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## President's Message

As Past President Cindy Sippel said, the hardest part about being President is writing the President's Message. I am sitting here trying to think of something to talk about. Lots of things are going through my head. So this will probably not be very cohesive, just tidbits here and there.

First, for those of you who were not able to be at the January meeting, it is now official. Kathy Strum is one of the directors of the new ASWA Educational Foundation. And to think, she got her experience on our own Scholarship Fund. ☺ No wonder she also makes a great auctioneer when we are raising money ourselves. Congratulations, Kathy.

Today I received a phone call from one of the National Directors (from Milwaukee) who was doing a survey on small chapters. Although we are small, I consider us very successful and am very proud of all of you, as colleagues and as friends. Among other things, she wanted to know about what helped us be successful and if there were areas where National might help small chapters like ours. Our discussion will be summarized with that of others and presented in a report to National. Hopefully other small chapters will benefit from this effort. We are successful because of YOU, the members. You are all so talented in so many ways and have so much to offer each of us. How did I get to be so lucky to be involved with such a terrific group of ladies?

Our social outing to a play in Des Moines is in the works. It sounds like a great time. If it goes well, perhaps we can do it again. Let us know if there are other activities you are interested in.

Keep your chin up during this busy time for us accountants. Take a break and join us on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Buford's.

Karen Jacobson  
President

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**February Meeting Notice**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2005**

Starlight Village  
Buford's Restaurant  
2601 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ames, IA

Networking 5:30

Speaker 6:00

Dinner/Meeting 7:00

**Topic: Effective Interpersonal Communications**  
**Speaker: Dr. Mark V. Redmond**

**Dinner Reservations by noon Tuesday, February 15, 2005**

**Kara Mikesell**  
**515-232-7080**

**Email: [klmikesell@mcleodusa.net](mailto:klmikesell@mcleodusa.net)**

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## **Standing Reservation List**

If you are interested in be included on the Standing Reservation List or have questions, please email Marsha at [marsha.peterson@mchsi.com](mailto:marsha.peterson@mchsi.com) or Kate at [cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com](mailto:cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com) .

## **Speaker Information**

**Mark V. Redmond, Ph. D.**

Associate Professor of Communication Studies  
Iowa State University

Dr. Redmond received his B.A. (1971) and M.A. (1973) from Purdue University and his Ph.D. from the University of Denver (1978). He has been on the faculty of Iowa State University since 1982. He has taught a wide variety of courses but his primary focus in recent years has been the introductory and upper level interpersonal communication course, small group communication, human communication theory, and communication research methods. In addition, he has taught

courses in interviewing, leadership communication, professional speaking and senior seminar courses in marriage and family communication.

In addition to his research publications, Dr. Redmond has published three college textbooks: a collection of readings in interpersonal communication, a co-authored introductory interpersonal communication that is in its fourth edition, and an introductory communication text. He is currently co-authoring a textbook on everyday presentations.

Dr. Redmond’s consulting activities include facilitating organizational self-evaluations and conducting training on team development, employee empowerment, strategic planning, leadership development, and problem-solving management. He has done workshops for a variety of organizations including the Iowa State Association of Counties, the Iowa Community Action Association, the Iowa Turfgrass Institute, Hach Chemicals, the Central Iowa Symphony, Ames Youth and Shelter Services, the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Chambers of Commerce, Iowa Transportation Center, WOI Radio AM-FM, Pella Corporation, and the International Association of City Managers Retirement Corporation.

## Coming Attractions



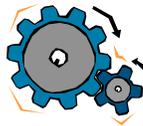
## Coming Attractions

### Member Meeting Dates

Wed. March 16, 2005  
 Wed. April 20, 2005  
 Wed. May 18, 2005  
 Wed. June 15, 2005

### Speaker/Topic

Sue Ravenscroft--Malls  
 Dr. Sam Warren--Paperless Office  
 Computer Technology Security  
 Effective Networking



### Networking Luncheons

RSVP to Jan Duffy at 294-1481 or 232-2213..... [jduffy@iastate.edu](mailto:jduffy@iastate.edu)

Date	Location	Time	RSVP by noon on:
Wednesday, March 2	The Mandarin	12:00	March 1
Monday, April 4	Red Lobster	12:00	April 3
Thursday, May 5	Hickory Park	11:45	May 4
Monday, May 30	Panera	11:45	May 29
Wednesday, July 6	Cazador’s (west Ames)	12:00	July 5

## **IN THE WORKS**

Group Social Outing to Des Moines to see the play Menopause on Friday February 11, 2005.  
Thanks to Jan Duffy for coordinating this.

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### **February Meeting Agenda ASWA Membership Meeting February 16, 2004**

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of January minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Monthly Report
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership
    - (1) Presentation of certificates
  - b. Program
    - (1) Report on Educational Seminar
  - c. Bulletin
  - d. Scholarship
6. Regional Director Report (optional)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
  - a. Report of the Nominating Committee
  - b. Member of the Year Committee (Appoint 2 members)
9. Announcements
  - a. Next meeting – March 16, 2005, Buford's, Ames
  - b. Networking Luncheon – Wednesday, March 2, 2005 – The Mandarin – 12:00 noon
10. Adjournment

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### **Member News**

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Congratulations to Nancy Campbell on her retirement from Sauer-Danfoss Inc. after 24 years. She and her husband Mike have recently purchased a home in Texas and will be spending the winter months where it is warm! They will spend the remainder of the year in Iowa so we will still get to see her part of the time. Best wishes Nancy on your retirement. When you're relaxing on the beach, think of us.

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## Membership Minutes

### Minutes

#### American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158

Membership Meeting

January 19, 2005

**Call to Order:** The January 2005 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Karen Jacobson in Ames on Wednesday, January 19 at 7:35 pm. Those in attendance were Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Margaret Munson, Pat Jenkins, Kara Mikesell, Kathy Strum, Cindy Sippel, Dominique Bryant, Nancy Campbell, Annmarie Kurtenbach, and Kate Mulder. Mary Mosiman attended the speaker's presentation. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** The November minutes were presented in the Bulletin. A correction was made to Carol Donaldson's name. Pat Jenkins moved and Kate Mulder seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report for December was presented and will be placed on file for review. The December scholarship fundraiser brought in \$705. In November, the Chapter paid \$200 to the National Scholarship.

#### Committee Reports:

**Membership Committee:** Two membership certificates will be held until a future meeting as both new members were unable to attend.

**Program Committee:** The program next month will be presented by Dr. Mark V. Redmond and the topic will be Effective Interpersonal Communication. Jan Duffy and Brenda O'Neall-Smith are still working on a possible half-day educational seminar for spring, with May 16 as a tentative date, Jim Kurtenbach as potential speaker, and the Scheman Building as location. Cindy Sippel will work with Jan and Brenda to bring a more detailed report for action at the February meeting.

**Bulletin:** Kara Mikesell reported that the deadline for the February Bulletin is January 31.

**Scholarship:** Kathy Strum has copies of the scholarship application from National. The committee will be working on a revised due date and form for the Chapter scholarship to make it possible to use our Chapter winner's application in applying for the National scholarships.

**Regional Director Report:** There was no report from Kate Mulder this month.

**Old Business:** Ann Kurtenbach and Karen Jacobson will review the membership information and dues receipts. The Chapter currently has 24 members. Four members did not renew.

#### New Business:

**Nominating Committee:** Past president Cindy Sippel will chair the nominating committee. Also serving will be Jan Duffy and Dominique Bryant. Theresa Samson has agreed to accept a nomination for President and Annmarie Kurtenbach has agreed to accept a nomination for Treasurer.

**Member of the Year Committee:** Vice President Theresa Samson will chair the committee to accept nominations for Member of the Year. Two other committee members will be selected in February.

**Bylaws Committee:** Theresa Samson and Pat Jenkins will review the Chapter Bylaws and recommend updates to bring them in compliance with the National bylaws.

**Charitable Request:** The Chapter received a request for support of an education trip for a school group. Consensus of the group was that we concentrate our resources on the scholarship support for the Chapter and the National Education Foundation.

#### Announcements:

**National Officers:** July 1, 2005, Kate Mulder will begin a two year term as Director of the National ASWA organization. Kathy Strum will serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the newly formed American Society of Women Accountants Educational Foundation.

**Personal:** Carolyn Bauer was not in attendance because her mother was in the hospital in Indiana. Pat Jenkins' mother is recently out of the hospital. Cindy Sippel will send a sympathy card from the Chapter to Diane Janvrin and her family on the death of her son. Nancy Campbell retires January 27<sup>th</sup> from Sauer-Danfoss.

**Social Outing:** Jan Duffy will work on a proposal for a social outing.

**Networking Luncheons:** The next networking luncheon will be Friday, February 4, 2005, at Dublin Bay at noon. Let Jan Duffy know if you are planning to attend.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be February 16, 2005, at Buford's in Ames.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Munson  
Secretary

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## News from National

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The December issue of ASWA's THE COMMUNIQUE is now available online at [http://www.aswa.org/files/members/December\\_2004.pdf](http://www.aswa.org/files/members/December_2004.pdf)

This issue contains:

- The 2005 ASWA/AWSCPA JNC Call for Presentations
- Information about ASWA's eDirectory
- "Quick Tips on ASWA's Membership and Renewal Process"
- Tips for "Planning Successful Meetings"
- The 2005-2006 Dues Rate Form
- Upcoming National and Regional Events
- 2004 ASWA/AWSCPA Joint National Conference Recap

In every issue:

- Upcoming Calendar of Events
- Regional Director Listing

If you have trouble logging in or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at ASWA at [aswa@aswa.org](mailto:aswa@aswa.org) or (703) 506-3265.

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## Job Opportunities

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If you are looking or know someone who is looking for a new position, please look here for postings or post your openings here.

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## Other News

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### Free Credit Reports Available

Starting December 1, 2004, US residents will be able to receive copies of their current credit reports free. Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act, all US residents will be allowed one free credit report per year from each of the three main national credit bureaus. This Act is intended to assist people in protecting their credit ratings and curbing identity fraud. The following is the schedule as to when the credit reports will be available:

Western States	December 1, 2004
<b>Mid-Western States</b>	<b>March 1, 2005</b>
Southern States	June 1, 2005
Eastern States	September 1, 2005

To obtain your free credit reports, you have several different options:

- Online: [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)
- Phone: 877-322-8228
- Mail: Annual Credit Report Request Service  
PO Box 105281  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5281

You will be required to provide your name, address, Social Security number, and date of birth.

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The Six steps to becoming a better listener from a LADDER:

- L: Look at the person speaking to you.
- A: Ask questions.
- D: Don't interrupt.
- D: Don't change the subject.
- E: Empathize
- R: Respond verbally and nonverbally.

You can multiply happiness by dividing it.

Don't point a finger - lend a hand.

The World's Shortest Sales Course:

- #1. Know their business.
- #2. Know your stuff.

The best thing to do behind a friend's back is pat it.

-Ruth Brillhart

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Contributions and announcements for the next issue of the Spokeswoman would be gladly accepted. Please send any contributions or ideas to the newsletter chair, Kara Mikesell, [klmikesell@mcleodusa.net](mailto:klmikesell@mcleodusa.net) . The deadline for the March issue is February 28, 2005.  
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