

THE S P O K E S W O M A N

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The joint meeting with the ISU Accounting Club was very interesting. Thank you to everyone involved in it. Although the group was small compared to last year, those in attendance got a working understanding of the subject of sexual harassment.

Our March meeting will be a joint meeting with the Des Moines Chapter of ASWA. As we are the hostesses, it will be here in Ames. This gives us an opportunity to network with other women professionals in our field and meet one of the goals of both our Chapter and National. The program should be very interesting, so please plan to attend and bring a guest.

By the time you read this, the busy season will be more than half over. We understand the time commitments this puts on our members, but hope that you can take the time out of your busy schedule to join us for the March meeting.

Our membership continues to grow. At the February Board meeting we approved two new regular members and one new student member. Welcome, Cindy, Josie and Janice. We are also aware of one more regular application which should be approved at the March Board meeting. It is exciting to see our Chapter grow. Keep on spreading the word and bringing guests.

Don't forget to turn in to me your surveys from National which were included in last month's Spokeswoman (the green insert). National wants to serve the needs of its members and this is your opportunity to let them know how to best serve you.

Karen Jacobson
President

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 1992

TIME: 5:30 PM Networking
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Program

PLACE: The Broiler
West Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa

MENU/COST: Order off the Menu
Tip included on the Bill
Cash Bar

RESERVATIONS:
Karen Jacobson (515) 234-2714
NO standing reservations!

DEADLINE: Noon, Wednesday
March 11, 1992

SPEAKER: Sharon Baudler
Iowa Society of CPA's

1992 - 1993 NOMINATIONS

A slate of officers and directors for the 1992-1993 fiscal year has been selected by the Nominating Committee. These individuals and their positions are as follows:

Officers:

President	Kathy Strum
Vice President	Nancy Campbell
Secretary	Deb Bielunski
Treasurer	Kate Mulder

Directors:

Membership Chairperson	Stephanie Fox
Program Chairperson	Beverly Wandling
Member Relations Chairperson	Josie Niemand

The Bulletin Chairperson will be Karen Jacobson, Immediate Past President.

Elections will be held in April at the regular membership meeting.

Changes in Federal Withholding

The IRS recently sent out a new Circular E with revised withholding tables in it. The new tables will reduce withholding for the remainder of 1992. (Social Security and Medicare withholding have not changed.) If you like your tax refund the size it is, or if you don't want to pay more when filing your 1992 tax return, it is necessary for you to change your W-4. According to the notice, "employees withheld at the married rate may see as much as \$345 more in their pay over the next year. Those withheld at the single rate may see up to \$172 more." Wages subject to withholding of \$90,200 or more for marrieds and \$53,200 for singles will see no changes. Believe it or not, the IRS has agreed not to penalize any employee who underwithholds in 1992 due to these new rules. Check your own situation out.

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LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

Currently the Iowa legislature is discussing the addition of certain accounting services to the list of taxable items for sales tax purposes. If you have any definite feelings about the inclusion or exclusion of these accounting services as taxable items, contact your legislator immediately.

NETWORKING LUNCHEONS

March 26, 1992	Bonanza 1404 S. Duff, Ames
April 22, 1992	Cafe Northwest 114 S. Duff, Ames

All networking luncheons start at noon. If you have a special place you would like to lunch at, contact Cindy Wilson at 232-2505.

VOLUNTEERS, GOD BLESS 'EM

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgement nears
That there's a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chairmen,
No group leaders or car pools,
No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale,
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cold drinks and gourmet dinners
And treats fit for a king.
You ask, "Who'll serve these
privileged few

And work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on Earth.

From the Wichita Register, February, 1992

BULLETIN:

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS
AMES CHAPTER

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
September 30, 1991

Members	Home	Work
Bielunski, Deborah	382-5600	382-6596
Campbell, Nancy	232-1173	239-6436
Croissant, Sharon	292-0286	239-6216
Downs, Brenda (Student)	233-5389	294-0459
Duffy, Jan	232-2213	294-1481/294-8106
Eckebrecht, Betty	232-5604	232-5665
Eich, Patricia	292-7685	294-4626
Farthing, Judy	382-2583	382-6596
Fox, Stephanie	232-2235	294-5331
Haubrich, Margaret	232-9950	281-7716
Inger, Mary	232-7141	294-5461
Jacobson, Karen	733-2660	232-2714
Langwith, Gretchen (Student)	294-5819	-
Logan, Sue	292-0105	294-9537
Maldonado, Michele	233-4594	232-1505
Matney, Debbra	292-8054	-
Mulder, Catherine (Student)	382-3262	382-6596
Rasmussen, Ellen	292-3521	294-0831
Rost, Joan	233-1943	232-2160
Starleaf, Elizabeth	232-5606	294-8083
Strah, Patricia	597-2037	294-3244
Strum, Kathleen	382-4583	382-6596
Supercynski, Kim	232-6275	232-8585
Waalkes, Gwenyth	382-5948	226-3688
Wandling, Beverly	232-4403	232-0158
Wilson, Cynthia	232-6189	232-2505

AMES CHAPTER OF ASWA
 INCOME STATEMENT
 FOR THE 6 PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

+--- PERIOD TO DATE ---+ +--- YEAR TO DATE ---+
 ACTUAL PERCENT ACTUAL PERCENT

REVENUE

Dues - chapter and national	\$79.50	10.9 %	1,749.50	69.2
Regular meeting dinners	.00	.0	120.00	4.7
Public relations dinner	647.50	88.7	647.50	25.6
Interest	2.60	.4	9.77	.4
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TOTAL REVENUE	729.60	100.0	2,526.77	100.0
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	729.60	100.0	2,526.77	100.0

OPERATING EXPENSES

National dues	59.00	8.1	1,244.00	49.2
Regular meeting dinners	.00	.0	112.00	4.4
Public relations dinner	.00	.0	100.00	4.0
Program expense	.00	.0	20.56	.8
Education foundation contrib.	.00	.0	20.00	.8
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TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	59.00	8.1	1,496.56	59.2
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EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXP	670.60	91.9	1,030.21	40.8
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	\$670.60	91.9 %	1,030.21	40.8

AMES CHAPTER OF ASWA
 BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 31, 1991

ASSETS

ASSETS

Cash in bank - checking	\$1,270.13	
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TOTAL ASSETS		1,270.13
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LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$.00
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EQUITY

Unappropriated fund balance	239.92	
UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,030.21	
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TOTAL EQUITY		1,270.13
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		\$1,270.13
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NATIONAL NOMINEES FOR 1992-1993

**PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT-ELECT
VICE PRESIDENTS**

Marilyn Vito, CPA, CMA
Courtney Cowgill, CPA, CMA, CIA
Mary Erlenborn, CPA
Rita Hull, PhD, CPA, CIA
Shirley Laird
Donna Reed
Ivy Zito, CPA

Philadelphia
Denver
San Diego
Richmond
Anchorage
Northwest Indiana
Connecticut

**SECRETARY
TREASURER**

DIRECTORS

(Serving a second year of a two-year term)

Michele Fissori, CPA
Pamela Hedblad, CPA
Mary Woy, CPA

Honolulu
San Jose
Albuquerque

(To fill the unexpired term of Donna Reed)

Philippa Bennett

Chicago

(To serve two years, 7/1/92-6/30/94)

Jill Bryant, CPA
Barbara Clark
Marianne Granier, CPA
Abigail Harris
Lynette Sarther, CPA

Wichita
Indianapolis
Baton Rouge
Los Angeles
Cincinnati

**IMMEDIATE PAST
PRESIDENT**

Theodora Sherman, CPA, CFP

Seattle

PLAN AHEAD

Plan now to spend June 26 - 28 in Kansas City at the ASWA Prairie States Conference. It's only a short trip down I-35 to a wonderful world of shopping, restaurants, baseball, Worlds of Fun, and the Country Club Plaza. Get with your friends and work up a car pool, or travel it solo -- the room rate is the same! New members, this is a great way to attend CPE seminars and have fun too. If you need a ride or want riders for your car, let Karen Jacobson know and she will put you in touch with others who are going.

**OPTIMISTS ENJOY GREATER
SUCCESS FOR LIFE**

If you are a person who sees a glass as half-full versus half-empty, you may enjoy better health, make more money, excel in school, have a longer, happier marriage, and be a better problem-solver than your pessimistic counterparts, according to recent findings cited by Dr. Alan Loy McGinnis in his book, "The Power of Optimism."

Furthermore, the study also found optimism to be an acquired trait - not inherited - so anyone can learn it.

Dr. McGinnis identified 12 traits optimists have, making them superior

problem-solvers. They:

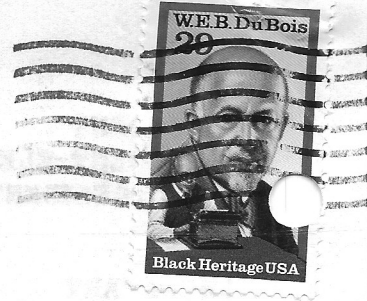
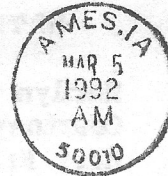
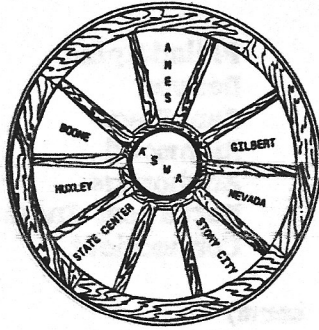
1. Are seldom surprised by trouble.
2. Believe they have control over their futures.
3. Use their imaginations to visualize and rehearse success.
4. Believe their personal best is yet to be.

Striving for those characteristics will make you more successful in life and in your work. Develop a positive attitude towards problems by practicing the following recommendations:

1. Look for the good in bad situations. You can make obstacles into stepping stones.
2. Think of yourself as a problem-solver and you will excel in difficult situations.
3. Anticipate problems by asking yourself, "Can this backfire?" By thinking ahead, you will respond more effectively if there is trouble.
4. Monitor automatic negative thoughts and write them down as they occur. You will decrease their frequency by logging them.

The power of optimism is strong. By learning how to be optimistic you will become a happier person who is in control of problems. Optimism will better equip you to handle stumbling blocks when they occur and quickly find solutions to the difficulties.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
March 12, 1992	Regular Membership Meeting
March 20, 1992	Bulletin Deadline
March 26, 1992	Networking Luncheon
March 30, 1992	Board Meeting

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL BULLETIN IS MARCH 20, 1992