

# **The Spokeswoman American Society of Women Accountants**

**Ames Chapter No. 158**

**January, 2002**



**January Meeting Notice**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2002**  
**Chef's Inn**  
**6400 West Lincolnway**  
**Ames, IA**

**Social/Meeting: 5:30   Program: 6:00   Dinner: 7:00**

**Dinner Reservations by *noon Tuesday, January 15***

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**Speaker: Tahira Hira**

**Topic: Bankruptcy and Gambling: Is There a Connection?**

Dr. Tahira K. Hira is a professor of Personal Finance and Consumer Economics and Associate Vice Provost for ISU Extension. She joined Iowa State University in 1980 and has been in her current position since 1998. As the Associate Vice provost of ISU Extension, she is responsible for the field operations and has been focused on improving management and organizational systems including development of evaluation processes, position descriptions, personnel policies, and operational guides for field staff and county offices.

As a professor she has taught and conducted research in family financial management, financial counseling and financial planning in Canada & USA. She has been a visiting scholar at NaraWomen's University, Japan; University of Glasgow, Scotland & University of Otago, New Zealand. She has also served on national teams to develop curriculum and courses for universities in Malaysia and United Arab Emirates. She created ISU's Financial Counseling Clinic which is used to conduct research and provide hands on experience in research and counseling to both graduate and undergraduate students. She has developed and taught credit counseling and planning seminars ranging from one half day to two weeks in length for the members of Japan Consumer Finance Association, University of Putra Malaysia and Citibank's recovery units. She is nationally and internationally known for her research in consumer bankruptcy, consumer credit, social- psychological aspects of borrowing behavior of middle and high income Americans, impact of gambling on family financial well being, credit use among college students including student loans. She has published over 73 articles and book chapters; and has made 150 invited national, international and juried presentations. She serves on editorial boards of three

journals, and is a reviewer for several others. She has served as a major professor for 8 Ph.D. and 17 M.S. students. She was a member of 22 doctoral and 10 M.S. Program Of Study (POS) committees.

Her research has been translated in Japanese language. She has been quoted in many national and international papers, television and radio shows. Examples include: New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street, Chicago Tribune; Business Monthly; Christian Science Monitor; Nippon Deizai Shinbun; Modern Maturity; Money Magazine; U.S. News & the World Report, Your Money; CFP Today; Hattiesburg American; Women's Market Share-National Newsletter; The Otago Daily Tribune, NZ, The Tennessean; Lincoln Journal Star, National Public Radio, Public Radio International, Christian Science Sentinel, NBC Today Show; CNN News; and CBS Up To The Minute Show.

She is recipient of many awards including Iowa State University Regents' Faculty Excellence Award, Alumni Faculty Citation, Wilton Park International Achievement Award and Research Excellence Award of the Japan Society of Household Economics. She has served on several national committees and boards including the Institute of the Certified Financial Planners (ICFP), Board of Standards and Practices for the Certified Financial Planners (CFP board), and the National Foundation for Consumer Credit (NFCC). She was founding president of the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education (AFCPE). She has served on the board of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) as vice president of Finance & Properties, Chair of investment committee and President-elect. Currently she is serving as the President of the AAFCS. She has been invited as an expert witness by the U.S. Senate Committees on Judiciary for revisions of consumer bankruptcy code (1998), and by the U.S. Senate Banking Committee to discuss need for money management education (1987).



## **President's Message**

Happy New Year to all! I hope that everyone had a great holiday and that you are all ready to make those resolutions stick this year. This is a time of year to challenge yourself to improve, and to change those things in your life with which you may be less than satisfied.

Two of our members are making courageous changes to start the new year. Cindy Sippel is starting a new position at Sauer Danfoss, and Theresa Samson is starting a new position at the Richmond Center. Cindy has been at Principal many years, and had to be very comfortable there. Theresa is taking a job where she will have a lot of independence and responsibility for one so early in her accounting career. Both will be faced with new challenges. At least they won't have the challenge of driving to Des Moines every day! We're proud of you two, and we'll all be here to support you any way that we can.

As always, our chapter faces challenges as well. Let's all try to do something for the chapter in the next two months. Recruiting new member should be at the top of our lists. Ask that coworker one more time about coming to a meeting, or follow up on someone you think might have an interest. We have a great deal to offer our members. We might be one of the smallest

chapters, but I'm willing to bet that we are one of the tightest. We have a great sense of community.

We're coming up on scholarship time. Lets be aggressive on getting applications from lots of qualified people. I'm making it a personal goal of mine this year to make certain that we have at least 10 applications this year. We should have good funding, and need to find qualified candidates. I am pushing our faculty to publicize the national scholarship as well.

Happy New Year to you all!

### **American Society of Women Accountants**

Ames Chapter #158

Membership Meeting

November 14, 2001

**Call to Order:** The November membership meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Jan Duffy at Chef's Inn in Ames on Wednesday, November 14, 2001, at 7:35 pm. Those in attendance were Nancy Campbell, Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Pat Jenkins, Lisa Kobernusz, Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Theresa Samson, Cindy Sippel, and Beverly Wandling. (Kathy Strum was present for the treasurer's report.) A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Cindy Sippel and seconded by Karen Jacobson that the September minutes be approved as printed in the October bulletin. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was submitted by Kathy Strum and placed on file for review.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Public Relations dinner is scheduled for April 17th at Gateway Center. Penny Strum is working on further arrangements. National is sponsoring a Chapter Challenge which awards chapters that recruit 5 new members. Let's go for it.

**Program:** Beverly Wandling has generously invited us to have our December meeting at her home. We will have a white elephant gift exchange and will have the opportunity to donate to the Chapter scholarship fund. The meeting will be December 19 at 6 pm at Beverly's. Jan Duffy will send more details and will circulate a sign-up sheet for food and beverage items. Speakers have been tentatively arranged for the remainder of the 2001-2002 meetings.

#### **New Business:**

**Board Election:** The chapter reviewed information about the candidates for National Board. Nancy Campbell moved and Margaret Munson seconded a motion to support Carol C. Flynn for the position. Motion carried.

**Speaker gifts:** We have 5 pens left from the supply purchased earlier this year. They were popular items at the National meeting and members have purchased several. We will discuss reordering at a future meeting.

**Report on meeting:** Karen Jacobson was the chapter delegate to the National meeting. She reported that only one of the four proposed amendments to the by-laws did not pass. She will review the Chapter by-laws and bring recommendations for adjustments to comply with

National's changes. Kate reported that the Boise, Idaho, chapter is collecting money for disaster relief. At this time, the membership decided to pursue personal avenues for giving. Kate also reported that we received a thank you for the three baskets we donated to the fund raiser at the National Convention.

**Personal Items:**

**Congratulations** to Kate Mulder on her appointment as area director.

**Condolences** to Karen Jacobson and her family on the recent deaths of her mother and her sister-in-law.

**Employment Opportunities:** Nancy Campbell announced that Sauer has openings for accountants. Contact her for more information.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Margaret Munson and seconded by Lisa Kobernusz that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Munson  
Acting Secretary

## Letters

To my friends,

I want to thank all of you for your support since the death of my mother and sister-in-law.

Thanks also to those of you who contributed to the scholarship fund in my mother's memory. I can't tell you how touched I am at your thoughtfulness and generosity. I cherish the friendship of all of you. It makes this time so much easier to bear when good friends help share your sorrow.

God bless you all.

Karen Jacobson

## Volunteer Opportunity

Ellen Hersman is looking for a treasurer for the organization , Habitat for Humanity.

Jim Kurtenbach is the current treasurer.

It is a voluntary position and they do have their records on Quickbooks.

If anyone would be interested in filing this position contact Ellen at 292-4968 or Jim at 382-3110(hm) or 294-9994(wk).

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