

The Spokeswoman

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

Ames Chapter No. 158

January 2000

Meeting Notice

Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000

5:30 p.m. Social

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Program

Place: Sugar Tree Tea Room and Gift Shop
312 Main St. in Ames, IA.

Program: An informal discussion of "Y2K Bug Out (or Bust?)"

President's Message



January blues. Is there an accountant in public practice or industry who is not in overload in January--at the office and at home? I finally more or less successfully installed an upgrade last week. More or less because I decided that it was easier to re-enter some of my lost data that didn't convert than to start from square one again. I lost 300 vendors on the first three attempts to install, so re-entering account codes seemed like an easy task by comparison. Do you think there is a software programmer anywhere out there who knows the first thing about accounting, let alone about clear documentation for the end user?

The WOI fundraiser was all play and no work. Kind of like a junior high girls get-together. We giggled a lot. What a fun way to get some exposure for ASWA on the radio. And we did a public service!

The only way the Christmas party could have been improved is if we all had been there. We are becoming like a family and when family members are not all home for Christmas there is a small cloud that gathers over the dinner table. We actually had a few sprinkles because five of you were missing! Our group has some pretty incredible white elephants. My books are now setting between a pair of white quartz bookends complements of Sue Ravencroft. Marti contributed a Christmas decoration for auction which brought in money for the scholarship fund. I continue to be impressed by the generosity of our group.

I just fell a sleep at my computer and my left ring finger added four inches of sssssssssss. Then I woke up enough to erase them only to drift off with my right little finger on the backspace. Took out two completed paragraphs!! Again....

The November meeting on cyber banking presented by Sarah Wright of the Iowa State University Credit Union was enlightening. If one could migrate directly to online banking for paying all personal and business bills without the trauma of the transition period, I would have been cyber banking the next day. Is this an amazing world? Did you all shop for Christmas online? And I still haven't mastered E-Mail (as Cindy knows).

We have been missing Nancy Campbell, Margaret Munson, Jill Allen and Teresa Samson at our meetings. Becky Peterson has found it necessary to drop her membership because of too many commitments. Becky, we understand your circumstance and hope you will remember that we welcome you back into our group anytime. We appreciated your commitment and contributions to our group while you were a member.

Try to make the "Y2K Bug Out (or Bust?) discussion at the Sugar Tree Wednesday at 5:30. Bring a friend. An accountant, of course.

Beverly

American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
November 17, 1999

Call to Order: The November Membership meeting for the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Beverly Wandling at Elwell's Chefs Inn in Ames on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at 6:20 PM. Those in attendance were Brenda O'Neill-Smith, Karen Jacobson, Marti Landers, Kate Mulder, Cindy Sippel, Becky Peterson, Sherri Martin, Kathy Strum and Beverly Wandling. A quorum was present. Guests and members introduced themselves.

Minutes: Cindy Sippel moved, seconded by Kathy Strum, that the minutes of the October Membership Meeting be approved as printed in the Bulletin. Motion carried.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reported that the checking account has a current balance of \$220.24, the savings account balance is \$678.31, and the CD has a balance of \$1,511.97 plus interest. The CD that matured October 22, 1999 was renewed for three months at 4%. The Treasurer's report has been placed on file for audit. The Treasurer presented the budget for 1999-2000. Kathy Strum moved, seconded by Karen Jacobson, that the budget be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Membership Chairperson Kathy Strum reported that she sent out 58 letters to prospective members. Together with the publicity, the turnout for guests at this meeting was excellent. Kathy asked for more names of prospective members.

Program Chairperson Kate Mulder reported that the December meeting would be the Christmas Party at Beverly's. This will be a fundraising event for the Scholarship Fund. The January 2000 meeting will be a Y2K Bugout Party. Kate reviewed the rest of the year's programs.

Bulletin Chairperson Cindy Sippel reported that there will be no Bulletin in December, but will send out a notice for the Christmas Party by e-mail.

Old Business: President Beverly Wandling reported on the October Annual Meeting in Seattle. It was a great opportunity for continuing education and networking in a neat city. Next year's annual meeting will be in Baltimore, Maryland in October.

New Business: Becky Peterson reported on the IMA Meeting to be held in Ames on Saturday, December 11th. The program starts at 9:00 A.M. and ends with the ISU women's basketball game. All members are invited to attend.

Holding a Public Relations Dinner was discussed. We usually lose money and end up with basically our own members and their guests. It was decided not to have it as such. A spring workshop was then discussed and Karen Jacobson and Cindy Sippel agreed to Co-Chair the event. It would be a 4-hour, ½ day session on our normal Wednesday meeting date in May. Suggestions for topics included using some of the Educational Foundation's leadership modules or working with national sponsor Robert Half & Associates.

Adjournment: Kate Mulder moved, seconded by Karen Jacobson, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen E. Jacobson
Secretary

Programs for 1999 – 2000

September - Roger Murphy...Uniform Accountancy Act
October - Ros Dunblazier...Understanding Long Term Care
November - Sarah Wright...Virtual Banking
December - Christmas party at Beverly Wandling's house
January - Y2K Bug Out Party
February - Rick Carter...Whence the Stock Market?
March - Rob Bacon....Estate Planning
April - Dan Erickson...Financial Planning
May - Public Relations and Scholarship...Karen Jacobson and Cindy Sippel
June - ??

Please review the following list, give me additions and corrections. I will update and send it out with each bulletin.

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