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Congratulations WAA & Don Holt!

by Carl Warren

I just received the fantastic news regarding **Don Holt's** appointment to the Washington State Board of Accountancy's Ethics Committee. Our Association

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should be proud of this major accomplishment, and all non-licensed accountants should be thankful for the extraordinary job Don has done in representing our interests. It may be some time, even years, before we realize the full benefit this will provide to the non-licensed accountants in Washington.

I have been involved with this organization for almost 24 years and have witnessed a continuing struggle for consideration and recognition by the Board of Accountancy (Board). I remember well the first Board meeting I attended in 1978 on behalf of WAA. There were four of us, **Bill Blanchard, Dwight Logan, LaVerna Oliphant,** and myself. We had some regulatory issue we wanted to discuss. When we entered

the meeting room, I could feel the hostility in the air. I noticed there were no chairs available for us. Since our presentation was going to take about ten minutes, I was not too concerned. They had us stand for over two hours while they conducted other business, before allowing our presentation. We have come a long way!

In 1983, WAA started monitoring the Board meetings. We sent representatives to special meetings and hearings to testify and present the Association's position. In the past, we have offered and provided our input and/or position on numerous issues. This was usually after the Board's committee had studied and worked the issue and was presenting its recommendation. This "after the fact" approach has been costly to WAA considering the time

and effort required. Over the last 13 years, WAA has developed a relationship with and a position of respect from the Board and the State Society of CPAs. For the last two years, Don Holt has represented WAA at these functions. His knowledge, professionalism, and eloquent manner have undoubtedly influenced the Board's decision to ask Don to serve on the committee. We have come a long way!

WAA has been invited to participate at the ground level. With Don's appointment we have the opportunity to be involved in developing information for consideration by the Board in future administration decisions. I feel the future benefit for all non-licensed accountants will be far greater than seems evident at this time. Congratulations WAA and Don Holt. We have come a long way! ■





It has been a busy, somewhat frantic couple of months.

Most of the seminars got rave reviews. The snow and bad weather did not make it easy, but even with this complication, reports from attendees would indicate that seminar coordinators did a great job.

Changes have also taken place in the Association Office this past month. Two new individuals are now in place, taking over from **Heather Greene-Beloit** who recently left the position of Executive Director. **Jana Welp** is working from

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily. **Diana Ferguson** is the cheerful voice answering the phone if you call between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily. You'll find a more extensive introduction of these two eager new staff members in next month's newsletter. Please give them a call or stop by the Association Office to introduce yourself.

The holidays have come and gone. They seemed to get here too early this year. They are, however, hard to ignore and I must admit the Christmas cheer was contagious. One can't help but be reminded that there's a lot to be thankful for.

By the time this newsletter arrives, the holiday season will be history and we'll all be embarking on another tax season. May things go smoothly (and profitably) for you. I wish you the very best in 1997. ■

1997 State Convention

by Curtis G. Wasson, Convention 1997 Chairman

It isn't too early to plan attending the annual WAA State Convention. It will be held from June 26 to June 28 at the Inn at the Park in Spokane.

We will have 8 hours of accounting CPE included in the member registration fee of \$225. A spouse or guest's fee will be \$115. The Inn at the Park has offered us great hotel rates.

The first open meeting is set for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. Lunch will be served that day at noon. We always look forward to the installation of officers at our Grand Banquet on Saturday night. Look for an article on searching for future leaders in an upcoming newsletter.

Reserve this time on your calendar now and plan to get together in early summer for a great time. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (509) 327-5007. ■

WAA Profile: State Director

JEFFREY ALLEN JORDAN

The glow around Jeff Jordan isn't because he was born in the Tri-Cities in 1955. Here's everything you ever wanted to know about Jeff, and then some . . .

Jeff graduated from Othello High in 1973. He was a member of the National Honor Society, played percussion in the band and lettered in baseball and wrestling.

Jeff graduated from Kinman Business University's Business Administration and Accounting program. He met **Karen** there and they were married in 1975.

Soon the kids arrived: **Jamie**; **Jeff, Jr.**; then **Alisha**.

After two brief jobs as a FC Bookkeeper/Office Manager for a small construction company and managing a fast food restaurant, Jeff took a job with Hostess Bakery. During this time he began his career in the tax preparation and accounting business. He has been securities and insurance licensed since 1992.

In 1985 Jeff and Karen purchased the S.P.I.C.E. of Life Children's Center. Jeff is President and CEO, managing all financial operations of the large daycare center.

Other Activities:

- Boy Scouts of America — Eagle Scout
- Past Treasurer — Rock of Ages Christian School Board
- Past Treasurer — Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International
- Current Treasurer — Rock of Ages Christian Fellowship
- Baseball and Softball Coach and Player
- Certified Open Water Diver
- Parent Representative — North Spokane Volleyball Club
- Past President — Washington Association of Accountants
- Current State Director — National Society of Accountants



CHAPTER NEWS

Spokane Chapter

Curtis G. Wasson, Wasson Tax Services

In a festive mood, 13 members and their spouses gathered for a Christmas party on December 6 at the Littlebrook Farm, a beautiful bed and breakfast inn outside of Spokane. **Heather Greene-Beloit**, WAA Executive Director, and her husband, **Mark**, also attended. Dinner was cooked by **Judi Bartness**, our Chapter Vice-President and her staff member, **Gail**, with extra help from their husbands. We told stories to acquaint ourselves with one another and had a gift exchange. Our next chapter meeting will be January 21 at Cavanaugh's River Inn. We'll then meet on February 18, but will skip the March meeting. ■