# The Spokeswoman AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

Ames Chapter No. 158

January 2003



January Meeting Notice Wednesday, January 15, 2003 Lucullan's 400 Main Street Ames, IA

Networking: 5:30 Speaker: 6:00 Meeting/Dinner: 7:00

Dinner Reservations by *Noon, Monday, January 14*Theresa Samson
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Speaker: Jane Acker, Youth & Shelter Services Topic: Mentoring



## President's Message

Welcome to a new year. As has been the case in recent years, the holidays came and went too quickly at our house. Somehow what I though of when I was a child as those interminable weeks between Thanksgiving and New Years have shrunk to hardly a blink.

We put up the tree about 10 days before Christmas. Our ornament box has changed over the years and now contains some new Hallmark series – most missing a piece or two. We also always put on the blown glass birds from my parents' tree and the two sets of hand painted wooden ornaments – one my sister-in-law made and sent me the first Christmas we were away from home and the other I painted the next year because I liked hers so much. My husband always puts on the tree the empty Scotch tape spools wound with colorful yarn that I made to decorate the tree when we were poor.

We had our traditional Christmas Eve meal – salt cod, boiled new potatoes, lefsa, and rice pudding. With my family, lutefisk was the main course, but I bow to his family's tradition (at least it smells better). We eat our usual Christmas Eve fare, not because it is a feast – salt cod is pretty bad -- but to remember our immigrant ancestors and to remember, in all the plenty, to be thankful for what we have and to be grateful that this meal doesn't have to be the best we could look forward to, all year.

The tradition also includes the both the food and the complaints about the food from the younger family members – "Couldn't we have pizza?", but the next generation is starting to appreciate the tradition, even if they still don't especially like the food. They are ready to hand off the part where the youngsters have to clear the table before we can open presents, although not ready enough to settle down and have babies.

Tradition – social memory – is the foundation of culture and culture is how we get things done organizationally. One of the great things about our chapter is our mix of members – some who started our current traditions and some who must sometimes wonder why we tell those same old stories or do things the same way time after time. We have an organizational culture in this chapter; one I believe is successful. We reflect our profession, itself an interesting mix of tradition and change.

Happy 2003!

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **American Society of Women Accountants**

Ames Chapter #158 Board Meeting November 20, 2002

**Call to Order:** The November 2002 Board Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Margaret Munson at the Frederiksen Building on the ISU Campus in Ames on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:02 pm. A quorum was present.

**Membership:** Applications for membership for Marsha Peterson and Ann Kurtenbach were presented. Motion made by Jan Duffy and seconded by Theresa Sampson that the applications be accepted pending approval by National. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Karen Jacobson and seconded by Theresa Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jacobson Secretary

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