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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The leaves are turning, there is frost in the air, Troy Davis is setting records -- It must be FALL! Fall has always been my favorite season. After the heat and humidity of summer, I enjoy the crisp air. I usually feel more motivated and ready to start new projects. What is your favorite season?

Fall brings a flood of Christmas and gift catalogs in the mail. I came across a plaque in one catalog that had the phrase, "When Life Gives You Scraps, Make Quilts!" I think I am going to get one. It reminds me that life doesn't always work out the way I planned. As a quilter and someone who would like everything to be in a nice neat order, I sometimes feel frustrated when things get out of order. This little phrase helps me to see that each challenge is an opportunity for something beautiful and creative. We can apply it to each aspect of our lives including work, home and our ASWA chapter.

October also reminds us that it is time for the joint meeting with the Des Moines chapter of ASWA. We will be meeting on October 15 at Chips in Ankeny. Maggi Moss will be the speaker. It should be an interesting evening. Hope to see you there!

One other thing happening in October is the ASWA National Meeting in

Chattanooga. Have fun Kate, Beverly and Karen. Bring us back lots of good ideas and enthusiasm!

Thanks to Jan for inviting Roger Murphy to speak at our September meeting. His information on the changes to the CPA exam and the new requirements was very enlightening. Just one more reminder about the joint meeting in October - hope to see you in Ankeny on the 15th!

Cindy Sippel, President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 1996

PROGRAM: "Finding Success as a Woman in a Traditionally Male Dominated Profession"

Speaker: Maggi Moss, Attorney (Ms. Moss has handled a number of high profile cases in Des Moines)

TIME: 5:30 Networking and Cash Bar
6:15 Dinner
7:00 Program

PLACE: Chips Restaurant
2502 S.E. Tones Drive
Ankeny, IA (off I-35)

MENU: Ribeye Steak\$13.50
Grilled Chicken Breast.....\$12.25
Fettuccine Primavera.....\$12.25

RESERVATIONS/GUEST NAMES:

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DEADLINE: Thursday, October 10, 5:00

Ames Chapter No. 158
American Society of Women Accountants
Regular Membership Meeting
September 12, 1996

CALL TO ORDER: The regular monthly membership meeting of the Ames Chapter No. 158 of the American Society of Women Accountants was called to order at approximately 6:20 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 1996 at Madeline's, Ames, Iowa, President Cindy Sippel presiding.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

BUSINESS:

Minutes: Approval of minutes will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

Treasurer's Report: As of September 12, 1996, we had \$314.76 in the checking account and \$699.44 in the scholarship fund. The treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bulletin: The deadline for the October bulletin is October 3. The amount to sponsor the bulletin for one month is \$20.

Membership: Final point totals in the 1995-96 membership contest are:

Jan	60 points
Beverly	35
Kathy	30
Brenda	10
Kate	10

The drawing for the prize will be at our next Ames meeting in November.

Program: The October meeting should be a joint meeting with the Des Moines chapter, probably in Ankeny. Details will be sent in the October bulletin.

Scholarship: One of our scholarship winners for this year will be interning this fall and wants to know if she will receive half of her scholarship award in the second semester or all of it. On motion by Jan Duffy, seconded by Karen Jacobson, motion passed to pay all of the scholarship in the second semester.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speaker gifts: On motion by Jan Duffy, seconded by Margaret Munson, motion passed to authorize those attending the National Conference to buy gifts if any appropriate item is found.

1998 Prairie States Conference Update: We are planning to meet with Des Moines chapter members to see if they are interested in working with us. No decision yet.

Written Goals: Some personal goals have been turned in. Please give to Cindy when you have completed them.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Conference Delegates: The National Conference will be held in October. On motion made by Margaret Munson, seconded by Jan Duffy, motion passed unanimously that Kate Mulder and Beverly Wandling serve as delegates for Chapter 158 with Karen Jacobson, Kate and Beverly all listed as alternates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jeannie told the group about a Zig Zigler seminar in St. Joseph, Missouri on September 28. She can get tickets for \$35 if anyone is interested.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion made by Kerry Arends, seconded by Brenda O'Neill-Smith, motion carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Jacobson, Acting Secretary

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We published a list of phone numbers in the last bulletin. There are some corrections:

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If anyone else has an email address, please let me know. Once you get connected, it can be a great way to communicate.

The Internet and You by Jan Duffy

Since I don't really have anything to fill up the rest of this page with, (I'm probably forgetting something vital), I thought I would let everyone know a little bit about ways in which I have been using the Internet. I know some of you are considering getting Internet access where you work. I have had it here for several months now, and spend quite a bit of time with it.

One use is finding out about other companies. I have found the SEC's Edgar Data base to be very useful. My classes are required to get actual financial statements, and all SEC filings are on line here. Also, many companies have their annual reports and quarterly data on their "home pages". If you want to look at ways various organizations are reporting financial and other information, the internet can be quite valuable.

There are many services that report stock market information as well. You can get quotes on stocks, and a coworker even has a screen saver that shows a ticker for stocks he preselects. This was downloaded from the internet.

Finally, there are a million personal uses for the internet. I have found vacation condos in Hawaii, checked NFL injury reports, tried to trade Garth Brooks tickets, and reserved hotel rooms. As you can tell from this list, one thing to consider in your acquisition decision is how to limit usage to business purposes. While this issue may be perplexing, I have found the net to be a valuable resource personally and professionally. If you haven't tried it, I would encourage you to do so.

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Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 15, 1996	Joint Meeting with Des Moines, Chips in Ankeny
October 17 - 19, 1996	Annual Meeting in Chatanooga
November 14, 1996	Membership Meeting

Deadline for the November Bulletin is November 1
