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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

Tax Updates

Tuesday, November 18th

Dublin Bay

320 S. 16th St.

Ames

Program Title: "Tax Updates"

Presenter: Kyle Hrastich

Title: Senior Stakeholder Liaison, Internal Revenue Service

Learning Objectives & Program

Content: This program will discuss the following:

1. "New e-signature Guidance for IRS efile"
2. Update on Identity Theft
3. The ACA covering:
 - a. Premium Tax Credit
 - b. Individual Shared Responsibility Provision
 - c. Reporting Employer Provided Health Coverage in Form W-2

Program Level: Basic

Program Prerequisites/Advance

Preparation: None

Field of Study: Taxes

Instructional Delivery Method: Group Live

Recommended Amount of CPE Credit: 1 credit hour

Program Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Administrative Policies: Please respond to the invite. Meals will be individual bills.

Official National Registry Statement

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The schedule for the evening will be:

5:30 p.m. Networking

6:00 p.m. Program

7:00 p.m. Dinner/Meeting

Please RSVP to the invite or to

Cindy.Sippel@gafg.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I was surprised by the first snow of the season. I'm not sure why. It's November and a little more than two weeks from



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Thanksgiving. Snow is not at all unusual for this time of year. I'm just never ready to let go of fall and embrace winter. You can't ignore snow. You have to admit fall is over, even if the calendar says otherwise.

For most of us, this is a busy time of year. Those of us on fiscal years have finished first quarter reporting and are half way through the second quarter. If you are anything like me you are wondering where the time went and why there are so many things still on your "To Do" list. I'm still looking for the "down time" I was told exists somewhere between my job duties. Those of you on calendar years are probably preparing for year end, tax season and a number of other tasks.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting this month. Take some time to enjoy the company of others in your profession. Share, network or just catch up. We all need to take advantage of opportunities to recharge.

In the midst of all the work, I hope you can take some time to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. There will always be more work to do. .

I rarely find a quote I think is worth sharing. This one was left on the white board in our break room. I think it is

fitting for all seasons, but especially for this one.

"If you woke up this morning with only the things you expressed gratitude for yesterday, what would you have?"

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
Theresa Samson

CONGRATULATIONS KAYLA!

Kayla Sander is selected as National AFWA Emerging Leaders Awardee

Kayla Sander was announced as the winner of the Emerging Leader Award on a luncheon at the National Conference in New Orleans on October 1, 2014. Kayla was nominated by Jan Duffy with the encouragement of Karen Jacobson. We have all been witness to Kayla's energy and enthusiasm and this recognition was well deserved. Congratulations Kayla.

Foundation Optional Donations

Beginning November 2014, an optional \$10 donation will be added to all AFWA membership renewals. Members will begin seeing notice of this option as early as October 1 on membership renewal reminders. To help communicate this message to your chapters, you may include



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the following paragraph in your chapter newsletters:

The Foundation of Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is making giving easier! Beginning *November 2014*, it will be easier than ever to support scholarships and educational programming provided by the Foundation of AFWA. A \$10 donation will automatically be added to your annual membership renewal. You will have the option to increase the amount of your donation or opt-out entirely. Members with *November 2014* renewals will receive their first renewal notice in early October, so be on the look out for your notice. Please contact foundation@afwa.org with any questions.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship
6. Old Business
 - a. Chapter Director and Officer Insurance
7. New Business
 - a. Speaker Gifts
 - b. ISU Event Fundraising Opportunity
8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

No Minutes of October

Joint Meeting

NETWORKING LUNCH SCHEDULE

@ 12:00 Noon

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| Fri, Jan 23 rd | El Azteca
2727 Stange Rd. |
| Mon, Feb 9 th | Aunt Maude's
547 Main St. |
| Thurs, Mar 26 th | Wallaby's
2733 Stange Rd |
| Tues, Apr 28 th | Panera Bread
309 S. Duff |
| Thurs, May 14 th | Stomping Grounds
303 Welch Ave |
| Mon, Jun 8 th | Brick City Grill
2704 Stange Rd. |

Please RSVP through the Evite or to membership@amesafwa.org by noon the day before.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you woke up this morning with only the things you expressed gratitude for yesterday, what would you have?"

~ contributed by Theresa Sampson