



St. Cloud Quarry Chapter IAAP

January 2005 Newsletter

In this Issue:

From the Board	2
Agenda	3
New Year's Resolutions	4
Calendar	4

Mission Statement:

To provide office professionals with opportunities for educational, professional and personal growth.

Monthly Education Forum & Business Meeting

“WOMEN AND INVESTING MAKING SMART CHOICES TO GUIDE YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE” by Rosemary Windschittle, Piper Jaffray

Monday, January 10, 2005

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Cellular 2000 Training Room, Waite Park

Investing for retirement is a very real challenge we all face—especially women who tend to have lower lifetime earnings and therefore smaller pensions and fewer assets at retirement time.

Rosemary Windschittle, Vice President – Investments, has been a financial advisor with Piper Jaffray since 1994 and is a Certified Financial Planner. Rose will share investing advice beginning with our early working years through retirement.

Meal: Bread bowl, chicken wild rice soup & salad.

RSVP by Wednesday, January 5th to Lisa Schmitz
e-mail Lisa at L.Schmitz@mahowald.net or call 320-257-2693

You Never Lose Value

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this. He proceeded to crumple the \$20 dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE. You are special - Don't EVER forget it."

Membership Anniversaries

January

Carolyn Fowler, CPS – 12 years

OfficeTeam – 4 years

Jeanne Terres – 5 years



From the Board...Happy New Year!

Submitted by: Lori Oldenburg

IT'S ANOTHER NEW YEAR.....

"Happy New Year" is a phrase you will hear a number of times in the first few weeks of the new year. But the day celebrated in America was not always January 1st.

The new years celebration is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 bc, the Babylonian New Year began with the first new moon after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year, after all it is the season of "new". January 1st however, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance, it is purely arbitrary.

The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors, so that calendar become out of sync with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate in 153 bc declared January 1st to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar in 46 bc established what has become known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1st as the new year.

New Years Traditions:

Traditions date back to the early Babylonians. One of the most popular ones at that time was to return borrowed farm equipment. Modern resolutions include things like, losing weight, quitting smoking, or spending less money.

The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year began in Greece around 600 bc. It was tradition at the time to celebrate their god of wine by parading baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of the god of wine as the spirit of fertility.

For Luck in the New Year:

Traditionally it was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate the first day of the new year. For that reason it became common for people to celebrate the first few minutes of a brand new year with friends and family. Parties often last into the middle of the night after ringing in the new year. It was once believed that the first visitor on new years day would bring either good luck or bad luck the rest of the year. It was particularly lucky if that visitor happened to be a tall dark-haired man.

Foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, it symbolizes "coming full circle" completing a years cycle.

Happy New Year from the St. Cloud Quarry Chapter board members!
See you next year.

Just for fun. Write as many words as you can from the phrase "HAPPY NEW YEAR". The words must be four or more letters and keep it clean ladies. Whoever has the most words will win a prize at the January meeting.

Getting to Know You...Welcome New Member, Andria Torrey!

Favorite flavor of ice cream: Peppermint Bon Bon

Why I joined IAAP: Because Peggy threatened my grade if I didn't join. (Just kidding, Peggy! ☺)

Favorite TV show: Las Vegas & Joey

Favorite movie: Almost Famous

Favorite animal: Polar Bear

Pet Peeve: People who drive below the speed limit for no reason

Favorite saying: Oh, isn't that convenient!

If money were no object: I would be able to stay home and be a mommy

Favorite season: Summer

What I like most about my job: (When I find one) The responsibility to keep myself busy and organized

Favorite color: Red

Person I would most like to meet: Kate Hudson

Dream car: Red Corvette

Dream vacation: Morocco

Favorite food: Seafood

Favorite book: "To Kill a Mockingbird"



St. Cloud Quarry Chapter, IAAP
Monthly Educational Forum & Membership Meeting

AGENDA

Monday, January 10, 2005



5:15 - 5:30 p.m. **Registration/Social**

5:30 - 5:50 p.m. **Welcome/Introductions/Dinner**

5:50 - 7:00 p.m. **Program/Educational Forum**
Speaker: Rosemary Windschittle, Piper Jaffray
Topic: Women & Investing

7:00 p.m. **Five-minute break**

7:05 p.m. **Call to Order**
1. Approval of Secretary Minutes (November)
2. Treasurer's Report

Unfinished Business:

1. Christmas Social Report – Melissa Linneman & Mary Milam
2. 2005 Spring Conference Update – Pat Zwack, CPS/CAP & Andi Towner CPS
3. Ways & Means Report – Jeanne Terres & Lisa Schmitz

New Business:

1. Installation of new members: Pam Reding, Andria Torrey & Sunny Ithivongkham
2. VIM (Very Important Member) Awards

Announcements - Good of the Association

Raffle Drawing

Adjournment

New Year's Resolutions That Can Benefit Your Career

--Submitted by OfficeTeam

Nearly everyone makes resolutions at the beginning of the year, but how many of these objectives are career related? Not many, according to a recent survey. Fifty-five percent of workers polled said they never make a career-focused New Year's resolution, and 85 percent said they did not make one last year.

The survey was developed by OfficeTeam and conducted by an independent research firm. It includes responses from 525 men and women aged 18 years or older and employed in professional environments.

Many people focus their New Year's resolutions on ways to spend more time with loved ones or on other quality-of-life improvements. But work also contributes to your overall well-being, which makes this time of year ideal for re-evaluating your aspirations and developing detailed plans for achieving them.

Here are a few simple, but specific, objectives you might consider in 2005:

- **Learn something new.** Acquire a new skill by enrolling in a class or training seminar or by volunteering for a project at work outside of your normal duties. Doing so adds to your skill set while also demonstrating your dedication and willingness to continually improve.
- **Refresh your resume.** Whether you're happily employed or in the middle of finding a new job, you should always keep your resume current. Ready-to-go application materials are invaluable not only if your employment situation suddenly changes, but also in the event you're under consideration for a promotion.
- **Expand your network.** A solid web of professional contacts can be invaluable in advancing your career. Members of your network can provide you with job leads as well as advice that can help you perform your job better. Attending professional association chapter meetings or regular networking events can help grow your list of professional acquaintances.

OfficeTeam is the world's leading staffing service specializing in highly skilled administrative and office support professionals. The company has more than 300 locations worldwide, and offers online job search services at www.officeteam.com. For more information, call 1-800-804-8367.

Dates To Remember

February Education Forum & Chapter Meeting

Cellular 2000 Training Room
"Dealing with Difficult and
Resilient People"
February 14, 2005

Application Deadline for
May CPS/CAP Exam
February 15, 2005

