

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month our chapter will be holding the annual Public Relations Dinner and Educational Seminar on November 15th at Omaha Country Club. Attached to this bulletin you will find the registration form for the educational seminar as well as a place to make your reservations for the Public Relations Dinner. I encourage you to forward this information on to any individuals that may have an interest in attending either or both of these events.

Our featured speaker for the Public Relations dinner is George Morgan. Mr. Morgan, is a former economics professor and financial manager who has spent the past quarter century in Omaha's unique economic environment. Mr. Morgan uses the word "unique" because Omaha's Gross Municipal Product exceeds many nations, including North Korea, Syria and Qatar. The number of Fortune 500 companies calling Omaha home is topped by only a select few of its peers. On an individual scale it is home to more billionaires, per capita, than many European nations. During his presentation, Mr. Morgan plans on bringing an in-depth understanding to the mystery of Omaha's economic fabric.

In addition to the great speaker we have lined up for the Public Relations Dinner, we will be announcing the recipient of the 2006 – 2007 Lady Vestey Woman of Achievement Award. This is an event not to be missed.

We are still collecting items for the basket raffle, please contact Ruth Schneider @ rschneider@insearch-inc.com or Angela Tompsett @ atompsett@woodmen.com if you or your employer would like to donate cash or items for the baskets. Also, if you have empty baskets available, we would be more than happy to take them off of your hands as the basket raffle committee is in need of empty baskets. Currently, we have many great basket raffle items available to support our scholarship fundraiser. Now is the time to start asking your co-workers, family, and friends if they would like to buy raffle tickets. Please contact Ruth Schneider or Angela Tompsett for additional information.

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting!

Shelly Kapustka
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PUBLIC RELATIONS DINNER

Speaker: George Morgan
Topic: Connecting with our Community
Date: November 18, 2006
Time: 5:00-6:00 pm Cocktails
6:00 pm Dinner
Cost: \$40
Location: Omaha Country Club
6900 Country Club Road
Omaha, NE 68152
RSVP: Due November 10th, see the attached registration form for details

October Speaker Recap

Brett Frevert with CFO systems spoke on the Ethanol industry and its impact on the state of Nebraska. We learned that due to federal mandates, current state regulations and public demand for ethanol, production is expected to almost double by the year 2012. He also dispelled many of the negative comments regarding ethanol production.

Article

Get Flexible: Addressing the Scheduling Needs of Professional Women

As you may have noticed, women are entering the accounting field in greater numbers. More than 50 percent of certified public accountants are women, and females now earn more than half of all bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting, according to research conducted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

As a result, it's critical that organizations and finance departments offer programs to meet the needs of female accountants. Following are non-traditional work arrangements that will help you attract and retain professionals who are both career-minded and family-oriented.

- **Telecommuting**—Technological advancements have made telecommuting viable for many employees. With a computer, Internet

connection, phone and fax machine, just about anyone can now work from home. Telecommuting enables a valued employee to continue contributing to your organization during parental or other leaves. This option not only eliminates the stress, time and cost of commuting, it promotes more harmonious work/life balance.

- **Flexible scheduling**—"Flextime," as it is known, enables accountants to vary start and end times around an organization's mandatory core hours. While one employee might work the standard 9-to-5, another might come in at 7 a.m. and leave at 3 p.m. to be at home when her child returns from school each day.
- **A compressed workweek**—With this arrangement, an accountant will work a full 40-hour week, but won't be in the office all five days. For example, a professional might work four 10-hour days in order to stay home one day a week to save on daycare expenses, care for a sick relative or attend continuing-education classes.
- **Job sharing**—As the name implies, two people share a job title. Cost-effective job sharing arrangements can benefit your firm and the two employees. Your company gains a level of "people insurance" should one of the workers go on leave, while the professionals dividing the workload can stay on track for advancement while working part-time.

There are many programs and strategies companies can implement to help workers better balance their lives. Building a daycare center on site might not be in your control as a manager, but you likely have the ability to offer alternative work arrangements. Doing so will appeal to all workers, particularly career-driven women with family commitments and ambitious personal goals.

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MEMBER PROFILES

Cindy Otten

Member For: 2.5 years
Graduated from: University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Company: AG Edwards
Position: Financial Consultant
Birthday: December 26, 1963
Hobbies: Being with family and friends, Water Skiing, Boating, Working Out, Golfing
Kids/pets: two children (Thomas - 15 years, Michael - 13 years) and shiz zu/poodle - Bauer.
Most Exciting Events of the past Year: going on vacation to Seattle, Washington
Favorite Ice Cream: Mint Chip/Strawberry Cheesecake - Do I have to choose only one? :-)
Favorite Movies: Rat Race, Braveheart, and Top Gun

Chandni Sarawagi

Member For: almost a year
Graduated from: Creighton University
Company: BKD, LLP
Position: Staff Auditor
Birthday: March 2nd
Hobbies: Reading and listening to music
Most Exciting Events of the past Year: Passing my CPA and CISA exams
Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate
Favorite Movies: Cars

Caryn Kirkebak

Member For: 3 years
Graduated from: Creighton University
Company: First Data
Position: Financial Policy Manager
Birthday: July 17th
Hobbies: Scrapbooking, reading, walking, shopping
Spouse/kids/pets: Adam, Claire and Jack (the family dog)

Most Exciting Events of the past Year: The birth of my 1st baby, Claire on August 10
Favorite Ice Cream: Mint Chocolate Chip
Favorite Movie: Sixteen Candles

Angie Tompsett

Member For: 2.5 years
Graduated from: Creighton University
Company: Woodmen of the World
Position: Tax Analyst
Birthday: January 31st--a tax deadline date.
Hobbies: Used to have some, but now I'm getting my Masters in Taxation. Mick Jagger had it wrong. Time is not on my side.
Spouse/kids/pets: Steve, Kacyrna-17, Twins: Alex & Max - 16, Mark - 11, Meghan - 4, and Sophie Jones (She's a golden retriever.) We have a pool, so in the summer time, my household multiplies in size.
Most Exciting Events of the past Year: Teaching the 3 teenagers how to drive, and yet surviving.
Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla scoops located in a rootbeer float on a hot summer day.
Favorite Movies: This is a toss up between Rigoletto & It's a Wonderful Life.

April D. Nerz

Member For: 1 year
Graduated from: UNO
Company: Rossitto & Associates
Position: Staff Accountant
Birthday: May 8, 1980
Hobbies: reading, happy hour with my girlfriends, playing with my puppies, watching movies, just started scrap booking and working out, playing tennis
Spouse/pets: Chris/Buster and Jazz (puppies, not kids!)
Most Exciting Events of the past Year: Graduating, getting married in June, all of my girlfriends getting married, moving into our new house, getting our new puppies (not necessarily in this order!)
Favorite Ice Cream: Mint chocolate chip
Favorite Movies: Any Brat Pack, M. Night Shyamalan or Quentin Tarantino movie

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