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Connecting Women Personally, Professionally and Philanthropically

2011 January Networking Luncheon

Join the fabulous women of The Alliance as we kick-off our 2011 monthly Networking Luncheon's at a favorite, **Maggiano's**, I-25 and Dry Creek. Vow to keep networking, making connections and making a difference with the APW, this New Year.

Thursday, January 13, 2011, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (new member orientation starts at 11) Cost: \$25 members; \$35 non-members; please **RSVP by 5:00 pm Monday, January 10, 2011** and save the \$5 late fee that applies thereafter!

[CLICK HERE](#)

to join us!

Come and enjoy Maggiano's classic family-style served lunch; please note any dietary restrictions on your registration.

First Course: Fresh bread with Caprese and Spinach Salads; **Second Course:** Whole Wheat Penne with Roasted Eggplant Marinara, Four Cheese Ravioli Alfredo Pesto, and Tilapia lemon and herbs; **Third Course:** Fresh Fruit Plate and Chocolate Zuccotto Cake with Coffee, Hot and Iced Tea

The APW is thrilled to **welcome AVA DIAMOND**, President of **The Diamond Success Group** as our speaker. Ava will provide inspiration, laughter, and tools to take your life and your business to the next level.

Here is a little about her program...

Is Your "BUT" Too Big?

How to Get Out of Your Own Way and Power Up™



Do you want to take your life and your business far beyond where you've ever been able to take them? Do you hold yourself back with limited thinking? Do you avoid taking risks when you want to go full force?

This program will help you get out of your own way, so you can—

- Crash through unconscious self-imposed barriers that hold you back
- Feel confident, focused, and powerful in any situation
- Develop a mindset that says "no" to excuses and "yes" to taking confident action
- Power-up your thoughts, words, and actions to get incredible results

Over the last 20 years, thousands of people have benefited from Ava's programs on personal excellence, success strategies for women, leading in today's world, building extraordinary teams, thriving through change, and winning with diversity.

Participants in her programs find her energetic, inspiring, informative, and funny! Her audiences leave with great ideas and the know-how to implement them. Ava's proudest accomplishment is completing the Avon Breast Cancer walk—60 miles over 3 days

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Starting this year the Communiqué will be published every other month; January, March, May, July, September, and November. We will continue with quarterly business card ads in our newsletters for all Networking Connection, Sustaining, and Corporate level members.

Alliance e-mails will contain a calendar of events; so you can stay up on Committee meetings, Networking Luncheons, and Business After Hours events. We welcome Alliance members to submit stories of interest and information to members, send ideas, contributions, comments and questions to **PAULINE HUDDLESON** at execdir@apwcolorado.org.

Alliance Reservations and Using BLACKTIE

The Alliance provides, as a service to its members, the ability to RSVP for events through BlackTie, an on-line reservation system. **Why use BlackTie? It saves The Alliance, literally, hundreds of dollars a year** in administrative costs when members use BlackTie to RSVP. Once you get the hang of it, you might also find that it's easier for you!

Here is a quick Blacktie tutorial note:

There are a few ways to access an event via Blacktie. Let's say, in this example, that I'm interested in RSVP'ing for the January Networking Luncheon.

I can either: Go to www.blacktie-colorado.com.

- Click on "Event Calendar" (top menu bar)
Click on "Denver"
- Select "January" as the month on the calendar displayed.
- Find the date of the event.
- Click on the event.
- Select "Click Here to RSVP or for Online Tickets"

OR Go right to the registration page by clicking on the links provided in every Communiqué or e-mail reminder about the event.

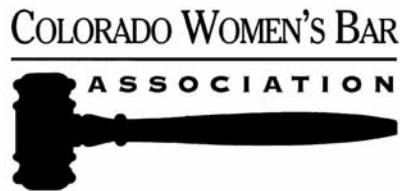
OR Go to www.apwcolorado.org and register from the Event Details, this will take you right to Blacktie to complete your menu choice.

Either process will take you to a screen where you RSVP, enter your payment information (credit card) and select your entrée. Please note that Blacktie will not complete your transaction UNTIL you select an entrée, except when we are serving family style. If you have food allergies, you have the ability to enter them here, so we can alert the restaurant before you arrive at the event.

If you like/need to have receipts for tax time, Blacktie has a pop-up window that should appear after completing your transaction that displays your receipt for printing.

Our online registration is generally cut-off at 5pm the Monday, before our Thursday luncheons (usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month) to provide our restaurant guarantee. After this time, there is a \$5 late fee assessed.

Please contact **Pauline Huddleson** at (303) 368-4747 or execdir@apwcolorado.org if you ever have questions or problems with this system.



An Evening With Our Colorado Legislators

Presented by
The Alliance of Professional Women
Colorado Women's Bar Association
Women's Lobby of Colorado, Inc.

***Please join us for a special reception
to meet and hear from Colorado legislators.***

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Wynkoop Brewery - Mercantile Room ♦ 1634 18th Street, Denver
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 for registrations received by January 10, 2011; \$30 thereafter
(includes hors d'oeuvres and one beverage ticket)

This event is Amendment 41 compliant. For reporting purposes, the value of the hors d'oeuvres and beverage is \$20.

REGISTRATION

Return this form with your payment to the CWBA, by fax to (303) 831-1064,
or by mail to the CWBA at: 6870 W. 52nd Avenue, Suite 125, Arvada, CO 80002-3951.
You may RSVP via e-mail by sending all of the information requested below to: execdir@cwba.org.

Please indicate your membership affiliation: ☐ APW ☐ CWBA ☐ Women's Lobby ☐ Other _____

Name _____ Telephone # _____

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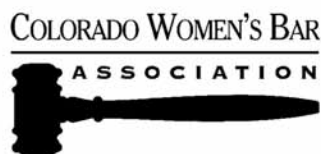
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For more information, contact the CWBA at (303) 831-1040 or execdir@cwba.org
or the APW at (303) 368-4747 or execdir@apwcolorado.org

Proceeds from this event support lobbying efforts - - - as such,
no portion of ticket sales, sponsorships, or other donations are tax deductible.



***Your organization is invited to Co-Sponsor
"An Evening With Our Colorado Legislators"***

Presented by
The Alliance of Professional Women
Colorado Women's Bar Association
Women's Lobby of Colorado, Inc.

Please join us for a special reception to meet and hear from Colorado legislators.

Our intention is to introduce new legislators and reconnect with legislators active within the women's community, and to energize attendees to actively participate in the legislative process. Your sponsorship will serve as a statement of your organizational interest in help formulating legislative policy that benefits women.

Thursday, January 20, 2011 ♦ 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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Individual Registration: \$25 for registrations received by 01/10/11; \$30 thereafter
(includes hors d'oeuvres and one beverage ticket)

Please send completed form with payment to: the CWBA, 6870 W. 52nd Avenue, Suite 125, Arvada, CO 80002

Attendees:

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Do you know there is a simple way the APW can help you with this? YES, the Alliance Website has a new feature that can benefit you. It is located under the Members-Only section of the website and it looks like this, • **NEW!** Write a short testimonial about what the APW means to you!

Because the APW website has high ratings, search engines will pick up your information entered on this feature, and will store it in their databases and it will boost the ratings on your website.

All we ask is that you answer: What the Alliance of Professional Women means to me:

How to add your testimonial:

Go to <http://www.apwcolorado.org/> enter your email address and password; if you have forgotten your password, click on "Forgotten Password" and your password will be emailed to you immediately.

Click on the testimonial page, and enter your answer. You will be able to edit or remove your entry at any time. Your name, company and website address will be displayed on your testimonial, which will appear at random times on certain pages. We challenge you to get this done in January and boost your ratings.

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Editor Notes**From The Editor**

The deadline for submitting articles for the COMMUNIQUE is Noon on the **15th** of each month. All submissions must be **electronic**. The COMMUNIQUE provides stories of interest & information to Alliance members. Please send **ideas, comments, contributions, and questions** to Pauline Huddleson at exedir@apwcolorado.org

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APW Outreach Committee Accomplishments for 2010

The Outreach Committee had a very successful 2010 thanks to the amazing support of the APW and its members!

Here are the wonderful things the APW was able to do for our community this year:

Spring 2010

- Completed a successful 2010 Denver Dress For Success *BLOUSE* Drive. Thank you to organizers, **PAM FISCHER** and **ALEXIE TUNE!**
- The Outreach Committee gave a fond farewell to **JESSICA LYNCH**, outgoing committee chair, and welcomed new chair, **CHELSEY BURNS**.

Summer 2010

- The APW “Heart to Trot” Team participated in the 2010 Denver Heart Walk. Thank you Team Captain, **PAM FISCHER!**
- Hosted another amazing Family Night Out event at Denver’s Warren Village! The success of this event was made possible by the superior efforts of our committee members and many volunteers from the APW. Many thanks!

Fall 2010

- Donated \$500 to the Kids’ Shoes Program, a program founded by Outreach Committee Member **JULIE IZARD**, which provides new school shoes to children at the Samaritan House.
- The APW “Treasure Chests” Team participated in a fun 2010 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®. Thank you to Team Captain, **ELIZABETH MOORE!**

Winter 2010

- Adopted 5 families, a total of 15 people, comprised of single moms and their children for the holidays; volunteers from the APW shopped for and wrapped gifts for all five families. Through the support of the APW, we raised over \$894 for this wonderful cause!

The Outreach Committee also happily welcomed four new members this year: **SAM DARDANO**, **JULIE IZARD**, **JILL MADISON**, and **SHAE THURMAN**. We look forward to another fantastic year doing good for our community and supporting women and girls locally! Thank you once again for all of you who made a difference with the APW! We wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Looking for Volunteers!

The Alliance Foundation is beginning to roll up our sleeves and get to work on our **2011 Spring Fundraiser** and we are looking for some volunteers to help us plan the event. **This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year and benefits The Alliance Foundation and our Scholarship Program.** If you are interested in helping out, please contact **KAREN ROSEN** at 303.618.0427 or at apwcolorado@comcast.net.

Alliance Networking Opportunities, Events, Activities & More

WHAT: OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Wednesday, January 5 • 5:30 pm**
 Where: Home of **PAM FISCHER**, 2218 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80205
 RSVP: **CHELSEY BURNS** at 303-748-1526 or cburns@fslpc.com

WHAT: NETWORKING EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Thursday, January 6 • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**
 Where: Whole Foods, Colorado Blvd and I-25, upstairs
 RSVP: **ROBIN PEGLOW BERG** at 303-282-1077
Robin@SoulMoxie.net

WHAT: JANUARY NETWORKING LUNCHEON

When: **Thursday January 13, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**
 Where: Maggiano's in DTC
 Cost: \$25 for Alliance members and \$35
 Pre-registration by 5 PM, Monday, January 10 needed!
 RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#) to be there!

WHAT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Tuesday, January 18, 2011 • 7:30-9:00 am**
 Where: Zaidy's in Cherry Creek, 1st & Adams
 RSVP: **DEB ARMBRUSTER** at 303-770-5505 or darmbr@aol.com

We welcome **CHAER ROBERT**, Director of the Denver Women's Commission. Chaer will brief us on what we can expect in the upcoming state legislative session. Chaer knows more about the issues that affect women and children in Colorado than almost anyone else, so don't miss this chance to hear her take on what major bills she expects to be introduced in this session and how they may fare. Please join us for a lively conversation and enjoy a great Zaidy's breakfast! We buy our own breakfasts and chip in to cover the guest speaker's breakfast.

WHAT: AN EVENING WITH OUR COLORADO LEGISLATORS

When: **Thursday, January 20, 2011 • 5:30 – 7:30 pm**
 Where: Wynkoop Brewery, 1634 18th Street, Denver, 80202
 Costs: \$25 for RSVP's by January 10th, \$30 thereafter
 RSVP: CWBA at (303) 831-1040 or execdir@cwba.org

The Alliance of Professional Women, the Women's Lobby of Colorado and the Colorado Women's Bar Association present this event.

WHAT: MEMBER SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Friday January 28 • 9:00 am**
 Where: Paradise Bakery DTC
 Cost: \$25 for Alliance members and \$35
 RSVP: Will follow soon

Anniversaries

The Alliance wishes to **recognize** and **thank** the following women who joined The Alliance of Professional Women in January. We greatly appreciate your continued support of our organization.

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5 years

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2 years

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Save The Date

On Friday evening, **March 11, 2011** the APW will host a **Wii Competition** and **Chili Cooking Competition** as an after hours fundraising event. This will be a fun opportunity for you to spend time with other APW members and friends. So dig out your cookbooks and practice cooking your special chili dish. Why not brush up on your Wii skills – there will be prizes! More details will follow.

Member News & Information

New Members

CAROL LATHROP—Conference Management, Independent Meeting & Event Services, 303-395-7057, Carol@YourMeetingResource.com

NICOLE WEINTHAL—Sales & Marketing Manager, Fogo de Chao Restaurant, 303-763-0668, nweintal@fogodechao.com

JOYCE DINKEL—CPA, Dinkel CPA Services, LLC, 720-480-5723, joyce@dinkelcpa.com

KENDRA BECKWITH—Attorney, Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP, 303-244-1820, beckwith@wtotrial.com

New Member Profiles

CAROL LATHROP— Sustainable Meeting & Event Manager, Independent Meeting & Event Services, 303-395-7057, Carol@YourMeetingResource.com

Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I joined the APW as an education scholarship recipient.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy theater and travel.

What is your position/business?

I am an Independent Meeting & Event Planner specializing in helping events become more eco-friendly.

What is something that few people know about you?

I come from a very large family and I am number four out of eight, brothers and sisters.

Thanks!

December Networking Luncheon. Thank you all for attending this wonderful luncheon held at the **Brown Palace Hotel** again this year. We thank all who assisted with the planning of the December Luncheon, and to all who helped at the event. **ROBIN PEGLOW BERG**, of **Soul Moxie**, did an outstanding job of hosting the event again this year; a huge thanks to Robin. It was heartwarming to hear from three scholarship recipients about how the APW Foundation's scholarships have helped their lives.

We thank the following December door prize donors: APW member, **JOHANNA KELLY** for The Family/General Membership to the Denver Botanic Gardens won by member **LISA MAUER**; **The Denver Center of Performing Arts** for two tickets to a upcoming show, won by guest **ELLEN DONNELLY** and finally, new member, **NICOLE WEINTHAL**, for a Fogo de Chao \$100 gift certificate which was won by **SHERE CHAMNESS**, in the drawing for our early registration incentive.

A special thank you goes out to all the attendees who reached into their pockets and helped raise an additional \$894 for the Adopt-A-Family program at Arapahoe House. The Outreach Committee greatly appreciates your generous caring assistance; this donation went a long way in helping the efforts to sponsor families in need this time of year; what a caring, inspiring group of women you are – **Thank You!**

Thanks to APW member, **LINDA MCGILL** for referring another new member to the Alliance; that makes four.

Member News

Mitchell Hoffman Joins HLZH

Denver, Colorado—**Harper Lutz Zuber Hofer & Associates, LLC** (HLZH) is pleased to announce that **MITCHELL S. HOFFMAN, CPA/ABV**, has joined the firm as an associate, specializing in business valuations of ownership interests, securities, and intangible assets. He joined the firm in September 2010 with 30 years of experience, including financial analysis, valuations, expert testimony, accounting and tax services.

“Mitch’s wealth of experience in high-stakes business valuations and complex financial analysis strengthens our ability to meet the needs of our growing client base,” says **MELINDA HARPER**, HLZH’s founding member. “His skills provide added value to the firm and our clients.”

Hoffman was previously with Hein & Associates LLP, where he was a partner focused on valuations, litigation and bankruptcy consulting services. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Analytical Management from the United States Naval Academy in 1976 and an MBA with an emphasis in Financial Management from National University (San Diego, CA) in 1980. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Colorado Society of CPAs, where he served as a Director. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Colorado Chapter.

Kristine Roper Joins HLZH

Denver, Colorado—**Harper Lutz Zuber Hofer & Associates, LLC** (HLZH) announced that **KRISTINE L. ROPER** has joined the firm as an Associate, focusing on business and intangible asset valuations, and the quantification of lost profits and intellectual property infringement damages. She joined HLZH in October 2010 with 17 years of experience, including valuations, litigation support, and bankruptcy consulting services.

“Kristine’s broad-based skills in business valuations and forensic accounting, particularly in the technology and energy sectors, are going to be invaluable to the firm and our clients,” says **MELINDA HARPER**, HLZH’s founding member. “She has significantly increased our depth and added new expertise.”

Roper was previously with Hein & Associates LLP, where she was a Manager in litigation, valuation, and bankruptcy consulting services. She earned her Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude) in Chemistry with an Accounting minor from Metropolitan State College of Denver in 2000. She is a non-CPA member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Colorado Society of CPAs. She is active with the Downtowners Toastmasters Club and serves as its Treasurer.

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January 2011

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