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MISSION STATEMENT

To enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

MEETING INFORMATION

AFWA People to People Trip to South Africa

Kate Mulder & Karen Jacobson

Wednesday, May 21st
3164 Gerdin, ISU

This month's program on South Africa is being presented by two of our members: Kate Mulder and Karen Jacobson. Both ladies participated in the People to People Delegation for Women in Accounting and Finance last November. As National President of AFWA, Kate was asked to lead the delegation. The trip to South Africa included stops in Johannesburg and Cape Town, as well as a 2-day safari in Krueger National Park. Kate and Karen are both charter members of the Ames Chapter. Kate is currently employed as Assistant Controller at Hertz Farm Management in Nevada, while Karen is retired, but helping out at her husband's store in Story City. Karen has

previously participated in a People to People Delegation to Russia in 2010, while this was Kate's first international trip. Both agree it was a trip of a lifetime with MANY wonderful memories.

5:30 Networking

6:00 Speaker

7:00 Dinner/Meeting

(Catered box lunches from the Café
- \$13)

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AGENDA

Agenda – May 21, 2014

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship



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- Saw the picture in the newspaper! Thanks!!!
6. Old Business
 - a. Reminder for Member of the Year nominations
 - b. Chapter Insurance? - Barbara
 7. New Business
 - a. Chapter President & Treasurer form
 - b. Chapter Officers & Committee form
 - c. Officer turnover materials
 8. Announcements
 9. Adjournment

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2014

As I sat through 7 hours of various graduations over the past few days, I was presented with a perfect opportunity to take some time for reflection. The students' minds and faces were swirling with feelings of both excitement and pure terror for what is going to happen next. Can you remember that feeling? I can certainly remember sitting at both my high school and college graduations thinking *"I have no idea what I want to do with my life. I pray I am making the right decisions!"* But that was just the beginning. I then remember my parents leaving my dorm room for home after moving me into college. I also remember walking to my first class that I was responsible to teach after graduating from college. In both cases, that is when these big changes became REAL. Now there was pure panic in my head screaming *"What did you get yourself into!?"* I am sure

you can all remember these moments in your life. I am sure the same feelings come about when you change roles in your company or change companies completely. I am guessing they come when you start considering retirement. They come when you move and when you travel to new places. I am guessing they also come when you first realize you are expecting your first child or maybe even your first grandchild.

New territory, the unknown, is scary. But now that we have all survived experiences like this, it is so much easier to understand that the very best things in life start with those nervous feelings. The reason we are so nervous to mess up is because we know we have the chance at something truly great in our reach. That is what life is all about, right?

This past weekend, I could not be more excited for these graduates to step into the next chapter of their lives. They are going to learn so much over the next few years and form stronger passions for what they are doing than they have ever felt before. Their opportunities made me remember that these opportunities don't stop after you graduate. Our lives are full of opportunity! We need to keep making choices based on passions and potential rather than comfort and ease. After all, as each one of us reflects on the greatest pieces of our lives, I bet that all of you are also remembering the risk and nerves that came first. It was sure worth it, wasn't it?

Kayla Sander



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MEMBERSHIP

We'd like to welcome two new members:

- Adela Hodzic, one of our scholarship recipients, and
- Julie Luther, CPA

Adela is attending Iowa State University, planning to graduate in May of 2015 with her accounting degree. Adela is from Bosnia originally and came to the US when she was 1 1/2. She has lived in Des Moines ever since. She enjoys watching TV or hanging out with friends. She says: "I am excited to join the organization and meet everyone."

Julie will be providing some information about herself for next month's newsletter.

Welcome!

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! Each year we select a member of our chapter who we feel is deserving of the "AFWA Member of the Year" award. Please submit your nominations for "AFWA Member of Year" to the committee via Theresa Samson (Theresa.samson@centurylink.net) by **Tuesday, May 20th**. We will be announcing this year's award winner at the June meeting.

FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Good afternoon Mrs. Williamson,

I feel honored to be chosen as a recipient and wanted to take a moment to thank you and the

organization for awarding me this scholarship. I am grateful for this opportunity and will make sure this money goes towards my future in becoming a leader in the accounting field.

Also, thank you for the invitation to your meeting. I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to attend your meeting since I will be out of town for Spring Break.

Thank you again,

Adela Hodzic

AFWA Scholarship Committee,
 Thank you for awarding me the Beverly M. Wandleng Memorial Scholarship! This award will help me so much this coming summer and fall. The AFWA women have been such a blessing to me. I am so glad I found your group and hope to remain involved. I sincerely appreciate the camaraderie of AFWA.

many thanks,
 Libby Bruns



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MINUTES – March 2014

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance
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Membership Meeting
April 16, 2014

Call to Order: The April Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Kayla Sanders in Ames at 7:20 pm on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Those in attendance were members Jan Duffy, Marilyn Moehlmann, Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim, Jamie Williamson, Libby Bruns, Theresa Samson, Karen Jacobson, Shoba Premkumar, Kate Mulder, Linda Borst, Julie Luther, and Kayla Sanders. A quorum was present. One guest, Adela Hodzic, was also present.

Minutes:

One correction to the March minutes was noted, to make Adela Hodzic's scholarship award payable in one payment rather than two due to the size of her scholarship award. Margaret Munson moved, Jaimie Williamson seconded, to approve the March minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for March was distributed. The general account has a balance of \$7,836.94 and the scholarship account has a balance of \$4,421.59. Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 are payable. The report will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports

A. Membership:

- a. Lisa Palmersheim introduced our newest member, Julie Luther.
- b. Lisa presented the results of the membership survey and gave everyone present a copy of the results.

B. Program: The May program will be a presentation by members Kate Mulder and Karen Jacobson on their trip to South Africa. We are still looking for a June program. Kate suggested a program on virtual file organization for June.

C. Bulletin: No report.

D. Scholarship: Jaimie Williamson presented framed certificates to both scholarship winners, Libby Bruns and Adela Hodzic. Jaimie indicated we will be submitting Adela's application to the Foundation in the undergraduate category and Libby's application in the graduate program. She will also take care of sending out a press release with picture on the awards.

Old Business

- A. Nominations for the 2014-2015 slate of officers – The Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Jan Duffy moved, and Theresa Samson seconded, that the slate be approved by unanimous consent. Motion carried.
- B. Chapter Insurance for Directors and Officers - Barbara Bennett was not in attendance, so this topic will be moved to the May meeting.
- C. Member of the Year – Vice President Theresa Samson is Chair of this committee and she reminded everyone that nominations are due by May 20. Margaret



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Munson and Jaimie Williamson volunteered to assist on this committee. The award will be presented at the June meeting.

Announcements:

- Karen Jacobson reported that she had visited with the Story County Boys & Girls Club new executive director and new operations director about their financial literacy program. It was developed for all ages by the Boys & Girls Club and they are looking for guest speakers. Karen will work directly with them and once she has been a guest speaker, will report back to the Chapter about future opportunities for members to volunteer. Currently it is a summer program only being held on a weekday.
- Lisa Palmersheim reported that she had been contacted by Hoover High School to provide presenters for a financial literacy program there. Because this is a Des Moines high school, she will forward the information to the Des Chapter of AFWA. If they do not have anyone to assist them, she will bring the information back to the Ames Chapter.
- Kate Mulder announced the May 3, 2014 "Grow, Lead, Exchange" leadership development workshop being held by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter. National Board Members Gina Slack (Des Moines Chapter) and Kate Mulder (Ames Chapter) will be presenting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen Jacobson, Acting Secretary

Thanks to Karen for taking minutes in my place.
 Cindy

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- May 21st AFWA People to People Trip to South Africa
 June 18th TBD

NETWORKING LUNCH SCHEDULE

@ 12:00 Noon
 None scheduled at this time

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion
to one's courage.."

~ **Anais Nin** - Author

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