



Our mission 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.

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Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Place	Event	For Further Information
Tuesday, March 26th 2019	11:30 am	The Walden Club	Membership Meeting	Denise Earlywine Fisher
Tuesday, April 23rd 2019	11:00 am	Chattanooga Convention Center	PR Luncheon	Joanie Sompayrac

PLEASE NOTE: Membership Meetings For 2018-2019 Will Be Held at the Walden Club

Meeting Information

R S V P by 12:00pm March 22nd 2019 to:

Denise Earlywine-Fisher
afwachattanooga@gmail.com • chattanoogaafwa.com

Members: \$20
Nonmembers: \$30

Date: Tuesday, March 26th
Place: The Walden Club
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Topic: Insurance Considerations for Individuals and Business Owners
Speaker: Melissa Curtis
CPE: Technical
Field of Study: 1 Hour

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National Registry of CPE Sponsors
150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 700
Nashville, TN, 37219-2417.

You may also register and pay on our website: [Register Here.](#)

Fill out the form and use Paypal. You may also purchase raffle tickets on the website.

If you make a reservation and do not cancel it by the RSVP deadline, you will be charged.

Menu: Buffet

Parking: The Walden Club has an attached parking garage and is located in downtown Chattanooga where parking meters can be found on many of the main and cross streets.



New Location!

Our monthly membership meetings will be held at a new location for the 2018-2019 year!

We will be enjoying the buffet lunch at the Walden Club for our meetings.

Haven't been to the Walden Club yet? Here's some information for you!

Location: Republic Plaza, 633 Chestnut Street #STE 2100, Chattanooga, TN 37405

We will be enjoying a buffet style lunch in one of their meeting rooms with an amazing view of the city of Chattanooga!

Parking: Parking is available through Republic Parking attached to the building, and street parking is also available on nearby cross streets at meters or lots



Have you ever attended the AFWA National Conference? Many of our members and leaders have spent time there each year and really enjoyed the experience.

This year it will be held in Orlando, FL!!

Up to 21 hours of CPE on technical and professional development topics are available

Register before May 1st for the lowest member rate available.

Apply with our National Conference Committee for reimbursement assistance as needed.

[National Women Who Count Conference](#) Register Here!

Mark Your Calendars!

Life is busy. We all have hectic schedules and need to make plans in advance for upcoming events. We thought it'd be helpful to provide important dates for the year. So get out your planners and pens and save the dates if you'd like to attend!

NOTE: ALL Members are welcome to attend board meetings. This year Board Meetings will be held in the Board Room at Signal Centers, located at 109 North Germantown Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37411—For more information, please contact Angie Hester.

Board Meeting Dates:	Membership Meeting Dates:
April 15th, 2019	April 23rd, 2019
May 20th, 2019	May 28th, 2019
June 17th, 2019	June 25th, 2019

PR Luncheon News!

AFWA's annual PR Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at the Convention Center.

We have an amazing speaker, Mark Koziel the Executive Vice President for Firm Services of the AICPA! He will be speaking on "The Legal, Regulatory and Political Issues Facing the Accounting Profession."

Make sure to register online ASAP! You can follow the [link](#) here.

Do you know of a corporate sponsor? Tables are available at the following levels:

Blue Level \$500 (table for 8 as well as a quarter page ad in the program)

Silver Level \$750 (table for 8 as well as a half page ad in the program)

Gold Level \$1,000 (table for 8 as well as a full page ad in the program)

We can't wait to see you there! Online registration is open now!

Member News & Announcements

AFWA Web News



AFWA on Facebook—LIKE US!

<http://www.facebook.com/AFWAChattanoogaChapter>

<https://www.facebook.com/AFWANational>

AFWA on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/AFWAChattanooga>

<http://twitter.com/AFWANational>

AFWA Website

<http://www.chattanoogaafwa.com>

<http://www.afwa.org>

Have a great idea for the website? Want to see something specific in the newsletter? We're ALL EARS! If you have suggestions, please contact Morgen Rose at morgen_rose@signalcenters.org with ideas!!

About Our Speaker :



Melissa Woodall Curtis, of Woodall Agency Insurance, is a Chattanooga native with a long family legacy in the Insurance industry. Woodall Agency Insurance was founded in 1952 by Melissa's father, John M. Woodall, CLU, ChFC. Melissa has been the president of the agency since 2010. In 2018, Melissa and her colleagues, Robert Berz and DeForest Spencer, formed Bluffview Insurance Group, a consortium of independent insurance advisors. Bluffview Insurance Group is a partnership between four local insurance advisory firms, backed by national consulting group, PartnersFinancial, who provide comprehensive insurance solutions for families, estates, and businesses. The group specializes in life insurance, long-term care, and employee and executive benefits.

Melissa is passionate about helping her clients protect their families and businesses. She uses careful, customized planning to ensure that loved ones and businesses are protected from financial risk. Life, disability, long-term care, estate planning, and business/key man planning are her specialties. She is a member of the Chattanooga Estate Planning Council. Melissa is a graduate of Girls Preparatory School and Newcomb College of Tulane University.



PR Luncheon Speaker Information

Mark Koziel is Executive Vice President – Firm Services for the American Institute of CPAs. He leads the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS), Firm Relationship Management, Small Firms, Diversity & Inclusion, Young Member Initiatives, Technical Hotline and Center for Plain English Accounting. His teams build and manage firm relations with all size firms, promoting awareness and value, including advocating for CPA firm success and ongoing relationships with public accounting influencers. His team creates innovative programs and engagement strategies to engage a diverse pipeline of current and future CPAs. He frequently speaks on CPA issues around the United States.



Upcoming AFWA eLearning

March 21, 2019 @ 1pm ET

Transformational Leadership with Jessica Perkins

1 CPE | Personal Development | Basic | [Register Now](#)

March 25, 2019 @ 1pm ET

CIA Q&A: A Credential Series Panel Discussion hosted by The Foundation of AFWA

[Register Now](#)

March 26, 2019 @ 1pm ET

Chapter Chat with Karen Hartke, Cindy Stanley, and Laura Mangan

[Register Now](#)

[Wolters Kluwer CCH CPELink](#) offers a hundreds of courses on a broad range of topics at a reduced rate for AFWA members.

Effective Spreadsheets, Databases & Reporting Tools for Financial Professionals 03/13/2019, 12pm

Tax Ethics and Circular 230, 03/13/19, 3pm

Marijuana's Tax Paradox (or the Uncanny Cannabis Controversy) 03/14/2019, 3pm

Tax Reform for Tax-Exempt Organizations 03/14/2019, 12pm

Segregation of Duties for the Office of the CFO 03/19/2019, 3pm

Internal Control Best Practices for Small to Medium Sized Entities and Not For Profit's 03/20/2019, 3pm

For all the above webinars and more information, follow [this link!](#)



We wish all of our members born this month a very Happy Birthday!

Sarah Puglise

March 8th

Brittany Carman

March 10th

Laurie Marson

March 21st

Parking App Available

Is downtown parking a struggle? Does finding pocket change to put in meters wear you out? Did you know there is an App you can use that links directly to your bank account so all you have to do is punch in a number when you find a great spot to park downtown in a Republic lot?

Take a few minutes to check out the **ParkMobile** App—you can find it on your iStore or GooglePlay for Android users. This app is free and uses the GREEN lot number for Republic Parking lots to identify where you are parking! You enter your license plate and car information (and you can add multiple cars) and your bank information to park all over downtown.

The app also allows you to FIND your car if you forget where you parked! You will also receive a notification as you get close to your allotted time and you can reload most meters from your phone!

With our new meeting location, finding a meter on the street might be the simplest way to park.

Feel free to ask Morgen Rose for more information as she has been using this app for a while and really values it!

Welcome to our 2018-2019

Board & Committee Directors!

Position	Name	Committee
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