

# UASFAA Newsletter



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## Calendar Events

**UASFAA Conference  
April 26-28, 2006**

**2006 NASFAA  
Conference**  
*Find your way to Seattle  
next summer and learn  
more than you can imagine*

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## Presidents Message by Cristi Easton



The Holidays are upon us! Decorations are going up all over. And, if you ask me, Halloween is too soon for Christmas decorations. However, we do have someone in our office who starts playing Christmas music in July – so I guess some people really like getting in the holiday spirit.

This is my last message as president of UASFAA. It's been a fun year, although many of our schools have had some challenges, both with personnel and computer systems. But through it all, I have always been able to call anyone at any school and receive the help that I need. That's one of the things I really like about our association – we're never too busy to try to help our peers.

My thanks to all of you who have put up with all my requests. You haven't given me too hard of a time when I called you to coerce you into running for an office or serving on a committee. I am really excited for this next year. Terri Stephens will be a great state president. She has some great committee chairs and you will be receiving a request to volunteer for our committees soon. Please be willing to serve on these committees. It's a lot more fun than you think! And as you all start voting for our president-elect, secretary-treasurer and associate member-elect, please remember the sacrifice these individuals have made by just agreeing to run.

As I close out my year, Steve Bang from BYU is also closing out his tenure as secretary-treasurer to our association. Steve has done a great job for the association. Some of you may not know Steve. He's not loud and outspoken as I am, so he's not always noticed. But he has kept our minutes and paid our bills over the last two years. So if you see him at our next conference, be sure and thank him for his service to the association.

Again, my thanks to all of you for your support during this past year. And my thanks to those of you who have expressed your support during these next two years as I begin my tenure as RNASFAA president-elect and then president. I was looking over the list of presidents and realized that the last RNASFAA president we had from Utah was Mike Johnson! Since I count Mike as one of my mentors in the financial aid arena, I am humbled to be following him for Utah. I only hope I can do half as good a job as he has done.

So, Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, Happy Hanukah, or whatever your holiday time means to you. I wish you good health, good spirits and enough money to keep the debt collectors from your door!

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## Upcoming Events

**Electronic Access Conference** – November 29 to December 2, 2005, Atlanta, GA

**2006 UASFAA Conference**, April 26-28, 2006, Salt Lake Community College

**2006 NASFAA Conference**, July 5-8, 2006 in Seattle, WA

**Electronic Access Conference**, October 30 to November 2, 2006 in Orlando, FL

**Electronic Access Conference**, November 28 to December 1, 2006 in Las Vegas, NV

**2006 RMAFAA Conference, October 8-11, 2006, Salt Lake City, UT**  
Volunteer now to help make this conference the success it should be. Session presenters and moderators are needed. Contact Amy Capps at 801.581.4875, [acapps@sa.utah.edu](mailto:acapps@sa.utah.edu) or Mike Johnson at 801.321.7209, [mjohnson@utahsbr.edu](mailto:mjohnson@utahsbr.edu) to lend a helping hand.

2007 UASFAA Conference, Orem, UT to be hosted by Utah Valley State College

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## Movers & Shakers

**Kelly Jensen** is a new BYU admissions/financial aid counselor. She comes from the BYU Scholarship Office and we are thrilled to have her! [Kelly\\_Jensen@byu.edu](mailto:Kelly_Jensen@byu.edu) , A-161 ASB, 801.422-2725.

**Shelley Pollack** is moving up the TERI ladder. She is now the Manager of the West, and to TERI, west is anything besides the East Coast. Way to go Shelley. Rack up those frequent flyer miles.

**Art Young** was seen escaping Cache Valley to become the new student loan representative at Key Bank. Watch for him coming to your campus soon. You'll recognize him by his big, friendly smile.

**Scott J. Wakefield**, former scholarship specialist/financial aid advisor and all around nice guy has left Salt Lake Community College for Zions Bank where he will be the student loan sales manager. Scott earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from BYU and an MS Ed. from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Look for him coming to an office near you as he peddles student loans.

Dixie State College signed **Roberta Cole** as the new loan coordinator and picked up free agent **Sue Perschon** from Snow College to fill the position of queen of scholarships.

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## Update Your Membership Information

Please take a moment to verify membership information as listed in the Member Directory on the UASFAA Web page at <http://www.uasfaa.org/directory/>. If any information needs to be updated or corrected it can only be done by the voting member of your institution. A PIN is required to make any change. If you have forgotten the PIN please contact Terry Bell at 435.652.7577 or [bell@dixie.edu](mailto:bell@dixie.edu) to get your PIN.

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## Tidbits

See what you may have missed at RMASFAA!



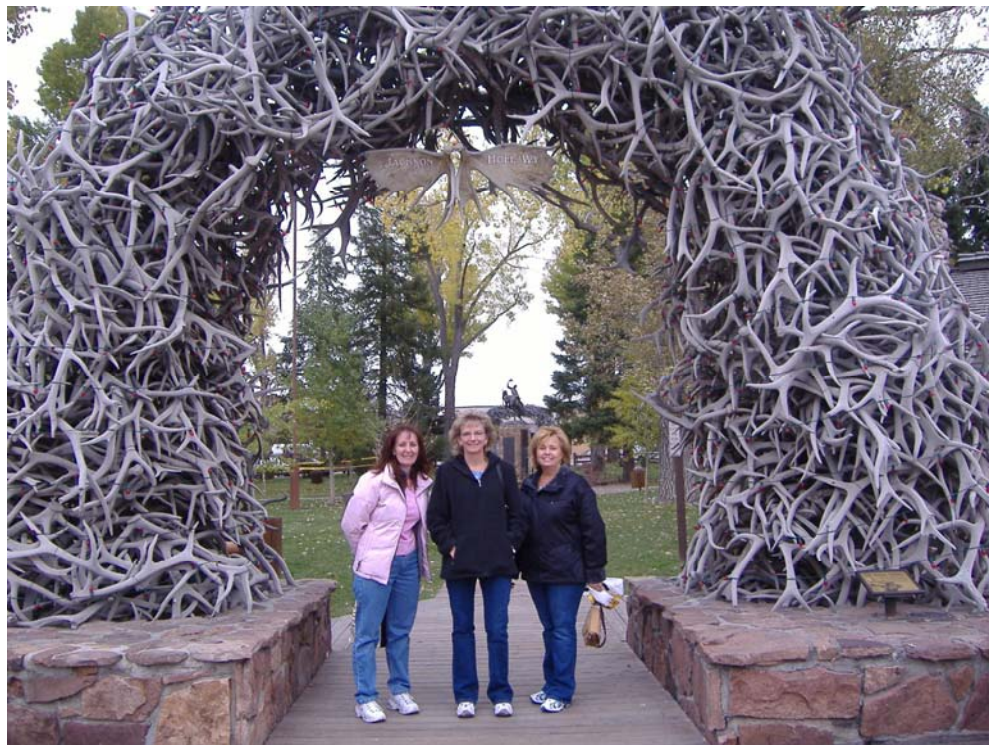
It almost looks like Mike Johnson is ready for some kind of payback.

And who said conferences were just a bunch of meetings?



Whoa! What was that? Somehow I can't seem to recall this being part of my job description. I was told this was all for a good cause but now I wonder if that was simply a ploy to model the new Fall lineup of all-occasion jackets from Glad.

Your trusty president at RMASFAA.



Donna Brown, Terri Stephens & Connie Pilkington from DATC were captured in this photo on the Jackson Town Square.

On the scary side of life, can you name this mystery member? The first person to correctly identify 'her' will receive a free one-year subscription to the UASFAA Newsletter. Send your guess to the newsletter [editor](#).

Modeling a lively cloak that was handmade in Guatemala, this 'mystery' discovered that blondes really do have more fun. Her blouse is a traditional cotton with pleated front and a large embroidered-lace collar. The stunning, fake pearls complement the sequined temples of the Walmart special sunglasses. And completing this lovely fashion statement is a black Very Sexy for Her purse from Victoria's Secret. Not seen in this photo but complimented on the street are the European-style legs; unshaven for that natural look that is sure to attract comments.

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## Do You Remember When . . .

### **The Staten Island Boys ask if you remember when ...**

Nearly everyone's Mom was at home when the kids got home from school?

Nobody owned a purebred dog?

When a quarter was a decent allowance?

You'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny?

Your Mom wore nylons that came in two pieces?

All your male teachers wore neckties and female teachers had their hair done every day and wore high heels?

You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking, all for free, every time? And you didn't pay for air? And, you got trading stamps to boot?

Laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes or towels hidden inside the box?

It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents?

They threatened to keep kids back a grade if they failed. . and they did?

Blackjack, Clove and Teaberry chewing gum?

Check out more memories at [http://thestatenislandboys.com/U\\_thrill\\_me/](http://thestatenislandboys.com/U_thrill_me/)

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## It's Another New Year . . .

*...but for what reason?*

"Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1.

### **ANCIENT NEW YEARS**

The celebration of the new year 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 (actually the first visible crescent) 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 rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.



The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun.

In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

### **THE CHURCH'S VIEW OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

Although in the first centuries AD the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic Church condemned the festivities as paganism. But as Christianity became more widespread, the early church began having its own religious observances concurrently with many of the pagan celebrations,

and New Year's Day was no different. New Years is still observed as the Feast of Christ's Circumcision by some denominations.

During the Middle Ages, the Church remained opposed to celebrating New Years. January 1 has been celebrated as a holiday by Western nations for only about the past 400 years.

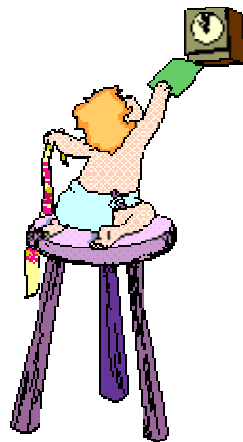
### **NEW YEAR TRADITIONS**

Other traditions of the season include the making of New Year's resolutions. That tradition also dates back to the early Babylonians. Popular modern resolutions might include the promise to lose weight or quit smoking. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.



The Tournament of Roses Parade dates back to 1886. In that year, members of the Valley Hunt Club decorated their carriages with flowers. It celebrated the ripening of the orange crop in California.

Although the Rose Bowl football game was first played as a part of the Tournament of Roses in 1902, it was replaced by Roman chariot races the following year. In 1916, the football game returned as the sports centerpiece of the festival.



The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

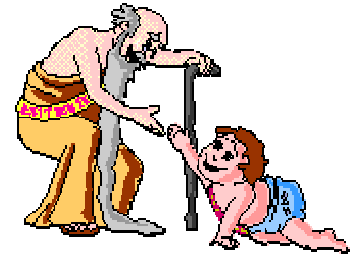
Although the early Christians denounced the practice as pagan, the popularity of the baby as a symbol of rebirth forced the Church to reevaluate its position. The Church finally allowed its members to celebrate the new year with a baby, which was to symbolize the birth of the baby Jesus.

The use of an image of a baby with a New Years banner as a symbolic representation of the new year was brought to early America by the Germans. They had used the effigy since the fourteenth century.

### **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 on the first day of the year. For that reason, it has become

common for folks to celebrate the first few minutes of a brand new year in the company of family and friends. Parties often last into the middle of the night after the ringing in of a new year. It was once believed that the first visitor on New Year's 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.



Traditional New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune.

Many parts of the U.S. celebrate the new year by consuming black-eyed peas. These legumes are typically accompanied by either hog jowls or ham. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck in many cultures. The hog, and thus its meat, is considered lucky because it symbolizes prosperity. Cabbage is another "good luck" vegetable that is consumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity, being representative of paper currency. In some regions, rice is a lucky food that is eaten on New Year's Day.

### **AULD LANG SYNE**

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," playing in the background, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days." The lyrics can be found [here](#).

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