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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Becker Scholarship Presentation
- Top Five Professions in Demand for 2007
- Tax Filing Deadline for 2007

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Becker Scholarship Presented at January Meeting

Congratulations to Maria Betel for winning the Becker Review Course Scholarship! The complete course is valued at around \$2,500 and a certificate was presented to Maria at our January meeting. Thank you to all of our applicants!

Please note that the deadline for the regional and national scholarship applications to be returned is February 12, 2007. If you or anyone you know is interested in more information contact the Scholarship Chair.

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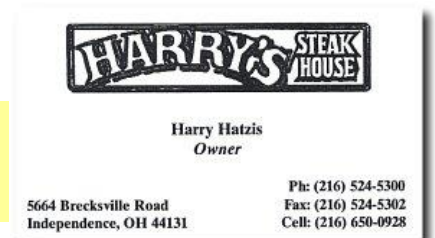
Pictured above is Becker Scholarship winner Maria Betel with Scholarship Chair Melissa Marvin

February Dinner Meeting at Harry's Steakhouse

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at Harry's Steakhouse, 5664 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131. We will network, eat dinner, and have a business meeting. The meeting starts at 5:30 PM. We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks for each individual. Please RSVP to

Jenny Earley at (216)696-7700 (ext. 23) or jennyearley@yahoo.com

Come join us for an evening of food, networking, and fun!



President's Message



With this new month comes new opportunities. We are currently looking for nominations and volunteers for ASWA leadership positions for the 7/07-6/08 new year. Openings are available for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Programs Chair. Your membership in ASWA offers excellent opportunities to develop your leadership skills in a fun and supportive environment. Take advantage of this valuable and rewarding learning experience and you will not only advance your career tools but you will have fun developing long lasting friendships. Your contribution to the furtherance of the Cleveland Chapter is greatly needed and appreciated. Please contact me with your nominations or desire to volunteer at jennyyearley@yahoo.com.

In the upcoming months we have several fun meetings planned. Finalized information will be listed in our newsletters and posted on our website. Join us Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at Harry's Steakhouse for a fun evening of dinner and networking. We will take this opportunity to further discuss fund raising ideas for our Scholarship program. We received some great ideas during our January meeting. Here's your chance to take a little break from busy season and enjoy the company of your fellow ASWA members! We'd love to hear from you.

During February we remember our great Presidential leaders on Presidents Day. Here is a gem from our first First Lady, Martha Washington:

I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.

*Internal Auditor
is named one of
the Top Five
Professions in
Demand for 2007
by Robert Half
International*

Top Five Professions In Demand for 2007

Some jobs get all the attention. After all, who hasn't imagined being a crime scene investigator, emergency room doctor or tough-talking district attorney? But if you're evaluating your career prospects ahead, don't overlook the roles that typically fly under the radar.

Many may be more interesting and promising than you realized. Consider the following five positions, which, according to the "2007 Salary Guides" from Robert Half International, are seeing high demand and even higher salaries.

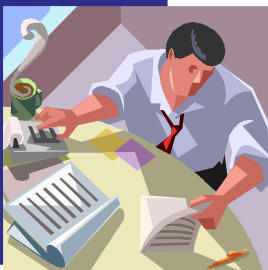
1. Internal Auditor
2. Copywriter
3. Senior Administrative Professional
4. Web Developer
5. First-year Legal Associate

Internal Auditor

Business expansion and a tight labor pool are fueling demand for accounting and finance professionals at all levels. But as reverberations from corporate accounting scandals are still being felt, the need for internal auditors is particularly high. Organizations are offering premium compensation to highly skilled professionals who can enhance internal controls

and assist with corporate governance compliance efforts related to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and other regulations. Internal audit managers at large companies (organizations with more than \$250 million in sales) will see annual starting salaries in the range of \$77,500 to \$101,500 in 2007, up 5.8 percent from the year before. Those at small companies (up to \$25 million in sales) can expect a 3.2 percent increase in base pay, to \$36,750 to \$44,500 per year.

—Taken from Yahoo! News



Akron Chapter Meeting Invitation

We have been invited to attend the February dinner meeting of the Akron ASWA chapter. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the Spaghetti Warehouse, 510 S. Main Street in Akron. Kevin Quinn of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation will be giving an update on the Bureau of



Workers' Compensation. One CPE credit is available for the meeting.

Attendees have a choice of spaghetti with meatballs, 15 layer lasagna, 4 cheese manicotti, fettuccini alfredo, or grilled chicken Caesar salad.

The meal includes a non-alcoholic beverage, salad, and sour-dough bread. The cost of the meal is \$15.00. Please RSVP to aswadiner@hotmail.com by noon on Friday,

February 9, 2007, with your menu choice.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:30 PM Social
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Speaker
- 7:30 PM Business Meeting

Please be mindful that if you RSVP but cannot attend, you will be billed for your meal.

IRS Extends Tax Filing Deadline to April 17

Thanks to an extended IRS deadline, all taxpayers have until Tuesday, April 17, 2007, to file their 2006 federal returns and pay any taxes due. Ohio is evaluating whether to follow suit, as states are not required to follow federal decisions in terms of due dates. The Ohio Tax Commissioner is evaluating the deadline and will decide within the next couple of days which course of action to take.

Previously, the April 17 deadline applied to just those in the District of Columbia and six eastern states served by an IRS processing facility in Massachusetts, where Patriots Day will be observed on April 16.

April 15 falls on a Sunday in 2007, and the following day, Monday, April 16, is Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

The April 17, 2007 deadline specifically applies to:

- 2006 federal individual tax returns, whether filed electronically or on paper
- Requests for an automatic six-month tax-filing extension, whether submitted electronically or on Form 4868
- Tax year 2006 balance due payments, whether made electronically

(direct debit or credit card) or by check

- Tax-year 2006 contributions to a Roth or traditional IRA
- Individual estimated tax payments for the first quarter of 2007, whether made electronically or by check

Other tax-filing and payment requirements affected by this change are described in IRS Publication 509, Tax Calendars for 2007, available for download from the IRS web site.

—Taken from *e-CPA Weekly from the Ohio Society of CPAs*

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Upcoming IMA Events

Please note the following upcoming IMA events:

- February 15, 2007—Meeting at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Rockside. There will be a



- March 15, 2007—Meeting at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Rockside. The topic will be "Helpful Tips and Shortcuts for Microsoft Excel." The cost is \$25.00 per person.

guest speaker from Metlife on "How Do You Want to be Remembered?" The cost is \$25.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Honey Wess for these events at (216)834-0700 (ext. 224) or honey_wess@yahoo.com. Check out the IMA Cleveland chapter's web site at www.cleveland.imanet.org for more information on the chapter and upcoming events.



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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. Members include partners in national, regional and local CPA firms, financial officers, controllers, academicians, financial analysts and data processing consultants, recent college graduates and women returning to the work force.

Visit www.aswa.org for more information.



February 2007

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11	12	13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16	17
18	President's Day 19	20	ASWA Meeting 21	22	23	24
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