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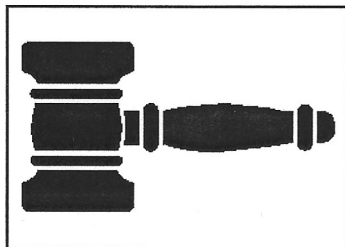
January-February, 1993

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our January meeting, Gwen Waalkes gave a very interesting program on credit card fraud. It is amazing how ingenious some of these people can be in figuring out how to use other people's money.

It made me stop and think about all the energy that is spent in a negative way. Just think what could be accomplished in this world if everyone worked for the good of everyone and not just themselves or a few others.

What can we do? Well for starters, we can start to think in an holistic fashion. We may not be able to impact many people, but we can at least try to make a positive impact on those that we do come into contact with.



Happy Valentine's Day and may the force be with you.

Kathy Strum
President

T-SHIRTS ANYONE??

Attention, Members!! If you, or anyone you know, ordered a T-shirt to raise funds for our scholarships, please contact me as soon as possible to pick it up. If there is anyone who did not order one before, but wants to do so now, you may also contact me at 232-0158 during working hours.

Beverly Wandling

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE:	Thursday, February 11, 1993	
TIME:	5:00 PM	Board Meeting
	5:30 PM	Networking
	6:00 PM	Business Meeting
	6:15 PM	Dinner
	7:00 PM	Program
PLACE:	Lucullan's Restaurant 400 Main Street, Ames	
MENU/COST:	Order off the Menu	
RESERVATIONS/ GUEST NAMES:	Judy Farthing, Hospitality Ames 233-2784 Work Nevada 382-6596 Work Nevada 382-2583 Home	
DEADLINE:	Noon, Tuesday February 9, 1993	
PROGRAM:	"Networking" Melanie M. Menken	

OUR SPEAKER

Melanie Menken is an Assistant Vice President of the Banking Office Support Department for Brenton Bank Services Corporation and has been with the Brenton organization for approximately four years. Melanie is a CPA and prior to working for Brenton, was with the auditing firm of Deloitte and Touche. As a member of the Iowa Society of CPA's, she has participated in their mentoring program, "Accounting Ties," for two years. Melanie will be sharing her mentoring experiences with us, both as a mentor and as a recipient. PLEASE JOIN US for an interesting evening. You'll be glad you did.

Notes from the District Director's Liaison Committee by Kathleen Strum

For the past year and a half, I have been a member of the Internal Revenue Service District Director's Liaison Committee. This is a two year appointment approved by the District Director, Curtis Jenkins. Our last meeting was on December 14th in Des Moines. The reason this committee was formed was to provide a communication link between the IRS and taxpayers. We, as taxpayers, are requested to bring issues to the committee for discussion and possible further investigation by the IRS.

The first issue on the agenda was the correct way to file an injured spouse claim. It is important that the entity section match the Form 1040, that INJURED SPOUSE be written in the corner of the Form 1040, and that the injured spouse declaration be attached to the back of the return.

We talked about large Corporate accounts being able to have a specific person assigned to them at the problem resolution office. A large corporation is defined as having complex problems and 250 million or more in assets. The designation is made in December for one year at a time.

The IRS plans to be able to resolve 95% of simple adjustments on line with verbal approval. These adjustments would be related to credit transfers on the same ID#, math errors, filing status changes, changing forms received (i.e., Form 943 to Form 941), and other minor but frequent adjustments.

We discussed the change on Schedule E regarding rental of personal property. If the property is not rented in conjunction with real estate, then the taxpayer is going to have to pay SE tax on the income. The IRS will be watching for this one.

There is a problem with the 1099 packets that are being distributed. The ID#'s are correct and the addresses, but in many cases the

name is wrong. Cross out the incorrect information and fill in the correct information on the labels. Some 1040 labels are incorrect also.

This year if individuals eligible for EIC credit don't apply for it, they won't get it. They will, however, get a letter stating that they may be eligible for the credit.

If you have any concerns you would like me to take to this committee for discussion, please let me know. Also, if you would like more information about the items I have summarized here, feel free to give me a call.

IN MEMORIUM

We recently learned of the passing of one of our former members. Mary Inger passed away in December during her stay in England. Although she was a member for only a short time, a number of our members worked with her over the years. We will miss you, Mary.

I am only one,

But still I am one.

I cannot do everything,

But still I can do something:

And because I cannot do everything

I will not refuse to do the something

that I can do.

Edward Everett Hale

**ASWA AND YOU
SPELL SUCCESS!!**

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ASWA Board of Directors Meeting
November 12, 1992

CALL TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors, Ames Chapter, was brought to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 1992, at Country Kitchen restaurant, Ames, Iowa, President Kathleen Strum presiding.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: The following board members were in attendance: Kathy Strum, Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder, Nancy Campbell, Stephanie Fox, and Deb Gould.

BUSINESS:

Karen Jacobson made the motion to approve the October Board Minutes. Stephanie Fox seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: As of October 31, 1992, there was \$928.72 in the checking account and \$254.64 in the savings account. A \$20.00 donation was received. The report was placed on file for audit. Kathy Strum gave a report on the Communique from National she received regarding the charging for all supplies with a new price list. She also reported about two positions offered in the Communique.

Administrative Reporting: No report.

Bulletin: Still need sponsors for the March through year end bulletins.

Bylaws: No report..

Education & Legislation: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Member Relations: Kate Mulder provided a Membership Roster.

Membership: No report.

Program: No report.

Public Relations: There were 59 reservations received for the Public Relations Dinner on November 12, 1992. Chapter brochures and programs will be placed on each table.

Publicity: No report.

Student Activities: No report.

Scholarship: Still need a scholarship form for local, National and Joint.

OLD BUSINESS: Beverly Wandling has sold 17 T-shirts to date.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next board meeting is December 10, 1992 at 11:45 a.m. at Country Kitchen.

ADJOURNMENT: The motion was made by Nancy Campbell to adjourn the board meeting with Kate Mulder seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Gould, Secretary

ASWA Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 1992

CALL TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors, Ames Chapter, was brought to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 1992, at Country Kitchen restaurant, Ames, Iowa, President Kathleen Strum presiding.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: The following board members were in attendance: Kathy Strum, Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder, Nancy Campbell, Josie Niemand, Beverly Wandling, and Deb Gould.

BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: As of November 30, 1992, there was \$652.47 in the checking account and \$254.64 in the savings account. The report was placed on file for audit. Administrative Reporting: No report.

Bulletin: Still need sponsors for the March through year end bulletins.

Bylaws: No report..

Education & Legislation: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Member Relations: Josie will be developing a form to keep track of member activities. The noon net working luncheons were discussed and are being reevaluated for lack of interest.

Membership: No report.

Program: No report.

Public Relations: The Public Relations Dinner was \$5.00 over budget.

Publicity: No report.

Student Activities: No report.

Scholarship: A scholarship application was submitted for discussion and referred back to the scholarship committee for further examination. A final draft will be presented at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The sale of T-shirts was discussed. Karen Jacobson moved at Beverly's request that we give a T-shirt to the designer. Kate Mulder seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next board meeting is January 14, 1993 at 5:00 p.m., the place to be announced. December 18, 1992, is the deadline for the January bulletin.

ADJOURNMENT: The motion was made by Nancy Campbell to adjourn the board meeting with Karen Jacobson seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Gould, Secretary

ASWA Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 1993

CALL TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors, Ames Chapter, was brought to order at 5:12 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 1993, at Hertz Farm Management, Inc., Nevada, Iowa, President Kathleen Strum presiding. Kate Mulder was appointed Acting Secretary in the absence of Deb Gould, Chapter Secretary.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: The following board members were in attendance: Kathy Strum, Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder, Nancy Campbell, Josie Niemand, and Beverly Wandling.

BUSINESS:

Nancy Campbell made a motion to approve the November Board Minutes. Karen Jacobson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Nancy Campbell moved that we approve the December Board Minutes. Josie Niemand seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: As of December 31, 1992, there was \$1,012.51 in the checking account of which \$758.00 was from T-shirt sales, leaving actual Chapter funds in the checking account at \$254.51. The savings account balance as of December 31, 1992 was \$256.39. The report was placed on file for audit.

Administrative Reporting: No report.

Bulletin: No January bulletin was published due to time constraints. It was decided to not publish the January bulletin late. Karen Jacobson reported she still needs sponsors for May and June.

Bylaws: No report.

Education & Legislation: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Member Relations: The noon networking luncheons were discussed and will be reevaluated at the January Membership

meeting.

Membership: Karen Jacobson submitted a new membership application for Michelle Jaselskis. After discussion, Karen Jacobson moved that we accept Michelle Jaselskis as a member subject to National approval. Josie Niemand seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Program: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Student Activities: No report.

Scholarship: A final draft scholarship application was reviewed by the board. A few changes were suggested. After completing the suggested changes, the Scholarship Committee will place the application in colleges for applicants and have them available for members to distribute. The committee will also supply Publicity with an announcement to send to the local newspapers.

OLD BUSINESS: The sale of T-shirts was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Kathy Strum announced she has the National Annual Report available for members to review during the regular membership meeting. Kathy also distributed copies of the Newport Beach Jam Chapter Exchange to board members noting that it had many good ideas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next board meeting is February 11, 1993 at 5:00 p.m., at Carver Hall prior to the regular meeting. January 27, 1993 is the deadline for the February bulletin.

ADJOURNMENT: The motion was made by Kate Mulder to adjourn the board meeting with Karen Jacobson seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Mulder, Acting Secretary

ASWA Membership Meeting
October 8, 1992

CALL TO ORDER: The October meeting of the Ames Chapter No. 158 of the American Society of Women Accountants was called to order at approximately 6:03 p.m. on October 8, 1992 at Aunt Maude's restaurant, President Kathleen Strum presiding.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: There were 12 members and 4 guests in attendance.

PROGRAM: Fashions in Business with Carol Grant.

BUSINESS: Elizabeth Starleaf made the motion to approve the August minutes as printed in the bulletin. Cindy Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: At the end of September there was \$751.20 in the checking account and \$234.64 in the savings account with this account being segregated for scholarship money. The report will be placed on file for audit.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Reporting: Looking for a volunteer to fill this position.

Bulletin: Deadline for the November bulletin is Oct. 23, 1992.

Bylaws: Karen Jacobson made the motion to approve as a group the amended Chapter bylaws as printed in the September bulletin with Josie Niemand seconding the motion and the motion carried.

Member Relations: Networking luncheon at Sugar Tree Ltd. in Ames October 27, 1992. Kate Mulder gave a brief discussion of 100, 200, 300 club which is a club that members can be awarded on attendance for ASWA activities.

Membership: No report.

Public Relations: Public Relations Dinner will be November 12, 1992 at the Holiday Gateway Inn with Joan Johanson speaking. Kim Supercynski distributed invitations to members for the Public Relations dinner November 12, 1992.

Publicity: Kim Supercynski gave a report on the Meals on Wheels program. Cindy Sippel reported that she will be looking at getting the Ames Chapter featured in the Business Times in the Organization of the Month section.

Student Activities: Janice Griffin will be putting up posters in Carver Hall at Iowa State University.

OLD BUSINESS: Beverly Wandling will be representing us for voting on the proposed bylaws changes at the National Joint Annual Meeting in Newport Beach, CA October 15-17, 1992. A straw ballot was taken by the membership with the final decision left to Beverly's discretion. However, the membership felt strongly that no more than 25 members be required for chartering a new chapter.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Networking luncheon will be October 27, 1992 at Sugar Tree Ltd. in Ames. The next membership meeting will be January 14, 1993. There will be a Professional Development Symposium on October 21, 1992. Karen Jacobson passed out the applications with 4 or 8 hours CPE earned.

ADJOURNMENT: Karen Jacobson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Gould, Secretary

**IF THE SHOE FITS,
WEAR IT
DO YOU JUST BELONG?**

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home
And crab both long and loud?
Do you take an active part
To help the club along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong?
Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few,
And talk about the clique.
There's quite a program scheduled
That means success if done
And it can be accomplished,
With the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part,
Think this over, member,
Are we right or are we wrong,
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

- Boys Town Alumni News

100% CLUB CORRECTION

The article on the 100% Club Membership Participation Award which was in the November Bulletin contained an error. The correct date for handing out the awards for this first year will be at the June meeting, not the November meeting as indicated in the article.

THANK YOU, BEVERLY WANDLING !!!

We wish to thank you publicly for the wonderful Christmas party you put on for the members of the Ames Chapter of ASWA. Although we were few in number, those of us attending really appreciated all the hard work you went through to prepare all those delicious goodies to eat and drink. The Christmas spirit really shined that night over all of us. Thank you again.

WELCOME, MICHELLE JASELSKIS

Our newest member of the Ames Chapter is Michelle Jaselskis. Michelle currently works with the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, in Des Moines as a Supervisory Analyst III and lives here in Ames. Michelle is a CPA and graduated from ISU, where her husband is on staff.

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

February 25, 1993

Hickory Park, 121 S. 16th, Ames

Noon

At the January membership meeting it was decided to set up calling trees to improve membership attendance at Networking Luncheons. It was also decided to have the Networking Luncheons on the 4th Thursday of every month beginning with February 25th. Members who work out of town (not in Ames or Nevada) are not on the calling trees since it would be impossible for them to normally attend (BUT we would like them to attend if they are in town and can). Each member needs to relay to the member following them how many from their tree are attending the luncheon. If after a couple of unsuccessful attempts to call the next person on the chain, skip that individual and go to the next one. Answering machines do not count as a contact, leave a message for that person and call the next person on the chain. Below are the calling trees; let's give it a try for the February 25th Networking Luncheon and boost our attendance. REMEMBER - Networking is one of the many opportunities we have through ASWA - let's use it!

ASWA NETWORKING LUNCHEON CALLING TREE (Other phone numbers for members are on the Current Membership Roster in this Bulletin)

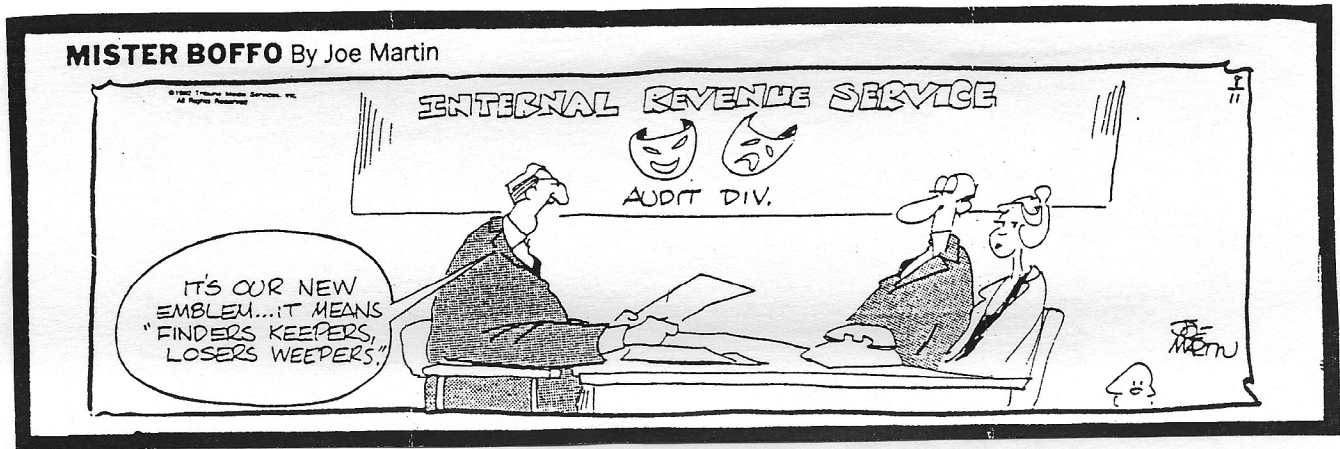
TREE #1

1. Jodi Adams-Hein (275-2494)
2. Jan Duffy (294-1481)
3. Pat Eich (294-4626)
4. Stephanie Fox (294-2556)
5. Jan Griffin (465-4207)

6. Gretchen Langwith (294-3769)
7. Sue Logan (294-9537)
8. Liz Starleaf (294-8083)
9. Pat Strah (294-3244)
10. Josie Niemand (294-5214)

TREE #2

- Kathy Strum (382-6596)
(and other HFM employees)
Kim Supercynski (232-8585)
Beverly Wandling (232-0158)
Cindy Wilson (232-2505)
Nancy Campbell (239-6456)
- Sharon Croissant(239-6216)
Karen Jacobson (232-2714)
Joan Rost (232-2160)
Josie Niemand (294-5214)



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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
FY 1992-93

MEMBERS	HOME	PLACE OF WORK	WORK	FAX
Adams-Hein, Jodi (Student)	275-2494		---	
Campbell, Nancy	232-1173	Sauer-Sundstrand	239-6456	239-6318
Croissant, Sharon	292-4607	Sauer-Sundstrand	239-6216	239-6318
Duffy, Jan	232-2213	ISU	294-1481 or 294-8106	
Eich, Pat	292-7685	ISU	294-4626	
Farthing, Judy	382-2583	Hertz Farm Management	382-6596	382-3762
Fox, Stephanie	232-2235	ISU	294-2556	294-1621
Gould, Deb	382-5600	Hertz Swine Management	382-6596	382-3762
Griffin, Janice (Student)	465-4207		---	
Haubrich, Margaret	232-9950	Iowa Utilities Board	281-7716	
Jacobson, Karen	733-2660	Brenton Svgs Bk of Ames	232-2714	232-3318
Jaselskis, Michelle	233-1466	Office of Thrift Supervision	222-2153	
Langwith, Gretchen (Student)	294-3769		---	
Logan, Sue	292-0105	ISU	294-9537	294-1621
Mulder, Kate	382-3262	Hertz Farm Management	382-6596	382-3762
Niemand, Josie	292-8014	ISU	294-5214	294-1621
Rost, Joan	233-1943	Ames Daily Tribune	232-2160	
Sippel, Cindy	232-6939	Principal Financial Group	248-8086	
Starleaf, Liz	232-5606	ISU	294-8083	
Strah, Pat	597-2037	ISU	294-3244	294-1621
Strum, Kathy	382-4583	Hertz Associates Ltd.	382-6596	382-3762
Supercynski, Kim	232-6275	Iowa Benefits, Inc.	232-8585	
Thomsen, Jane M.	232-6220	IA Dept Human Services	281-5588	
Wandling, Beverly	232-4403	Wandling Engineering	232-0158	232-0218
Wilson, Cindy	232-6189	D.D. Pyle Company	232-2505	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will soon be meeting to determine the slate of officers and the Board for next year. The Committee is composed of one member of the Board and two members elected by the general membership. These people will be elected at the February membership meeting. The slate of officers and directors will be printed in the March and April Bulletins and will be voted on at the April membership meeting. If you would be willing to serve in one of these capacities or know of someone who would, please let President Kathy Strum know. The names of the entire Nominating Committee will be available after February 11, 1993.

PRAIRIE STATES AREA CONFERENCE

Save June 4-6, 1993 for the Prairie States Area Conference to be held in Springfield, Missouri. Those of us who attended last year's in Kansas City can highly recommend it. Lots of opportunities for networking and continuing education, as well as time for fun.

ASWA-AWSCPA JAM SCHEDULED

The Joint Annual Meeting has been scheduled for October 28-30, 1993 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Start planning now to attend. Other than the host chapters of ASWA and AWSCPA, the Ames Chapter is the closest one around. It will be many years before we have another opportunity so close to home. As with the Area Conferences, there are plenty of things to choose from - continuing education seminars, networking, fun activities. Take advantage of this opportunity. You'll be glad you did.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS!

The Bulletin is YOUR monthly newsletter. If you have any member news, please let me know so that we can share it with the other members.

BOOK REVIEW

A FEW GOOD WOMEN - BREAKING THE BARRIERS TO TOP MANAGEMENT by Jane White was a very interesting book. It is a collection of interviews of 12 female executives who have successfully climbed the corporate ladder and shattered "the glass ceiling" to join the ranks of upper management. These include women who worked at such companies as Honeywell, Martin Marietta, Eastman Kodak, Levi Strauss and Hewlett Packard. It also discussed at length the story of Ann Hopkins who sued Price Waterhouse for Sex Discrimination and WON.

The author destroys ten myths about working women in the book. Myth #3 is that you can get ahead at a company on merit alone without having a mentor. (Be sure to come to the February meeting and hear about the mentoring experiences of our speaker Melanie Mencken).

The author also provides 16 tips on how to make the workplace work for you. Some of these are: (1) Work at a job you love and that loves you; (2) Work at a company that loves you; (3) Work smart and be realistic; (4) Make sure your husband supports your work; (5) Lighten up and have fun; (6) Know the signs of discrimination; (7) Don't take failures personally; (8) Help other women get into management; and above all (9) BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

SAVE THOSE TREES!!

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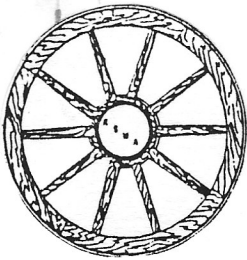
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
February 11, 1993	Board and Membership Meetings
February 25, 1993	Networking Luncheon
March 18, 1993	Student Night
March 20, 1993	Iowa Public Television Fundraising Drive
March 25, 1993	Networking Luncheon

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH BULLETIN IS FEBRUARY 19, 1993