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January Meeting Notice

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Hotel at Gateway Center
Conference 1
US Hwy 30 and Elwood Drive
Ames, IA

Speaker: Marsha Peterson

Topic: Getting Involved with Affordable Housing in Story County

Networking: 5:30 (Lobby Bar)

Speaker: 6:00

Dinner/Meeting: 7:00

Dinner Reservations by Noon, Tuesday, January 20

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Presenter's Background

Marsha is a member of our local chapter of ASWA and a senior accounting student at ISU. She has been involved with Story County Habitat for Humanity since 2000 and International Habitat for Humanity since 1982. Marsha is currently a member of the Public Relations Committee with the Story County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity of Mid Iowa and serves on the board of directors of Story County Community Land Trust. She is a homeowner in Ames, an SCCLT leaseholder and a member of a Habitat Partner Family.



President's Message

Can you believe it is 2004 already? Where does the time go? I remember as a child being told that the years seem to go by faster the older you get and it certainly is true. Some days may seem very long (especially if you are having trouble with some kind of problem) but I can't believe how quickly the pages of the calendar go; days to weeks to months and then years all go flying by.

The New Year is always a good time for reflection. When I look back at 2003, it has been a busy year both personally and professionally. At work, monthly reporting, new software and plenty of changes keep me busy. On a personal level, we moved to a different house; finished the basement; did some traveling (Colorado (twice), Florida, Chicago (twice), Michigan, and Las Vegas); welcomed a new granddaughter; prayed for our son-in-law's (and others) safety in Iraq; and I even managed to finish a quilt. Taking time for reflection reminds me that I am truly blessed and how much has been accomplished in the past year.

What does 2004 hold for us? No one knows for sure but each of us has hopes and plans for the future. I have a "to do" list filled with items. Among other things is a list of books that I would like to read. I used to spend a lot more time reading than I do now and I want to change that in 2004. What do I need to do to make that happen? One thing I can do is to add reading to my daily task list. As long as I only put the things I really plan to do that day on my list, then I usually make time to do them. It is so easy to clutter up the daily list with things you know you won't get to that day. All that does is discourage us and keep us from accomplishing the things we know we can do. What is on your "ASWA to do" list for 2004? Is there a co-worker or friend that you have always planned to invite to a meeting? Do you want to attend the national conference this year? Do you want to attend more of our monthly meetings? Nothing gets done without planning for it to happen. Let's all take the time and make plans for our ASWA chapter for 2004 and make it the best year yet!

Hope to see you on January 21!

Cindy

January's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of November minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee reports:
 - a. Membership
 - i) Chapter Dues Rates
 - ii) 2003-2004 Member Renewal & Recruitment Campaign
 - b. Program
 - c. Scholarship
 - i) ASWA National Scholarship
 - ii) Chapter scholarship
 - d. Bulletin
6. Area Director report (optional)
7. Old business
 - a. Networking luncheons
8. New business
 - a. 2004 National Conference November 10-12, Chicago – call for presentations
9. Next meeting: February 18, 2004
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment

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