



# Gateway to Success

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- April meeting with the Zonta Club
- Ways to minimize stress
- Scholarship winner announced

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## April meeting with The Zonta Club of Cleveland

For our April meeting, we will be attending an event arranged by Sunny Shellito and hosted by The Zonta Club of Cleveland. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at the Cleveland Yachting Club, 200 Yacht Club Drive, Rocky River, Ohio 44116 (see directions on page 4). A reception and cash bar will start at 6:00 PM with dinner to follow at 6:30 PM. The program will begin at 7:00 PM. The program will feature Tim Dimoff, President and CEO of SACS Consulting & Investigative Services, Inc. of Akron. Tim will be speaking on the topic of Self-Defense and Assault Prevention for Women. One personal development CPE credit will be offered. Please RSVP by Saturday, April 14th to Sunny Shellito at sshellito@msn.com or leave a voicemail with Christopher at (440)843-8403.

The cost of the meeting is \$30. Please indicate your choice of stuffed chicken breast or stuffed sole as your entrée when you reply.

### The Tim Dimoff Story

Tim Dimoff knows his life's defining moment, and he will never forget the impact when he was knocked down with a 150-pound SWAT shield. The next thing Tim knew, he was falling under

the weight of two fellow officers as they bailed to escape from a crack house during a drug raid gone bad.

Things were never the same after that point, and soon the doctor was telling Dimoff he was at risk for permanent disability if he were ever to sustain such an injury again. It was that day in May 1990, when his career as a narcotics detective would soon come to an end. With his broken jaw and sore back, Tim knew what he had to do. In his own words, "I decided I was going to chase the American Dream and become an entrepreneur."

Dimoff had a solid record of leadership and was nationally recognized for his role in a \$4 million drug bust that crossed state lines and became the first federal racketeering case in Summit County history. A story that would make a good screenplay set the stage as Dimoff was awarded Ohio Policeman of the Year by the state attorney general.

However, leaving law enforcement, Dimoff had a new challenge, and that was how to turn his street smarts into success secrets for business. And succeed he did, as over the next ten years, Dimoff established himself

as the number one consultant on high-risk workplace issues.

Dimoff first began his business on familiar turf, office and factory worker drug abuse cases, but soon he moved deeper into corporate security, anti-violence and identity theft assignments. His experiences in growing his company became the foundation for his compelling book, "The You in Business: How to Build a Strong Business from the Inside Out." This book and several others, plus two videos are the result of years of work and experience in growing his business, SACS Consulting & Investigative Services, Inc.

Dimoff's reputation grew as he continued to follow his mantra of "meet people, meet people, meet people," and his expertise in high-risk issues was soon recognized as second to none. Dimoff is now nationally recognized,

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Tim Dimoff



# President's Message

Yeah! Spring is here! The Daffodils, the first of my spring flowers, have begun to bloom. Spring is a time of new growth and renewal. It is a time to shake off the winter dust and look forward to new opportunity. At ASWA, it is the time to create our new Board of Officers and Committee Chairs. Now is the time when your Chapter needs your fresh new ideas. April is the month our Chapter elects its new officers. We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions; President, Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, Programs Chair, and Newsletter Editor. Each position offers an opportunity to become involved in the mission of ASWA which 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. You will have fun and make new friends as we focus on what our members want and need most...education, information, networking and support. Please contact me today at [jennyearley@yahoo.com](mailto:jennyearley@yahoo.com) or (216) 696-7700 ext 23.

We had a great time in March visiting the Western Reserve Historical Society's exhibit Diana: A Celebration. It was very interesting to be able to get a close up and personal view into the life of one of the most inspiring women of our time. Please join us Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, as we attend an event arranged by our Past President Sunny Shellito and hosted by The Zonta Club of Cleveland. Sunny has arranged for Tim Dimoff of SACS Consulting & Investigative Services, Inc. to speak on a topic which has been on our wish list for a long time; "Self-Defense & Assault Prevention for Women". The meeting location is at The Cleveland Yachting Club which offers a delicious dinner and cash bar. Please check our upcoming meeting section for details. The evening will be a great time to network and meet new friends.

For many of us the busy season will soon be over! I look forward to seeing everyone in April and thank you in advance for your help in filling the slate of officers for 2007-2008. Think Spring!

*Please note that our April meeting is on a THURSDAY this month, instead of our usual Wednesday!*

## The Tim Dimoff Story (Continued from page 1)

including his featured role in a special episode of "Dateline NBC" dealing with identity theft. He has also been seen as an expert commentator on CNN and quoted in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and USA Today.

In the beginning, it was Dimoff's exposure to the underside of society that led him to realize Corporate America had a tremendous need for his expertise, combined with certified training and airtight policies and procedures for the workplace. Dimoff, no stranger to explosive work-

place issues such as substance abuse, threats, violence and harassment, found a way to help others.

Through his business, Dimoff has effectively guided companies in developing programs designed to protect them from the onslaught.

As risks increase in today's workplace, so does the workload for Tim Dimoff and his



company, SACS Consulting. The good news, according to Dimoff, is this: "We are here to help. We know what to do. These issues can be

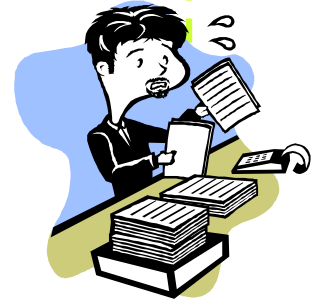
controlled and the risks to companies minimized. We are all about solutions."

*Come hear Tim speak on April 19th!*

# Ways to Minimize Stress

For some of us, the past three months have been incredibly busy at work! Hopefully things will start to slow down for everyone in the near future. In the meantime, check out these stress-reducing tips:

- J** Wake up 15 minutes earlier. This helps avoid running late throughout the day.
- J** Practice preventive maintenance on your car, appliances and home. Things seem to break down at the worst time.
- J** Be prepared to wait. A magazine or book can make waiting in line at a bank or doctor's office almost pleasant.
- J** Plan ahead. Fill the gas tank before it nears empty and buy stamps before you run low.
- J** Count your blessings. For every one thing that goes wrong, there are probably 10 things for which to be thankful.
- J** Say "no" to extra projects and social activities. Don't schedule more than you have the time or energy to do.
- J** Surround yourself with non-worriers. Being around people who worry makes you more likely to worry.
- J** Be body wise. Eat a balanced diet, exercise and get enough sleep.
- J** Discuss problems. Talk to a trusted friend or family member to help clear your mind of confusion.
- J** Do something kind and helpful for somebody else. Volunteer to help a neighbor or charity.



—Taken from the *Journal of Accountancy*, April 2007

# Notes from the Scholarship Chair



Congratulations to Patty Shpacasse for winning our local scholarship in the amount of \$1,000! Patty

is a student at Baldwin-Wallace College. Since there was such a

strong pool of applicants we were also able to forward Aleksandra Brikman's application for the Undergraduate award and Renee Bursley's application for the Becker award on to National for them to compete for their awards. We should be notified in April of the National winners. Thank you to all of our applicants!

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# Directions to the Cleveland Yachting Club

Here are directions to the Cleveland Yachting Club for our April meeting:

## From Lake Road (Western Suburbs - heading East)

Take Lake Rd. heading East. After passing Java Zone Restaurant, stay in right lane. Follow signs for Detroit Rd./Alt 6. (Do not cross the bridge to Lakewood). Follow exit ramp to stop sign at end. Cross over road taking a left onto Yacht Club Drive. Go down hill, crossing a small bridge onto the island.

## From I-90/Rte. 2 (Western Suburbs)

Take I-90/Rte. 2 east to Detroit Rd. exit. Turn left at exit ramp light onto Detroit Rd. Go 9 lights to Detroit—Wooster intersection. Turn left onto Wooster Rd. Go past large pink building (Westlake Condos), under railroad trestle bridge, staying in right lane will put you on Yacht Club Drive. Go down the hill, cross over small bridge onto the island.

## From I-90 (Downtown Cleveland and Eastern Suburbs)

Take I-90 West to Hilliard/Rocky River exit. At exit ramp light, turn left onto Hilliard. Turn left onto Wooster Rd. Continue on Wooster crossing Detroit Rd. intersection, past large pink building (Westlake Condos). Go under railroad trestle bridge, staying in right lane will put you on Yacht Club Drive. Go down the hill, cross over small bridge onto the island.

## From I-77 (Southern Suburbs)

Take I-77 to 490 West to I-90 West. Exit at Hilliard/Rocky River exit. At exit ramp light, turn left onto Hilliard. Turn left onto Wooster Rd. Continue on Wooster crossing Detroit Rd. intersection, past large pink building (Westlake Condos). Go under railroad trestle bridge, staying in right lane will put you on Yacht Club Drive. Go down the hill, cross over small bridge onto the island.

## From I-71 (Southwestern Suburbs)

Take I-71 North to I-90 West. Exit at Hilliard/Rocky River exit. At exit ramp light, turn left onto Hilliard. Turn left onto Wooster Rd. Continue on Wooster crossing Detroit Rd. intersection, past large pink building (Westlake Condos). Go under railroad trestle bridge, staying in right lane will put you on Yacht Club Drive. Go down the hill, cross over small bridge onto the island.

## From I-480

Take West 150th north to Detroit Rd. Turn left onto Detroit Rd. Cross the Rocky River bridge. At the end of the bridge, turn right at the light onto Wooster Rd. Pass the large pink building (Westlake Condos). Go under railroad trestle bridge, staying in right lane will put you on Yacht Club Drive. Go down the hill, cross over small bridge onto the island.

## The Cleveland Yachting Club



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Visit [www.aswa.org](http://www.aswa.org) for more information.



# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Palm Sunday 1	2	3	4	5	Good Friday 6	7
Easter 8	9	Passover 10	11	12	13	14
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