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Ames Chapter No. 158

January, 1991

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DATE: January 10, 1991

TIME: 5:30 p.m. Networking
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Program

PLACE: Cafe Northwest
114 S. Duff Avenue

COST: \$11.00

MENU: Greek Chicken or Beef Kabobs

RESERVATIONS: Norma Seifert
(515) 294-8911

DEADLINE: 5:30 p.m., January 8, 1990

SPEAKER: Kent Burhenn
Connecticut Mutual

TOPIC: RISK MANAGEMENT: BUSINESS AND PERSONAL

Happy New Year Everyone!

January is the start of a new calendar year and generally the time for making New Year's resolutions (i.e., setting goals - both personal and professional). Having just started our Chapter, we recently set goals for each committee and an overall goal for the Ames Chapter which is "To offer our members opportunities for professional development and personal networking."

One opportunity for accomplishing this particular goal is attending the Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) of ASWA and AWS CPA. The latest one was held in Washington, D.C. last October. It was exciting to be a member of the Ames Chapter because everyone knew we had completed the chartering process except for the formal banquet. One of the best opportunities for networking is the Chapter Exchange workshop where members from all over the country share the successes and failures of their chapters. I picked up many good ideas! The JAM offers various leadership sessions which can help in personal development. It also offers a wide variety of sessions ranging from personal development through technical topics and the latest accounting issues from the FASB. There are also opportunities for relaxing and just enjoying the city. Plan now to attend the next JAM being held in Chicago in September. The JAM is an experience not to be missed.

We also want to increase the visibility of the Ames Chapter and have several ideas which will accomplish this goal. A joint meeting is planned with the ISU Accounting Club in February. Spreading the word about ASWA among students will also help us achieve our goal of an active student membership program. We enjoyed visiting with the three student guests at our December meeting.

Many exciting things will be happening in the Ames Chapter for the remainder of this fiscal year. Select several to attend and bring a guest. Be sure to check the dates as February and March meetings are not on the second Thursday of the month.

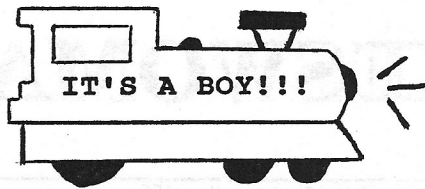
In goal-setting for yourself this January, please include an active participation in ASWA. You'll be glad you did!

TAX TIDBITS

If a taxpayer claims an exemption for a dependent who is at least two years old by December 31, 1990, the taxpayer must list the dependent's social security number (SSN) on Form 1040 or Form 1040A. If the dependent's SSN is not listed or is incorrect, a \$5 penalty may be assessed for each missing or incorrect number.

The SSN requirement changes next year. Dependents who are at least ONE year year old by December 31, 1991 will need social security numbers.

Karen Jacobson, President



Cheryl and Gregg Williams are the proud parents of their first child, Bradley Gregg. He was born December 6, 1990 and weighed 7lbs., 11 oz. Congratulations!!

**MEMBER PROFILE:
STEPHANIE FOX, CPA**

Stephanie Fox is the manager of contract and grant accounting at Iowa State University. She coordinates fiscal reporting and compliance for research awards.

Stephanie received her bachelor of science degree at Northwest Missouri State University in 1977. She has also taken some graduate-level courses at ISU. She became a CPA in 1980.

Prior to her promotion to manager in 1985, Stephanie was a staff accountant in grant accounting from 1981-1985. She has also worked in public accounting at Denman & Co. in Des Moines from 1979-1981. Other work experience included a CPA firm in Kansas City and insurance auditing positions in Kansas City and Minneapolis.

Stephanie's husband, Earl, is design engineer at Sauer-Sundstrand.

Stephanie enjoys golfing, gardening, figure skating, and crafts. She is currently involved in ASWA as our Vice-President.

MEMBER NEWS.....

Ann M. Martin recently accepted new employment as the loan review officer at First Interstate of Iowa. She was previously employed at Statesman Bank for Savings, FSB. Her new employment information is as follows:

Address:

First Interstate of Iowa
First Interstate Bank Bldg.
Suite 900
Des Moines, IA 50309

Phone: (515) 245-7170

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Jeanne L. Beidler recently accepted new employment as an accountant at Northup, Haines & Associates, P.C., a public accounting firm in Des Moines. Her new employment information is as follows:

Address:

Northup, Haines & Associates, P.C.
Ashworth Plaza Bldg., Suite 500
1025 Ashworth Road
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Phone: (515) 223-0221

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Congratulations to Ann and Jeanne on their new positions. Good Luck!!

PRESIDENT:

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BULLETIN:

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DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Ames Chapter No. 158
December 10, 1990

CALL TO ORDER: The December board meeting of the Ames Chapter No. 158 of the American Society of Women Accountants was called to order at approximately 5:40 p.m. on the 10th day of December, 1990, at the Ames Savings Bank, the President Karen Jacobson presiding.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: The following board members were in attendance: Jeanne Beidler, Sharon Croissant, Stephanie Fox, Karen Jacobson, Sue Logan, Ellen Rasmussen, and Gwen Waalkes.

BUSINESS: The November board meeting minutes were read by the members. Stephanie Fox made a motion to approve the minutes as stated and Ellen Rasmussen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ellen Rasmussen reported that the balance in the chapter bank account is presently \$508.45. Receipts for postage, chartering expenses and other miscellaneous expenses were submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING: Beverly Wandling informed Karen Jacobson that six out of thirteen chairpersons have sent their action plan to her.

BULLETIN: Jeanne Beidler needs the following information for the January 1991 bulletin by December 21st: December board meeting minutes, December membership meeting minutes, the President's message, the Hospitality Committee's information on the January meeting and any other information that members would like to include in the bulletin. Jeanne also said she is looking forward to receiving more member profiles so she can publish them in the upcoming bulletins.

BYLAWS: Speaking for Liz Starleaf, Karen Jacobson reported that any changes in the national bylaws will automatically impact our bylaws.

EDUCATION & LEGISLATION: No report from Mary Pfantz.

MEMBER RELATIONS: Cindy Wilson asked Karen Jacobson to report for her that she will select a luncheon date for our members for late January, 1991. The date will be announced at the January 1991 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Gwen Waalkes reported that she has developed a guest information sheet to gather information on our guests, such as address, place of employment, etc. The guest information sheet will also ask if they would like an application to join our organization.

PROGRAM: Stephanie Fox has put together a topic survey, which will be included in the January bulletin. Also, Stephanie has volunteered to maintain a list of attendees for CPE credit purposes. Sharon Croissant is in the process of putting together a folder of information on our meetings, containing items on the speaker and any handouts that may have been provided. Pat Eich has lined up the January 1991 speaker. Ken Burham of Connecticut Mutual will speak on Risk Management. The February meeting will be a joint meeting with the ISU Accounting Club on Tuesday, February 12, 1991 at 6:00 p.m. in 101 Carver Hall. This meeting will consist of a panel of our members, discussing career opportunities in accounting. The March meeting will be a joint meeting with the Des Moines chapter on Tuesday, March 19, 1991 in Ankeny. Sharon Ward from the human resources department at Holmes Murphy will discuss "Improving Communication and Leadership Skills".

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Joan Rost will work on the chapter brochure after Christmas and present it to the board.

PUBLICITY: Kathy Strum will send pictures and articles to newspapers in the surrounding communities. Kathy will also set up the contact members in the surrounding towns for the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The board meeting will be held on the Monday of the week before our regular monthly membership meeting. In the case of holidays, the board meeting will be held on the Monday immediately before our regular monthly membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Karen Jacobson reported that Gayle Powelson, ASWA National President, sent a letter congratulating our chapter on our chartering banquet.

The next board meeting will be January 7, 1991 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ames Savings & ~~Loan~~^{Bank} board room.

At a previous meeting the membership decided that every member shall be on a committee. At the December meeting this issue will be addressed. Anyone who still isn't on a committee after that time will be contacted by the member relations committee.

Karen Jacobson is still collecting misprinted membership certificates. She will send them to National for corrections.

Stephanie Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gwen Waalkes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Sue Logan, Secretary

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DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Ames Chapter No. 158
December 13, 1990

CALL TO ORDER: The December meeting of the Ames Chapter No. 158 of the American Society of Women Accountants was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. on the 13th day of December, 1990, at Palma's Dining Excellence, 217 South Duff in Ames, the President Karen Jacobson presiding.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: There were 16 members and 3 guests in attendance.

PROGRAM: *Sharon Croissant*
Karen Jacobson introduced the speaker, Linda Stocks of Iowa Accountemps Division of Robert Half, whose talk was entitled "Career Strategies for Women Accountants in the 1990's".

BUSINESS: Sue Logan, Secretary read the October minutes. Karen Jacobson made a motion to amend the minutes to state that the meeting started at 7:00 p.m. Stephanie Fox made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Ellen Rasmussen seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved. *as amended.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ellen Rasmussen reported that the balance in the account is presently \$369.71 and that all the chartering banquet expenses have been paid.

Beverly Wandling reported on the Joint Annual Meeting, which she and Karen Jacobson attended in October. Beverly said she heard some excellent speakers discussing chapter development, career changes and her favorite, "How to succeed in business without a sex change operation". Beverly said she would definitely go again. We all have an opportunity to attend the 1991 ASWA Annual Joint Meeting in Chicago.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Karen Jacobson sent around a sign-up sheet for those members who are not yet on a committee.

BULLETIN: Jeanne Beidler reported that the deadline to submit items for the January bulletin is December 21st. Any information that members would like to have published in the bulletin is welcomed, such as address changes, new jobs, etc. The bulletins are sent to National and then National selects information from our bulletins to be published in the "Focus" column of the National publication, "Coordinator". The cost to sponsor a monthly bulletin is \$35, which includes postage and duplication. Let Jeanne know if your corporation would like to sponsor one of our chapter bulletins.

HOSPITALITY: Norma Seifert reported that the January 1991 meeting will be at Cafe Northwest on South Duff in Ames on January 10th. Norma would like to start using a standing reservation system, so let her know if you would like a standing reservation for our monthly meetings. This will eliminate the number of phone calls needed to be made by the hospitality committee and also by the members. Norma also mentioned that if you call her at her office, you may leave your message concerning reservations with her secretary.

MEMBER RELATIONS: Cindy Wilson informed Karen Jacobson that she is organizing a networking opportunity for our members in late January, 1991. The details about an informal luncheon will be announced at the January meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Gwen Waalkes reported that she has developed a guest information sheet, which is being used this evening. The sheet will be used to gather information about our guests, such as name, address, phone number, how they heard about our chapter of ASWA and if they are interested in joining. A chapter bulletin will be sent to the guests for a few months after their first attendance of one of our meetings. Gwen also encouraged members to look in their local newspapers for information about women accountants in the area. This is an excellent source for obtaining prospective members.

PROGRAM: Sharon Croissant reported that Stephanie Fox has developed a survey to gather information on our members' preferences on meeting topics and whether they would be willing to be a speaker at one of our monthly meetings. The survey will be published in the January bulletin. Stephanie has also volunteered to keep track of CPE credit attendees at our meetings on an annual basis. Each attendee will, however, be responsible for determining if the CPE credits apply for their specific circumstances. The January 10th meeting features Ken Burham of Connecticut Mutual, who will speak on Risk Management. The February meeting will be a joint meeting with the ISU Accounting Club on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. in 101 Carver Hall. The meeting will include a panel of our members discussing accounting career opportunities in industry, public accounting, governmental accounting and education. The students will go out for dinner prior to the meeting so there will be no meal at the February meeting. The March meeting will be a joint meeting with the Des Moines chapter on Tuesday, March 19th. The meeting will be in Ankeny at either Elwell's or the Green Briar. Sharon Ward, who is in the human resources department of Holmes Murphy and also teaches at Drake University, will be the speaker for the March meeting. She has been a speaker at meetings of the Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Joan Rost informed Karen Jacobson that she will be developing a chapter brochure.

PUBLICITY: Speaking for Kathy Strum, Karen Jacobson asked members to collect articles relating to our chapter from their local newspapers. Kathy will also establish contact members for the local communities.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Jan Duffy reported that she will be working with the Program Committee on the joint meeting in February with the ISU Accounting Club. There are three ISU students in attendance tonight at our meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting is January 10th at Cafe Northwest. Our Vice-President, Stephanie Fox, will fill in for Karen Jacobson who will not be able to attend.

The next board meeting will be January 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Ames Savings ^{Bank} and ~~Loan~~ board room. All members are welcome to attend. Please call Karen Jacobson or one of the board members to let them know you are coming so they can order enough food.

The lucky member who won the Christmas gift tonight was Ann Martin.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Sue Logan, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

* * STRESS RELIEVERS * *

The tentative date which has been set for the networking luncheon is Thursday, January 24, 1991. Mark this date on your calendar. The exact details (time, place, etc.) will be announced at our regular membership meeting on January 10th or you may contact Cindy Wilson at (515) 232-2505 for more information.

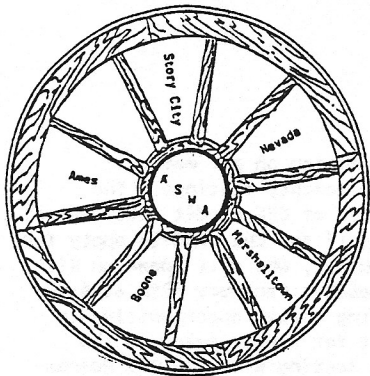


"It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

-- W. Somerset Maugham

"Does this mean you won't be able to prepare my income taxes this year?"

Wilmington Workpaper



American Society of Women Accountants--Ames Chapter No. 158

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 7, 1991	Board of Directors Meeting Ames Savings Bank, FSB
January 10, 1991	Regular Membership Meeting Cafe Northwest
February 4, 1991	Board of Directors Meeting Ames Savings Bank, FSB
February 12, 1991	Joint Meeting with ISU Accounting Club Carver Hall, Room 101
March 4, 1991	Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 1991	Joint Meeting with Des Moines Chapter
April 1, 1991	Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 1991	Regular Membership Meeting
May 29 - June 1, 1991	National ASWA Spring Conference New Orleans, LA
June 21-22, 1991	Prairie States Area Conference Tulsa, OK
September 11-14, 1991	Joint Annual Meeting of ASWA/AWSCPA Chicago, IL
