[ireneua@aol.com](mailto:ireneua@aol.com)

**Vice Presidents**

Sandra Udell

[Sandra@ConnectPointsg.com](mailto:Sandra@ConnectPointsg.com)

Kerry Westbrook

[kwestbrook@bfba.com](mailto:kwestbrook@bfba.com)

**Treasurer**

Helen Williams

[hmrainbow16@att.net](mailto:hmrainbow16@att.net)

**Secretary**

Mysti Champion-Freyenberger

[mysti.freyenberger@ajilon.com](mailto:mysti.freyenberger@ajilon.com)

**Directors**

Bronwyn Gillespie

[bgillespie@ueltzen.com](mailto:bgillespie@ueltzen.com)

Brenda Kaku

[bkaku@comcast.net](mailto:bkaku@comcast.net)

Corie deSonnville

[c.desonnaville@gmail.com](mailto:c.desonnaville@gmail.com)

**Immediate Past President**

Marjorie Schultz

[SchultM1@sutterhealth.org](mailto:SchultM1@sutterhealth.org)



**President's Message**



As I write this message to my colleagues and friends in the Sacramento ASWA chapter, I find myself thinking there are just not enough hours in a day anymore. Why can't science figure out a way to stretch at least another one or two hours out of the earth's revolution? I just don't get it; they're working on finding a "fourth" dimension, perfecting the light bulb, calculating the number of seconds it takes ketchup to get from inside of the bottle to your plate, but they

haven't yet figured out how to give me more time!

I know; it's that "work-life balance" thing everyone keeps talking about. Yet, in this completely miserable economy, the fact remains that I need my job. As such, I have a travel schedule that would make an airline pilot dizzy, and find I'm doing the work of at least two people, if not three or four some days. I'm sure I am not the only Chapter member that feels this way. Lately I consider a weekend without work a mini-vacation. While it may sound like I'm complaining (and maybe I am just a tad), I have to stop and think sometimes about what is going to happen to me in ten years or so when I think about retiring. For that matter, will I even have enough money to retire as planned?

Right now I'm living fast and furious; work, grocery store, work, clothes shopping, work, gas station, work, laundry, collapse, work; well, you get the idea. I really need to take a breath and think about where my money is going so that I'll be able to live in the style in which I've become accustomed (minus work and laundry) when I retire. I have to admit that my 401K or my IRA isn't where I'd like it to be, and my current bill structure probably won't allow me to make significant changes anytime soon. Whenever I can spare a few minutes, I look for reasonable ways to set aside more money for that day when I don't have to set the alarm clock ever again (except to make sure I'm on time to board the cruise ship of course).

When I do get to that "pie-in-the-sky" time in my life, what am I going to do with my nest egg and (hopefully) social security payments to ensure I don't blow it all in the first year? I have no idea, and I really don't have time to ponder the possibilities. Fortunately this month's speaker may be able to shed some light on my dilemma.

continued on page 2...

**ASWA SACRAMENTO  
2011-2012  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Programs**

Bronwyn Gillespie  
[bgillespie@ueltzen.com](mailto:bgillespie@ueltzen.com)

**Members & Member Information**

Corie de Sonnaville  
[c.desonnaville@gmail.com](mailto:c.desonnaville@gmail.com)

**Hospitality**

Helen Williams  
[Hwrainbow16@att.net](mailto:Hwrainbow16@att.net)  
with Leanne Sweeney  
[lsweeneycps@comcast.net](mailto:lsweeneycps@comcast.net)

**Newsletter and Roster**

Allison Hamaker  
[allisonhamaker@gmail.com](mailto:allisonhamaker@gmail.com)

**Publicity**

Bronwyn Gillespie  
[bgillespie@ueltzen.com](mailto:bgillespie@ueltzen.com)

**Web Page**

Corie de Sonnaville  
[c.desonnaville@gmail.com](mailto:c.desonnaville@gmail.com)

**Student Night & Student Relations**

Sandra Udell  
[Sandra@ConnectPointsg.com](mailto:Sandra@ConnectPointsg.com)

**Community Service**

open

**Scholarships**

Brenda Kaku  
[bkaku@comcast.net](mailto:bkaku@comcast.net)

**VITA**

open

**Nominating**

Marjorie Schultz  
[SchultM1@sutterhealth.org](mailto:SchultM1@sutterhealth.org)

**Entertainment Books**

Helen Williams  
[Hwrainbow16@att.net](mailto:Hwrainbow16@att.net)

*President's Message continued from page 2*

If you or your friends, family, or colleagues are in the same pickle, you might want to round them all up and join us for the September ASWA meeting, dinner and presentation. Yes, there's CPE credit; but there's also the chance to hear an engaging speaker provide some valuable and pertinent information.

Now, don't say you haven't got the time to attend! Unless you are physically out of the area, it behooves you to treat yourself to this spa treatment for your brain! Work, and laundry, and the grocery store will still be there the next morning. Sometimes you need to put it all aside and do something nice for yourself. At least, until such time as science finds a way to do it for us. See you on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

– *Jamie Brooks*

**2011 Sacramento Chapter Scholarship Awards**

On August 11, Scholarship Chair, Brenda Kaku, announced the Sacramento Chapter's 2011 undergraduate scholarship recipient during the general meeting at the Sacramento Hilton. The winner of the Chapter's \$3,000 undergraduate scholarship award is Ms. Katrina Hopson-Donoho. An accounting student at California State University, Sacramento, Ms. Hopson-Donoho is a veteran, wife, and mother. After serving over seven years in the Army as a medical officer, Ms. Hopson-Donoho chose the accounting profession to realize her career goals. Not only has Ms. Hopson-Donoho been on the Dean's Honor List at Yuba College and CSUS, she has earned two Army commendation medals and three Army achievement medals. Ms. Hopson-Donoho is also an active member of Beta Alpha Psi, and in her spare time, she is a fitness instructor.

Ms. Hopson-Donoho has made some excellent educational, professional, and personal choices to fulfill her dreams to become a CPA and have a rewarding career. To welcome Ms. Hopson-Donoho to ASWA, the Sacramento Chapter also awarded her with a one-year complimentary membership.

**2012 ASWA Southwest Regional Conference**

The Mesa East Valley Chapter will host the 2012 ASWA Southwest Regional Conference on May 24-25, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort in Chandler, AZ. Save the date!



**Are you an employer looking for an outstanding candidate?**

Job announcements are complimentary to ASWA members, their firms, and educational institutions. Just send your announcement to [allisonhamaker@gmail.com](mailto:allisonhamaker@gmail.com).

**Are you an ASWA member looking for a new career?**

It's easy to network through our newsletter! Just submit a bio about yourself, your contact information, and what fields you are interested in to [allisonhamaker@gmail.com](mailto:allisonhamaker@gmail.com).

**August Scholarship Fund Raffle**

The Sacramento Chapter's August 11 general meeting had three raffle prize winners:

- Valentina Lukovtseva – Bottle of rosé
- Hatsumi Yamamoto – Scented candle
- Kathy Zhao – Mikasa crystal bowl

The monthly raffle drawing generated \$33 for the Chapter's Scholarship Fund thanks to our members and guests who participated in the drawing and donated prizes!

If you would like to donate cash or prizes to help build the Sacramento Chapter's Scholarship Fund, please contact the chapter's Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Brenda Kaku, at 916-716-3991 or [bkaku@comcast.net](mailto:bkaku@comcast.net).

**Job Corner**

To see the latest job announcements from our members and partners, visit <http://www.aswa-sacramento.org/protected/announcements.php> and click on the "job announcements" link on the left hand side. This link is now password protected. To log in, please enter the following information at the prompt:

**User ID:** member last name

**Password:** member number

If you do not remember your member number, please visit <http://www.aswa.org/username/forgot> to have your member number e-mailed to you. It is fast and easy – all you need is your e-mail address. You may also contact Sherri Yokomizo [sdyoko@yahoo.com](mailto:sdyoko@yahoo.com) to get your member number.

We will continue to list new jobs in our newsletter by title; full job descriptions will be on our website. If you are not an ASWA member, you can obtain a temporary password by attending our monthly meetings. These passwords will allow you to access the link for one month.

**Job Board:**

CPA with 6-10 years experience contact Violetta Terpeluk at [Violetta.s.terpeluk@ampf.com](mailto:Violetta.s.terpeluk@ampf.com)

**2012 Entertainment Books Are Here!**

The brand new Entertainment Books for 2012 are in and available now! There are lots of great coupons in each book and the sooner you get yours, the sooner you can start saving. You will find coupons inside for more than just dining out. There are coupons for Wine Tasting, Free Movies, Fine Dining, free meals at many fast food locations, museum admissions, shopping and golf games. There is something for everyone. In addition, they make great gifts, either for Christmas or other occasions. We also can get them for many "out of area cities" for gifts for out of town friends.

The cost for the Sacramento books is only \$30.00 again this year. This represents a savings of \$5.00 over the cost of buying a book from a retail location or different group. Be sure to spread the word among your friends and co-workers that we have them available until the end of the year.

I can be contacted at any of our meetings, through email at [hwrainbow@mackes.net](mailto:hwrainbow@mackes.net), or the Chapter mailbox, or by telephone at the Chapter Voice Mail number. Be sure to get your 2011 book and start your savings now!

– **Helen Williams**

ASWA The River City Journal  
P. O. Box 983  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741



**Calendar of Events**

<p><b>Thursday Sept 8 2011</b></p>	<p><u><i>Monthly Meeting</i></u>  Sacramento Hilton Arden West  6:00 networking, 6:30 dinner  <b>Violetta Sit Terpeluk CFP MBA CRPC</b>  <b>Your Retirement Income and SS Benefits</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Oct 13 2011</b></p>	<p><u><i>Monthly Meeting</i></u>  Sacramento Hilton Arden West  6:00 networking, 6:30 dinner  <b>Amelya Stevenson, President SAHRA</b>  <b>And Bill Simi CPA, Treasurer SAHRA</b>  <b>Sacto Area Human Resources</b></p>
<p><b>October 24-26, 2011</b></p>	<p><b><i>2011 Annual Conference for Women in Accounting</i></b>  Charlotte, NC</p>	<p><b>Thursday Nov 10 2011</b></p>	<p><u><i>Monthly Meeting</i></u>  Sacramento Hilton Arden West  6:00 networking, 6:30 dinner  <b>Tony O'Donnell CPA</b>  <b>IFRS and US GAAP</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday Dec 8 2011</b></p>	<p><u><i>Monthly Meeting</i></u>  Sacramento Hilton Arden West  6:00 networking, 6:30 dinner  TBA</p>	<p><b>Thursday Jan 12 2011</b></p>	<p><u><i>Monthly Meeting</i></u>  Sacramento Hilton Arden West  6:00 networking, 6:30 dinner  TBA</p>