

Ames Chapter ASWA Members & Friends:

We will not have a regular meeting in December. Please join us for our annual Christmas Dinner/Party- details follow:

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2004

Time: 6:30 pm to (whenever Kate kicks us out)

Place: Kate Mulder's house-----4705 Dover Dr. - Ames

We will be having a White Elephant gift exchange, Scholarship fundraising, dinner, and LOTS of fun.

Please RSVP to

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by noon on Tuesday, December 14th

President's Message

Thanksgiving has come and gone. Christmas is right around the corner. And then before we know it, the New Year is upon us. December is one of the most fun months of the year. As accountants, our January through April months really take a lot out of us. December helps us get ready for all the overtime and stress of a "busy season." That term seems to apply to all of us even if we are not in public accounting.

Our December meeting is always lots of fun. And we raise a tidy sum for our scholarship fund, too. We will be having a "White Elephant" gift exchange. But if you don't have one to bring, just bring a small something wrapped up. It shouldn't be very expensive. The more imaginative the better. Anything to keep us guessing. We also always have lots of good food. The list is attached, so if you haven't signed up, find a spot in the food categories that might be missing and sign up for it. Just let us know at the time you make your reservation. We hope you all can join us for fun, fellowship and food at our Christmas Party. I think several new and potential members will be joining us. Let's show them just what a great group we have.

Lastly, December is a time for reflection over the past year and thinking about the future. Our chapter suffered a great loss in 2004 when our Treasurer, friend and colleague Beverly Wandling was taken from us so tragically. We were all blessed to know her and I can picture her watching us at every meeting. Especially the Christmas Party and what foods we are eating. ☺ And how much we raise for the scholarship fund. ☺ We have already grown by several new members and are planning on more in the new year. It will be an exciting time.

The holiday season is a time for family and friends. May each of you have a very blessed and happy holiday season.

Karen Jacobson
President