

The Spokeswoman

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

Ames Chapter No. 158

March 2000

Meeting Notice

Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2000
5:30 p.m. Social
6:00 p.m. Program
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting
7:30 Dinner

Place: Place: Elwell's Chef's Inn
6400 West Lincoln Way
Ames, IA

Call reservations in by Tuesday, March 14, 2000 to
Kate Mulder 515-382-6596 or e-mail
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Program: Robert P. Bacon "Preplanned and Prefinanced Funerals"

The presentation will include an overall picture of the preplanning the funeral service. This will include a brief history of preplanning as well as what effect future legislation will have on preplanning. Also discussed will be methods of funding funerals and the accounting requirements set forth by the State of Iowa.

The participant will have a full understanding of what method is best to preplan a funeral service as well as the emotional benefits associated with preplanning. A time for questions and answers will be available.

About Our Speaker

Rob Bacon grew up in Indiana and Illinois. He has attended the Northern Illinois University, Vennard College and Worsham College of Mortuary Science and has a BA in Bible and Pastoral Ministries. His experiences vary from a "soda jerk" at an A&W Root Beer Barrel store to shoe salesman to egg pasteurizer while attending college. Since receiving his degree, he has worked at or operated and managed funeral homes in Oskaloosa, IA, Fremont, IA, and New Sharon & What Cheer, IA. Since 1997, Rob and his wife have owned an operated the Bacon Funeral Home in Nevada, IA. Rob has been active in community orchestras and belongs to many community groups. He is married to his high school sweetheart and has 4 children.

WOI FUNDRAISER

Note that the date has changed. We were unable to get Friday, April 7th, but were able to get the same 2:30 – 7:00 PM shift on **Friday, March 31st**. Based on the tentative response at the meeting, we have committed to 6 people. Several of you indicated you would split shifts. To make it official, everyone who is planning on working at least half of one shift is asked to call Karen at 515-733-4325 (W) or 515-733-2660 (H) or e-mail her at kejacob@ames.net or Bethany@storycity.net with the necessary hours you will work. Thanks in advance for signing up. Those of us who did this before have always had a terrific time – and this is the first night and goes over the supper hour. The food is out of sight. See you then.

President's Message



Nancy and Theresa, you missed a great meeting February 16. We had 12 of our 15 members there!! Great to see Margaret after a long absence. What a difference a group makes; group being more than four. I've given up any hope of meeting the elusive Mr. Doran. Guess he can't handle a gaggle of women. Do we need to appoint him to a committee or, in our case, appoint him a committee?

Rick Carter gave us some great tips on evaluating stocks. I believe that his materials will be copied and handed out at the next meeting. Not foolproof methods, but probably better than throwing darts, which was touted as the best method by my professor of finance in the late 70's. Good meeting and useful information. Quicken.com and Marketplace.com are excellent sources of information on the internet according to Dr. Carter. I didn't fall asleep (like when we learned about derivatives), so you know this was an interesting, informative meeting.

Lots going on in the next few months. We are going to work the phones again for WOI for their fundraising efforts. We had such a good time in October; an opportunity for community service and to get our name in front of the public. The WOI announcers pitch our ASWA connection at every opportunity. We will be working the shift from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, March 31. This is a change from the date we discussed at the meeting. Confirm with Karen your commitment to work a shift on this date. If you did not sign up and would like to join us, let Karen know.

Cindy and Karen have got things rolling for a seminar May 17 with four hours of CPE and dinner at Scheman Center. We are using materials from the ASWA Education Foundation with Sue and Jan "acting" as educators. Our opportunity to critique their classroom skills. I wouldn't miss it!!

We have chosen Kathy Strum as our candidate for the Woman of Achievement Award due March 31. If we can't get it done for this year, we will submit her name in 2001. A deserving candidate. Kate and Karen will spearhead this effort.

How about supporting the Anderson-Muncie Chapter June 8th and 9th by attending their area conference? We do know what it takes to host an event like this. An opportunity for us to network with members in our new area and begin to develop the same kind of relationships we have/had with the Prairie States group. I'm going. Who's going to join me?

I will be babysitting in Snowmass while my family skis on March 15, so I will miss Rob Bacon's presentation on Estate Planning. I'm probably the one person in our group old enough to really need to seriously look at this subject. Won't it be great when everyone but me shows up? Bring an "old" friend. Each of you call one other member, any one member, and tell them you are looking forward to seeing them at the meeting.

See you in April.

Beverly

American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158

Membership Meeting

February 16, 2000

Call to Order: The February Membership meeting for the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Beverly Wandling at Elwell's Chefs Inn in Ames on Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at 7:12 PM. Those in attendance were Brenda O'Neill-Smith, Karen Jacobson, Marti Landers, Kate Mulder, Cindy Sippel, Sherri Martin, Kathy Strum, Sue Ravenscroft, Jan Duffy, Margaret Munson and Beverly Wandling. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Cindy Sippel moved, seconded by Sue Ravenscroft, that the minutes of the November Membership Meeting be approved as printed in the January Bulletin. Motion carried.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reported that the checking account has a current balance of \$181.10, the savings account balance is \$1218.56, and the CD has a balance of \$1,539.92. The 3-month CD that matured in January was renewed for nine months at 5.86%. The Treasurer's report has been placed on file for audit.

Committee Reports: President Beverly Wandling presented Sue Ravenscroft with her membership certificate and welcomed her to our organization.

Scholarship Chair Cindy Sippel announced that the deadline for scholarship applications is March 31st.

Karen Jacobson and Cindy Sippel reported on plans to date for the education seminar and dinner scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th, at the Scheman Center in Ames. Karen summarized the three possible groups of seminars (2 in each) and indicated that the first choice among the Chambers contacted and the Co-Chairs was "Effective Business Meetings" and "Personal and Professional Balance." These are two of the Ed Foundation's training modules and seem to be most appropriate and timely. They also appear to have the largest potential draw. Jan Duffy has agreed to present "Effective Business Meetings" and Sue Ravenscroft will present "Personal and Professional Balance." We will be mailing out flyers with the Story City and Nevada Chambers' May newsletter. Beverly agreed to call the Ames Chamber since she is a member and find out if we can do something similar with their newsletter. Announcements will also be made in the local newspapers.

Karen Jacobson mentioned she had received a notice about volunteering for the spring WOI fund drive. After discussion, it was suggested that she contact WOI and offer Ames Chapter of ASWA members to work from 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, April 7th. Tentative volunteers would allow us to provide 6 people for this time period, with numerous people splitting shifts.

Social Chair Jan Duffy discussed suggestions for an activity. Members recommended bowling. Jan will investigate details and report back at the next meeting.

Old Business: President Beverly Wandling reported on the proposed slate of National officers. No one from the Chapter had any additions to make.

A special thank you was extended to Beverly Wandling for hosting the Christmas Party again this year. It was **terrific**.

New Business: The Woman of Achievement Award was discussed. It was suggested that we nominate Kathy Strum. Applications are due by March 31st. Kate Mulder, Karen Jacobson and Jan Duffy agreed to work on the nomination application. Should it not be completed in time, Kathy Strum will be nominated next year.

Adjournment: Cindy Sippel moved, seconded by Brenda O'Neill-Smith, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Jacobson
Secretary

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March 15, 2000

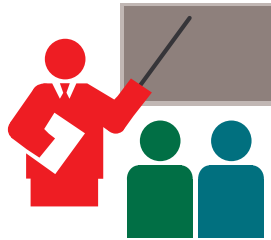
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AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Approve minutes of last meeting.
3. Treasurer's report
4. Committee reports.
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Membership
5. Old business.
 - Woman of Achievement Award
 - May Seminar
 - WOI Fundraising
 - Fun night: Jan Duffy
6. New Business
 - North Central Area Conference, June 8th & 9th: Muncie, Indiana
7. Adjournment

BLOCK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, May 17, 2000



**Seminar and Dinner
Scheman Center
Ames, Iowa**

Sessions will be:

**"EFFECTIVE BUSINESS MEETINGS"
presented by Jan Duffy**

**"PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BALANCE"
presented by Sue Ravenscroft**

DINNER following

Registration forms will be included in next month's bulletin!

Scholarship Information

Just a reminder from the scholarship committee that the scholarship applications are to be postmarked by March 31, 2000. If you need additional copies of the scholarship application please contact Cindy Sippel, 515-248-8086 (work) or 515-232-6939 (home).

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 - Seminar and Dinner... Sue Ravenscroft and Jan Duffy presenting
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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