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President's Message

Spring is in the air. It is so refreshing to be able to go outside without all the winter coats and boots. Spring is the time for new beginnings. We see it all around us - trees budding, plants beginning to pop out of the earth, birds singing.

S – smile; for no reason except that it makes you a happier person and it will remain long after you're gone; let a smile be your umbrella on a rainy day.

P – plant; plant your wishes, your hopes, your dreams in that secret garden that encircles your heart; you can't reap a harvest if you don't plant.

R – reward; give yourself something that makes you smile and for no reason at all – you deserve it!

I – inspire; do something very courageous, very bold, very exhilarating, and pass the energy along; let others see it in your eyes and hear it in your voice and then breathe it in – inspire – themselves.

N – nurture; nurture yourself first, and then the rest of the world; self-care is the first step in learning to nurture.

G – grow; become more than you are right now, grow in your capacity to listen and to love, grow your own garden inside yourself and tend it well and always.

These words and the thoughts that go with them are from the book entitled “Words of Wisdom for Women” by Rachel Snyder. One of my good friends let me borrow it for a while. It is really a wonderful book. It has 365 words in it and thoughts to go with them – one for each day. I am enjoying it tremendously.

Now that tax season is over, why not join us for our April meeting? Begin a new friendship with someone you don't know, or renew one with someone you haven't seen for some time. Think, **SPRING!**

Karen Jacobson
President

Meeting Notice

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Starlight Village
Buford's Restaurant
2601 East 13th Street
Ames, IA

Networking 5:30

Speaker 6:00

Dinner/Meeting 7:00

Topic: Malls
Speaker: Sue Ravenscroft

Dinner Reservations by noon Tuesday, April 19, 2005

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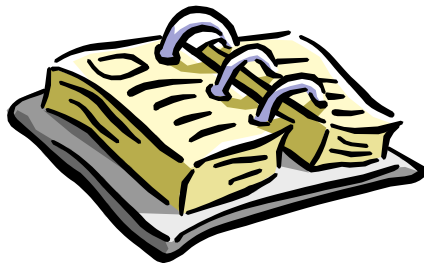
Speaker Information

Sue Ravenscroft is a Professor of Accounting, editor of Issues in Accounting Education, and published in areas of ethics, incentives, and decision-making. She is currently teaching managerial accounting and governmental accounting.

Topic Information

A look at how malls operate, how malls earn money, retail's contribution to economic development, and a look at the current debate in Ames about whether two malls are necessary.

Coming Attractions



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Member Meeting Dates

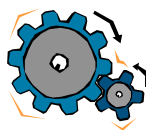
Wed. May 18, 2005

Wed. June 15, 2005

Speaker/Topic

Computer Technology Security

Effective Networking



Networking Luncheons

RSVP to Jan Duffy at 294-1481 or 232-2213..... jduffy@iastate.edu

Date	Location	Time	RSVP by noon on:
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

Seminars

Thursday May 12, 2005 1:00 – 4:30 Gerdin Business Building, ISU, Ames, IA
 Business Valuation Seminar by Jim Kurtenbach, Ph.D. 4 hours CPE
www.AmesASWA.org for more information and registration
 Cost: \$100 for ASWA members; \$120 for non-members

Member News

Please send your nominations for member of the year to Theresa Samson at tsamson@crosspaths.net by the April 20th meeting.

2005-2006 Proposed Slate of Officers

President -----	Theresa Samson
Vice President -----	Pat Jenkins
Secretary -----	Dominique Bryant
Treasurer -----	Annmarie Kurtenbach
Past President -----	Karen Jacobson
Bulletin -----	Kara Mikesell
Membership -----	Cindy Sippel
-----	Carla Sacco
Scholarship -----	Jan Duffy
-----	Pat Jenkins
-----	Annmarie Kurtenbach
Program -----	Sue Rybolt
-----	Kate Mulder

April Meeting Agenda
ASWA Membership Meeting
April 20, 2005

1. Call to Order
 2. Quorum
 3. Approval of February 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. Old Business
 - a. Member of the Year Nominations DUE April 20, 2005
 7. New Business
 - a. Election of Board and Officers
 8. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting – May 17, 2005, Buford's, Ames
 - b. Networking Luncheon – Thursday, May 5, 2005 – Hickory Park – 11:45 am
 9. Adjournment
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Membership Minutes
Minutes
American Society of Women Accountants
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
March 16, 2005

Call to Order: The March 2005 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Karen Jacobson in Ames on Wednesday, March 16. Those in attendance were Karen Jacobson, Carolyn Bauer, Theresa Samson, Pat Jenkins, Dominique Bryant, Carla Sacco, Janet Mortvedt, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting were not approved since there was no quorum.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: No report.

Program: Next months program will be presented by Sue Ravescroft on malls.

Education Seminar: We have started receiving registrations for the education seminar in May.

Bulletin: April 4 is the deadline for the April bulletin.

Scholarship: Three applications are under review for the scholarship.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: The Nominating committee has filled the slate of officers for next year. President - Theresa Samson; Vice President – Pat Jenkins; Secretary – Dominique Bryant; Treasurer – Annmarie Kurtenbach; Program – Sue Rybolt and Kate Mulder; Bulletin – Kara Mikesell; Membership – Cindy Sippel and Carla Sacco; Scholarship – Jan Duffy, Pat Jenkins and Annmarie Kurtenbach; Past President – Karen Jacobson

New Business:

Outstanding Member Award: Nominations for the Outstanding Member Award are due by April 20 to Theresa Samson.

Announcements:

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at Buford's, Ames.

Networking Luncheons: Monday, April 4, 2005 at Red Lobster – 12:00.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sippel
Acting Secretary

News from National

The February issue of ASWA's THE COMMUNIQUÉ is now available online at <http://www.aswa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3407>.

This issue contains:

- Information about Directors & Officers Liability Insurance
- "Tips From Successful Chapters"
- An Update on the 2004-2005 New Member Campaign
- Help for Selecting your Chapter's Board of Directors
- "Chapter Good News"
- Information on the ASWAEF Scholarship Program
- Tax-Saving Tips
- The 2005-2006 Chapter Forms

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 me at etanner@aswa.org or (703) 506-3265.

Job Opportunities

If you are looking or know someone who is looking for a new position, look no further.

Other News

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

Mid-Western States March 1, 2005

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
- ❑ 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.

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. The deadline for the May issue is May 2, 2005.
