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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring! I'm so happy to see the sunshine and warmer weather again. This is the longest winter I can remember.

Next Tuesday, March 30th the board will hold our monthly board meeting. All members are invited to attend any board meeting, but you must be a current board member to vote at the meeting. If you would like to attend contact me or any board member and we can let you know the time and location.

In April we have two events. First many of our members will volunteer to help with check-in and walk at the UNO Women's Walk on Saturday, April 17th. This event raises money for women's athletics. If you are interested in volunteering or donating money to our walkers, please contact me or Linda Aust.

Our second event in April is our regular monthly meeting. Please remember that we are meeting on Tuesday, April 20th. This is the third Tuesday of the month, so hopefully our members bogged down in tax returns will be able to join us!

Lastly, the National office is looking for someone who is interested in filling the position of Regional Conference Coordinator. The purpose of the position is to help coordinate a regional conference in our region. Attached to the bulletin is a short information sheet about the position. If you are interested please contact me right away. They are hoping to fill this position soon!

We only have a few more meetings left in our 2009-2010 year, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Annette Wells
President 2009-2010

April Social Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Adventure in Art - 6001 Maple Street (the studio is located in the back half of the building around the corner)

Cost: \$20 (credit cards will be accepted that night)

Reservations: by Friday April 16th to www.aswaapril2010meeting.eventbrite.com

The cost includes a jewelry making class in which you will make a pendant, earrings or ring. Each additional piece is \$10. Wine and cheese will be provided during the class. Everyone is welcome to join the rest of the group afterwards at The Pizza Shoppe for pizza and cocktails (additional cost).

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The scholarship selection committee consisted of Karen Hosier, Kerry Clark and Chris Carlson. This year we had 18 applications (4 Masters level, 13 undergrads and 1 certification). The candidates were ranked by GPA, Community Involvement, ASWA Involvement /potential, financial need and essay quality.

Congratulations to our winners!

Annette Wells – Midland Lutheran College - Masters level - \$2,000
Emily Thomas - UNO - Undergrad - \$2,000
Jenny Ross - UNL - Undergrad - \$2,000
Sheila Hansen - Certification - \$500

We are excited to give \$6500 in scholarship funds to these well deserving women who live our mission everyday!

ASWA Corner

This is a continuing series of articles to introduce our members to the many aspects of ASWA.

The ASWA Educational Foundation was founded to award scholarships to women in need. They also present awards to individuals and companies that have shown a commitment to work/life balance and sensitivity to the concerns of women in accounting and related fields.

In recent years the Foundation has started a Financial Literacy Program. The program addresses the specific needs of women who require mentoring support and training in understanding financial principles.

Several ASWA Chapters and members have started Financial Literacy Programs. Literacy materials are available from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The FDIC Money Smart program is available in an instructor-led version and a computer-based version. The program is free of charge to interested individuals and the materials may be reproduced.

The FDIC Money Smart program helps people build financial knowledge, use banking services effectively, and develop financial confidence. Adults can enhance their money skills and young adults learn the basics of handling their finances.

As accountants we often make assumptions that everyone understands money and finances. That is not always the case. Many people need help understanding how a checking account works, developing a spending and savings budget, the proper use of credit, college loans, and mortgage concepts. Today's youth need to learn how to balance a checkbook, understand the dangers of credit card spending, and learn how to manage their money.

Accountants are in the perfect position to help these individuals avoid the pitfalls of overspending and under saving. We have a responsibility to help our clients and the members of our community understand their finances.

Joint Meeting Invitation

The Des Moines and Ames Chapter are meeting Tuesday, May 18th at 5:30 for a joint meeting at Prairie Meadows. Three National board members will be present at the meeting. This would be a great meeting to attend to learn more about the National organization of ASWA.

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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Cost: \$150 for ASWA members
\$175 for non-members
\$25 discount for early bird registrations made by April 30, 2010!

For more details, visit the conference website at www.wichitaaswa.org!