

President's Message

Can you believe that fall is here? We have a lot going on at the next few meetings. Our October meeting is our Membership Drive & Student Night. Don't forget the annual Public Relations Dinner and Basket Raffle on November 16 at the Omaha Country Club.

I was excited to see so many people at the September putt-putt golf outing at Pacific Springs! From all the comments I received, I think everyone had a great time. I know that even though my team did not win, we had tons of fun and got to know each other better. Congratulations to Brook, Betty, Patty & Stephanie on the win! For those of you who couldn't make, we are having another social in May, so mark your calendars now.

Philly – The National Conference was a great experience. Our chapter had an awesome representation with 10 members attending from our local chapter included, Christi Olsen, Virginia Klug, Linda Aust, Elaine Clark, Sue Blake, LaTonya Bennett, Angela Tompsett, Kathy Grafton, April Clem, and myself. I know that all of us took the opportunity to experience some of the rich history that Philadelphia has to offer. After two and a half days of CPE sessions, the Chapter President's Council meeting, Bylaws forum, Forrest A. Kessler Walk for Humanity and Business meeting, most of us managed to fit in a trip to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and a Philly Steak sandwich.

Congratulations to Virginia Klug on receiving the President's Award! Christi Olsen recognized her with the award at the Gala on Friday evening. Even though most of us knew about it before the gala, we managed to keep Virginia in the dark!

Las Vegas was announced as the location for next year's conference, which will be held September 20th ~ 22nd at Bally's Hotel. If you are thinking about attending I encourage you to ask any of us that attended this year for some of the many reasons why attending the National Conference is such a great experience.

A key focus of the National Board this year is on Member recruitment and retention. They have launched their 2005-2006 Recruiting Counts Contest. Please see the additional information included in the bulletin. **A great way to introduce co-workers and friends to ASWA is through on Member Night.** This year the cost will only be \$7, thanks to partial sponsorship by Aureus Group. We will also have door prizes for those who submit their application, as well as current members who bring the most guests!

One of my most memorable experiences of this year's conference will be all the different women that I meet and get to know. The National Conference is a wonderful opportunity to get to know people from your chapter a bit better and to meet women from all over the country.

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It reminded me that when I step out of my comfort zone, I am amazed at the people that I get to know. So I encourage everyone to invite guests to our meetings, take the opportunity to get to know guests that others bring and to take the chance to get to know your fellow Omaha members better!

Kristen Van Foeken
President 2005-2006



CONGRATULATIONS!

Brook (Petersen) Craig for her marriage on August 20, 2005. In addition to a new marriage, Brook recently joined Kiewit!

Kristen Van Foeken for her promotion to Senior Associate at KPMG, LLP.



October 2005 Meeting

Membership Drive & Student Recruitment

Time: 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception
Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2005
Menu: Beverage Station with White & Red Wine, Variety of Appetizers and Mini Deserts (Cash Bar)
Cost: \$7 (members & guests)
Location: The Champions Club
13800 Eagle Run Drive
Omaha, NE 68164
Speaker: Cindy Otten
Topic: Smart Women Finish Rich
Reservations:
Terri Fuqua, tfuqua@fzacpa.com or
496-9100, by noon Friday,
October 14, 2005
Reminder: Bring a Friend! Attached are flyers you can print to tell friends and co-workers about our next meeting.

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Putt Putt Winners!



Well it is official our golf gurus for 2005 are Brook Craig, Betty Dudzik, Patty Keairnes, and Stephanie Setlak. These ladies really know how to sink their putts! Rumor has it they are giving lessons on the side?!

The September Social outing was a success, thanks to all who attended.

Basket Raffle

The annual public relations dinner is fast approaching and therefore we need to start gathering donations for the basket raffle. The letters requesting donations will be sent out in early October. If you would like to donate or know someone who would, please contact:

Jessica Ward at jward@lutzcpa.com, or
Keeley Lammers at klammers@lutzcpa.com
Or by phone at 496-8800

We would also encourage members to donate empty baskets as all donations do not come in a basket.

Fall Food Drive

With the approach of the holiday season, the October regular meeting will give members an opportunity to make a donation to the Omaha Food Bank.

Please bring a non-perishable food item(s) to the October meeting. If you would prefer, you can also make a cash donation. Please make checks payable to the Omaha Food Bank. If you are unable to attend the October meeting and would like to make a donation to the Omaha Food Bank, send donations to Linda Aust, Sacco, 1010 N. 96th Street, Omaha, NE 68114 before October 19.

Please Update Your Profile

The Communication Committee is in the process of compiling information for this year's roster. Please visit the National website to update your member profile. www.aswa.org Thank you.

Hurricane Relief

National is organizing relief efforts for ASWA members who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. They are soliciting funds that will be given to the affected chapters, to be disbursed by the chapter leadership. To support this worthwhile cause, please visit the national website at www.aswa.org and click on the link.

2005-2006 Recruiting Counts Contest

The ASWA National Membership Committee is excited to announce the 2005-2006 membership campaign designed to both support you in your recruitment efforts and to recognize your efforts with a variety of special recognition awards, gifts and a chance to win the \$3,000 Grand Prize - a vacation cruise for two or a gift card to your favorite department store. See the attached flier for more information.

Job Posting

Accountant/CPA – Hancock & Dana PC, a locally-owned CPA firm with 30+ employees is looking for CPAs with minimum of 2 years of experience. Audit background preferred. Excellent benefits and opportunities for growth. No travel. Send resume to MP at 12829 W. Dodge Rd., Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68154 or e-mail to lsommer@hancockdana.com.

Member Profiles

Linda Aust

Member Since: 1987
Graduated from: University of NE - Lincoln
Company: The Sacco Group - An Advertising Agency
Position: Controller
Birthday: September 12
Hobbies: Golf, Centris Fed Credit Union Board Activities, Millard South Post Prom Decorations, Watching Husker Football with Friends
Spouse/kids/pets: Spouse Mike, Kids Lindsey - 19 Laura - 17
Most Exciting Event(s) of the past Year: I wouldn't call this "exciting" but the biggest event that has happened in the last year has been getting use to empty nesting with Lindsey's graduation from High School and moving out and Laura's 3 week trip to Germany.
Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate
Favorite Movie: Apollo 13

Betty Dudzik

Member since: 1987
Graduated from: UNL
Company: Husker Glass, Inc. et al & Riverside Technologies, Inc.
Position: varies by company: Controller, Vice President, Sec/Treas and Shareholder
Birthday: 8/28/1964
Hobbies: attending blues concerts, wine tasting, kickboxing & self defense
Spouse/kids/pets: A cat named Al
Most Exciting Events of the past Year: sold a company in July 2004
Favorite Ice Cream: brownie nut fudge
Favorite Movie: varies by mood but I can always watch Breakfast at Tiffany's, The Way We Were and Dr Zhivago

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Kim Steffen

Member Since: 2003
Graduated from: University of NE - Lincoln
Company: Omaha World Herald
Position: Corporate Accountant
Birthday: December 31
Hobbies: Shopping, Reading,
Watching movies
Spouse/kids/pets: Kyle/Braeden (18
months)/no pets
Most Exciting Event(s) of the past Year:
Watching my son grow up
Favorite Ice Cream: Mint Chocolate Chip
with Chocolate Syrup on top
Favorite Movie: City of Angels

Patty Keairnes

Member Since: 1992
Graduated from: University of NE - Lincoln
Company: Mutual Protective Insurance
Company
Position: Chief Financial Officer
Birthday: February 8
Hobbies: Reading, biking, golf
Spouse/kids/pets: Ken/none/Pongo
Most Exciting Event(s) of the past Year:
Cubs games in Chicago
Favorite Ice Cream: Mint Chocolate Chip
Favorite Movie: 101 Dalmatians

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