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February 2017

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is to enable women in all accounting and finance fields to achieve their full potential and to contribute to their profession.

MEETING INFORMATION

Swedish Business and Accounting Culture

Bill Dilla will present on his sabbatical experience in Sweden (2015). He will discuss Swedish business and accounting culture. In addition, his wife, Mary Ann, will add information about expat life in Gothenburg.

Date: Wednesday, **February 15, 2017**

Time: Networking 5:30; Speaker 6:00;

Dinner and Meeting 7:00

Note Meeting Location

Location: **The Iowa Stater**

**Gateway Hotel and Conference
Center**

**2100 Green Hills Drive
Ames, IA 50014**

Presenter: Bill Dilla

Charles B. Handy / Union Pacific Professor of Accounting
Associate Chair, Departments of Accounting and Finance
College of Business
Iowa State University

Field of Study: General Accounting

Program Level: Basic

Program Prerequisites/Advance Preparation:
None

Instructional Delivery Method: Group Live

Recommended Amount of CPE Credit: 1
credit hour

Administrative Policies: Please respond to the invite. Meals will be individual bills. If you would like to make or cancel a reservation and did not receive a separate invite, please send an email to Annmarie Kurtenbach at Annmarie.kurtenbach@gmail.com. For more information regarding administrative policies such as complaint and refund, please contact Ames Chapter Program Co-Chair, Annmarie Kurtenbach at Annmarie.kurtenbach@gmail.com.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been awhile since we have met, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Thank you to Cindy for hosting our annual holiday party, I was unable to attend but I'm sure you all enjoyed good food, good company, and a fun white elephant gift exchange.

I am excited to re-connect with everyone this month. At this month's meeting we will be forming a nominating committee. Please consider this as an opportunity to serve our chapter. If you are unable to serve on the nominating committee, think about a leadership role you would like to assume. Serving in an AFWA Ames Chapter leadership role is a great opportunity to get more involved and learn new skills. You don't have to wait to be asked to take an officer or committee role... volunteer! The recruitment of new officers and committee members is crucial to the survival and growth of our chapter.

See you next week,

Jaimie

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Networking Lunch	Meeting Date	Restaurant	Location
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	15-Feb-17	Brick Street Grill	2704 Stange Rd., Ames
Monday, March 27, 2017	15-Mar-17	Mary Kay's Flowers and Garden Café	3134 Northwood Dr, Ames
Thursday, April 27, 2017	19-Apr-17	El Azteca	2727 Stange Rd., Ames
Wednesday, May 31, 2017	17-May-17	Stomping Grounds	303 Welch Ave., Ames
Thursday, June 29, 2017	21-Jun-17	The Café	2616 Northridge Pkwy, Ames



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2016-2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President: Jaimie Williamson
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Cheryl Carlile
Catherine Mulder
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Webmaster: Margaret Munson
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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes (November)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
Networking lunches
Meeting date survey results
 - b. Program
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship
 - e. Social Media
6. Old Business
 - a. Founder's Day Award
 - b. AFWA National Bylaw
Amendments
 - c. Treasurer's Workshop Committee
7. New Business
 - a. 2017-2018 Nominating
Committee & Chair
8. Announcements
 - a. 2017-2018 National Membership
- Dues- Starting July 1, 2017
 - Regular Member: \$199
 - Affiliate Member: \$199
 - Associate Member: \$99
 - Student Member: \$45 (pending
proposed bylaw change)
 - Retired Member: \$75
 - Member Emeritus: \$0
9. Adjournment



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Upcoming Meetings

- March 15, 2017 – Kristy Maitre, Tax Update, The Iowa Stater
- April 19, 2017
- May 17, 2017
- June 21, 2017

MINUTES – November 2016

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Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
November 16, 2016

Call to Order:

The November Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Jaimie Williamson at 7:17 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at Battlecry Iowa Smokehouse in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members: Ann Kurtenbach, Margaret Munson, Kayla Sander, Lisa Palmersheim, Theresa Samson, Jaimie Williamson, Cindy Sippel, Karen Jacobson, Cheryl Carlile, and Elizabeth Almond

A quorum was present.

Minutes:

Cindy Sippel moved that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as published in the November bulletin. The motion was seconded by Karen Jacobson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Catherine Mulder provided materials for Margaret Munson to present the Treasurer's Report. The September and October reports were handed out. The balance in the General Account as of September 30, 2016, is \$7,274.29. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of September 30, 2016, is \$2,398.12 with an unrestricted balance of \$2,398.12.

The balance in the General Account as of October 31, 2016, is \$7,274.59. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of October 31, 2016, is \$2,098.22 with an unrestricted balance of \$2,098.22.

The reports will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

A. Membership:

1. Margaret Munson cleaned up the E-vite mailing list again. Please try to avoid copying an old invitation prior to the November meeting invitation so the new mailing list is used. When selecting the mailing list to use in the E-vite website, you



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will need to use the “usual” member list for the chapter’s monthly meetings.

2. Karen Jacobson and Margaret Munson will get a schedule of networking lunches put together for the remainder of the planning year.

B. Program:

1. The upcoming program duties/plans are as follows:
December – Holiday Party hosted by Cindy Sippel at her home
January – No meeting
February – Cheryl Carlile will plan
March – Cindy Sippel will plan
April – Karen Jacobson will plan – Self Defense w/ Ames Police
May – Libby Almond will plan – Retirement Planning
June – Lisa Palmersheim will plan
2. There has been prior discussion regarding moving our chapter meeting dates so the group felt clarification was needed to avoid any confusion. Margaret Munson moved that the February meeting be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The motion was

seconded by Libby Almond. Motion carried. The meeting dates for the remainder of the year will be discussed at the February meeting.

C. Bulletin:

1. No report

D. Scholarship:

1. The committee, consisting of Theresa Samson, Cheryl Carlile, and Catherine Mulder, plans to meet in the near future. They will discuss both the chapter scholarship and the Kathleen M. Strum scholarship.

Old Business:

A. Treasurer’s Workshop Committee

1. Ideas were discussed, but nothing was decided. The chapter will revisit the idea of another workshop in the spring. Topic ideas are welcome!

B. Social Media Committee

1. Margaret Munson has agreed to join the committee and will address the use of the chapter website within committee discussion.
2. Lisa Palmersheim will determine a date and time for the



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addition of over \$30,000 for the National scholarship fund!

New Business:

- A. Holiday Party
 - 1. The holiday party will be hosted by Cindy Sippel at her home in Ankeny on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00 PM. The party will be potluck so bring your favorite dish or drink! Members are welcome to participate in a white elephant gift exchange as usual. Please remember to bring your checkbook for a scholarship donation!
- B. AFWA Annual National Meeting
 - 1. Karen Jacobson reported that many good ideas on strengthening attendance were discussed at the meeting. She will be sending out a survey to the Ames chapter members who did not attend to gather feedback and ideas on this issue as well.
 - 2. The National Foundation raised over \$20,000 for the scholarship fund. In addition, a Connecticut chapter who has recently gone inactive generously donated their entire scholarship fund of over \$10,000. This totals an

Announcements:

- A. Social Event – Karen Jacobson will organize a social event for the chapter. It is tentatively decided that the chapter will be invited to participate in attending the show, “The Importance of Being Earnest: An Trivial Comedy for Serious People” on Saturday, March 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at Fisher Theater on the ISU Campus.
- B. Libby Almond and her husband, CJ, closed on their home in Ankeny! Congrats!
- C. Lisa Palmersheim is back to work after spending some time at home with her new, beautiful baby girl, Kayla Renee. Hang in there, Lisa!

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Sander, Secretary



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Social Outing

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The Importance of Being Earnest:
A Trivial Comedy for Serious
People

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 7:30pm,
Fisher Theater, ISU

Ladies -

We talked about going to this play and consensus was for this date. Tickets are \$15 each. If you are interested in going, plan to give your \$15 to Margaret at the meeting February 15th. If you won't be at the meeting but want to go, please let Margaret know by February 15th. Her e-mail address is munson@isunet.net. She will pick up the tickets. There are plenty of seats available at this time.

For those of us going, we can decide if we also want a dinner out before the play. But that decision

can wait until the 15th. Hope to see you there.

Announcements

Congratulations to Kayla Sander and her family! They welcomed Gwyneth "Gwenie" Earlene Sander into their family on Dec. 27th! She was 7 lb. 15 oz. and 21 inches long. Jude is such a proud big brother, and they are all absolutely loving their new family of four.



Our deepest sympathies and condolences to **Cheryl Carlile** on the passing of her husband, Dan



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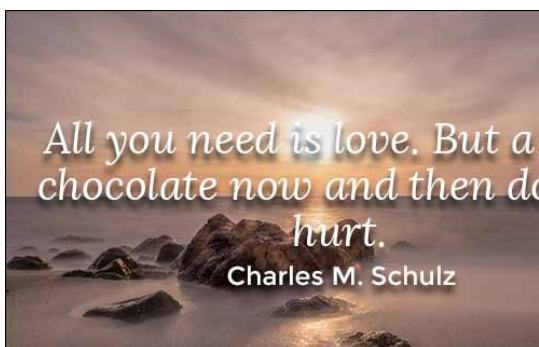
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and to **Jan Duffy** on the passing of
her father, Ed Aduddell.

Quote of the Month



Articles and submissions to the newsletter are
welcome. Please contact bulletin@amesafwa.org