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Mid-Year Planning Board & Membership Meeting

Tuesday - January 20, 2004

Independence Place
4807 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131

5:30pm dinner, 6:15 pm meeting

\$12.00/members, students & guests - Chicken Caruso sautéed w/artichokes,
shrimp & white wine; green beans almondine
salad w/roll & butter and beverage

Please RSVP to Ilona Daw-Krizman @ (216) 875 - 6286 or daw@ferro.com
by Thursday, January 16, 2004 - Vegetarians need to advise.
(Cancellations made after 1/16/2004 will be billed for dinner)

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope this issue finds you warm and cozy!

November’s meeting went reasonably well, as we continue to improve efficiency. Our goal for our dinner CPE meetings is a maximum of two hours. November’s was 2.5 hours long, which is reasonable for the Cleveland area. There are comparable nonprofits to draw our conclusions from. As with October’s meeting, the guest speaker and topic were excellent!

The approved minutes for both the October and November meetings are on-line at our new web site, www.aswacleveland.org. Previously issued “Gateway to Success” newsletters can also be found on-line. The chapter roster (a password is required to open it) and a number of photos can also be accessed on-line. We look forward to expanding the web site’s capability and usefulness. After the Chapter Bylaws are updated, revised and approved later this year, a copy will be uploaded to the Web site for easy reference.

Included in this issue is an important new survey for the Cleveland chapter. I encourage everyone to please complete it and return it immediately, to the attention of **Tricia Teribery**, membership chair. The form could be completed anonymously, and the deadline is January 15th. The chapter is currently assessing the services that it provides and determining what could be feasibly improved to overall benefit the chapter’s future and us. We realize that meeting everyone’s needs and preferences is not possible; however, we recognize that there are areas that could be improved.

As we make the transition from one calendar year to the next, we are pleased to have made several accomplishments and goals a reality. We now have a conference room to use for some of our meetings, a new web site (as of December 1), established the bylaws committee and have a coordinator for the annual Educational Foundation silent auction gift basket (our sincere thanks to **Kathy Novak**)! We have already obtained a LeBron James jersey for the basket. The basket will be raffled off at November’s annual meeting & conference in Chicago. Items should to go Kathy’s attention for safekeeping.

We are also offering a Becker Conviser CPA Review Course Scholarship (locations and current class schedule is at www.beckerconviser.com/home_high/home.html. Classes start next month (February), so if interested, please contact **Iлона Daw-Krizman**, our scholarship chair, ASAP.) The scholarship can be used for a later-starting class.

Our chapter is functioning and operating better than one year ago. Our overall goal is to continue improving. Together, we can enrich the chapter, our associates and ourselves!

Have a Great Year

Membership Update:

Congratulations to two new members on their recent engagements: **Claudine Arndt** and **Jennifer Cannato**! 2004 weddings and moves to new homes are in their plans.

We welcome **Felecia Waldon**, who moved to Cleveland, from Chattanooga, TN in August! She is a long time ASWA member and was active in her chapter, having served as President, Vice President, Public Relations Chair, and Treasurer. She currently works at the Cleveland Clinic, and hopes to land a permanent position soon.

IMA Cleveland Chapter Meeting

Their next meeting is Thursday, January 15th at the Holiday Inn, Rockside Road, Independence. Dinner is 6:30 P.M. and meeting is at 7:30 P.M. Cash bar. Cost is \$25.00/\$10.00 students, and the topic is "The 2004 Economic Forecast for Cleveland," presented by Federal Reserve Bank guest speaker Shadya Yazback. Please RSVP by January 14th to:

Honey @ (216) 834-0700 or e-mail honey_wess@yahoo.com

Their new web site is <http://cleveland.imanet.org>

A summary of their upcoming meetings at the Holiday Inn/Independence:

February 19,2004

“The Perfect Storm - The Rise of Corporate Accountability”

March 18, 2004

“Surviving the Aftermath”

April 30, 2004

Kent State University IMA Conference - details later

May 20, 2004

Guest Speaker: Professor Jerry Weinstein, John Carroll University

QUOTES FOR SUCCESS

Good communication is just as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after. *Anne Morrow Lindbergh*

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises. *Demosthenes*

Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship. *Benjamin Franklin*

Gratitude takes three forms: a feeling in the heart, an expression in words, and a giving in return. *John Wanamaker*

Victory belongs to the most persevering. *Napoleon*

There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. *Edith Wharton*

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today. You may enjoy doing so much that you want to do it again.
Ross Perot

Contributions of news and articles of note appropriate for inclusion in “Gateway to Success” are welcome. Remember that this is our community newsletter! Similarly, we appreciate appropriate documents and items for inclusion on the chapter’s web site.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

January 15, 2004	Cleveland IMA Meeting Dinner at Holiday Inn/Rockside Road/Independence Speaker: Shadya Yazback/Federal Reserve Bank Topic: 2004 Economic Forecast for Cleveland
January 20, 2004	Cleveland ASWA Membership Meeting Dinner at Independence Place/Rockside Road Mid-Year Planning Board & Membership Meeting
February 17, 2004	Cleveland ASWA Membership Meeting Dinner at Independence Place/Rockside Road Speaker from the FBI
February 19, 2004	Cleveland IMA Meeting Dinner at Holiday Inn/Rockside Road/Independence "The Perfect Storm - The Rise of Corporate Accountability"
March 16, 2004	Cleveland ASWA Membership Meeting Dinner at Independence Place/Rockside Road
March 18, 2004	Cleveland IMA Meeting Dinner at Holiday Inn/Rockside Road/Independence

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