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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JANUARY 1997

Can you believe that it's January already! Not only did we turn the calendar to another month but we got a different year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and that you're ready to get down to business in the new year.

Speaking of business and the new year, did you make a New Year's resolution to fulfill the personal commitment you made to our ASWA chapter in the fall? If you didn't turn in one of the personal commitment forms at that time, it's not too late. Take a minute and think about what you can do for our chapter. Whatever you choose (attend so many meetings, contribute to the scholarship fund, help plan a meeting), you will be helping yourself to grow as well as helping the chapter.

One resolution I am making for the year is to commit more time to the things that are important to me. ASWA is one of those things. I will spend more time doing what I can to further the goals of our chapter. No more excuses. I know that I can find the time (it may mean doing my aerobics at 9:00 p.m. but it won't be the first time I've done that!). Jan, that also means I promise to get the President's message to you on time next month!

Several **THANK YOUs** to mention:

To **Kathy** for her tax update at the November meeting. It was very useful and informative. A great presentation!

To **Kate** for making sure that we got our banner safely home from Chattanooga! What a story - I don't know if you could make one up like that!

To our National conference attendees and shoppers, **Beverly, Karen, and Kate**. Not only did they attend the conference but purchased speaker gifts as well.

To **Beverly** for hosting our Christmas party. We had a great time and really enjoyed getting to see Beverly's beautiful home.

Hope to see you all in January.

Cindy Sippel, President

January Meeting

Program: "Telecommunications Act of 1996"
Mr. Scott Andriano
Sales Manager of Technology
Development
MCI - Des Moines

Date: Thursday, January 9

Time: 5:30 Networking
6:00 Meeting
6:30 Dinner
7:15 Program

Place: Madeline's Tea Room

Menu: Check with Judy for choices when
you make reservations.

Cost: \$10.00, includes beverage, tax, tip and dessert.
Bring your own wine or beer if desired.

Reservations/Guest Names:
Judy Farthing
Home (515) 382-2583
Work (515) 233-2784

Deadline: Tuesday, January 7, 5:00 pm

Time is short - call now!!!!

About Our Presentation

Scott Andriano, Sales Manager of Technology Development for MCI in Des Moines will be presenting on the Telecommunications Act of 1996. His presentation will include the following segments: an overview of the areas businesses can expect changes in from the Act, a timeline for these changes, benefits for companies and employees, the Internet, and Product Suppliers. Join us for this very timely and relevant topic.

Ames Chapter No. 158
American Society of Women Accountants
Membership Meeting
November 14, 1996

- CALL TO ORDER:** The regular monthly meeting of the American Society of Women Accountants, Ames Chapter, was brought to order at 6:04 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 1996 at Madeline's Tea Room in Ames, Iowa, President Cindy Sippel presiding.
- QUORUM:** A quorum was present.
- ATTENDANCE:** The following board members were in attendance: Cindy Sippel, Jeannie Beidler, Judy Farthing, Karen Jacobson, Brenda O'Neall-Smith, Margaret Munson, Kathy Strum, and Kate Mulder. Two guests were also present.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kathy Strum made a motion to accept the September Membership Minutes as presented in the Oct. 1996 Bulletin. Judy Farthing seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** There was no Treasurer's Report.
- BULLETIN:** Deadline for January bulletin is December 22. Sponsors are needed for March, April, and June bulletins. Karen Jacobson volunteered to sponsor the March bulletin.
- MEMBERSHIP:** Karen Jacobson held the drawing for the 1995-96 prize contest based on the points earned by each member. Two secondary prizes of ASWA pins with the Arch promoting the National Conference in St. Louis next year were won by Brenda O'Neall-Smith and Kathy Strum. The grand prize drawing which was an ASWA gold bar pin with a garnet, was won by Jan Duffy.
- PROGRAM:** Kathy Strum volunteered to check with doing a joint meeting with Nevada's ABWA Chapter. Kate Mulder will arrange for the January program.
- SCHOLARSHIP:** It was agreed an application for the local scholarship will be in the January bulletin. Margaret Munson moved that we set the deadline for the Scholarship applications for Feb. 20, 1997. Judy Farthing seconded the motion and the motion carried. The only change in the scholarship application from last year's form will be an addition of proof of enrollment from applicants.
- OLD BUSINESS:** Karen Jacobson showed the ASWA coffee coasters that she was able to buy for speaker gifts at the National Convention. She will submit a bill to Beverly Wandling for the purchase of these.
- NEW BUSINESS:** Karen Jacobson moved that all gifts to members on behalf of the Ames Chapter be paid for by chapter funds. Brenda O'Neall-Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.
Discussion was held regarding the WOI (90.1) fund raiser that is held twice a year. It is similar to the Iowa Public Television fund raiser in which our Chapter participated in last March. Brenda O'Neall-Smith will check on information on this fund raiser and report back to the Chapter with details.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Cindy Sippel passed around a get well card for Beverly Wandling who had knee replacement surgery on Nov. 11th.
Members were reminded that Beverly Wandling had volunteered to host an informal Christmas party at her house and we are to contact her by Dec. 1 to let Beverly know if we are planning to attend.
- ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Kate Mulder with Brenda O'Neall-Smith seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Acting Secretary

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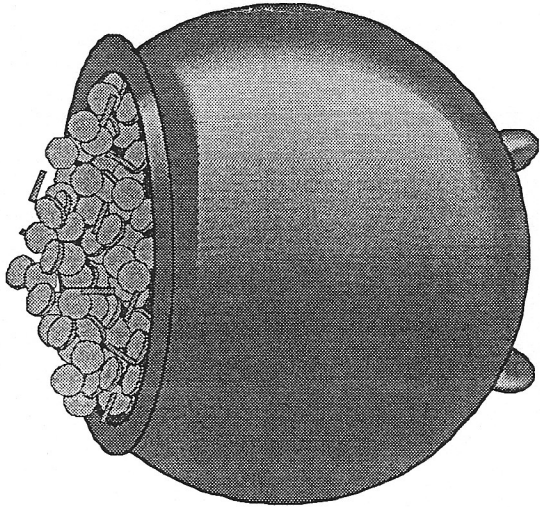
Joint Area Meeting

May 16-17, 1997

Wyndham Dublin Hotel

500 Metro Place North

Dublin (Columbus), Ohio



Plenary Sessions

- ❖ Only Angels Can Wing It, the Rest of Us Have to Practice
- ❖ Women and Family Issues

16 Hours of CPE Available

Leadership Track

- ❖ Parliamentary Procedures
- ❖ Running An Effective Meeting
- ❖ I Feel Badly and I Enjoyed Myself!
Do You Talk Like This?
- ❖ Presentation Skills for Those New to Public Speaking
- ❖ Conflict Resolution
- ❖ Ethics In Leadership
 - ❖ Goal Setting
- ❖ Chapter / Affiliate Exchange

Technical Track

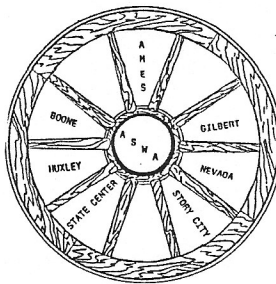
- ❖ Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation
 - ❖ Employee Benefits
- ❖ What Executives Need From Their Accountants
 - ❖ International Taxation
- ❖ Tax Ramifications of the Current Economic Plan
 - ❖ The Future of the Social Security System
 - ❖ Accounting and Auditing Update
 - ❖ Informational Technical Auditing
- ❖ Current Issues From the National Board of State Boards of Accountancy

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE
January 8, 1997
February 13, 1996

EVENT
January Meeting
February Meeting

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY BULLETIN IS JANUARY 31.