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## *Ames Chapter*

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How the Ames Chapter Got Its Start  
A Message from Founding President Karen Jacobson

This month celebrates the 30th anniversary of the chartering of our chapter. Margaret asked me to write a few paragraphs about how we got started.

I kept attending the national conferences and finally was at a point personally where I could devote the time to start up the chapter. I had previously been a member of both the Chicago and Des Moines Chapters of the American Society of Women Accountants. I talked with National and found out that a former member of the Omaha Chapter now lived in Ames. Together with my co-worker Gwen Waalkes and Sue Logan (from Omaha), we put together a list of women who might be interested in a local chapter of a professional women's accounting organization.

We needed to have a sponsoring chapter and so we asked the nearest chapter to us - the Des Moines Chapter - to be our sponsor. We had an organizational meeting and ended up with 30 chartering members. We still have a number of active charter members in our chapter. Way to go, ladies! And we still are actively involved with the Des Moines Chapter. What a legacy we began 30 years ago! Congratulations, Ames Chapter of AFWA (formerly ASWA)!

Karen Jacobson