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Accounting Profession Trends

On October 13, 2005 the Topeka Chapter of AGA hosted a Professional Luncheon Lecture Series focused on current trends in the accounting profession and what employers want in new employees.

Lecturers for this Lecture Series were Jim Gourley, Director of Career Services at Washburn University, Shari Rawlings, Director of Sales & Marketing at Premier Personnel, and Jolene Byer, Business Career Services at Kansas University of Business.

Attendees were given tips on answering interview questions, and were supplied with sources to aid in the job search process.

Lecturers not only geared their presentations towards individuals searching for jobs, but also provided employers with advice on hiring employees with the qualities they are searching for.

Searching for a job and hiring the right employee are both very difficult and this lecture provided attendees with advice and sources for making the process a little less stressful.



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New President-Elect

On September 29, 2005 Brenda Adkins resigned from the position of President-Elect.

Brandi Baer was voted, by the CEC, the new President-Elect of the Topeka Chapter on October 14, 2005.

Brandi currently works as an auditor at the Kansas Highway Patrol, and is serving as the Director of Communication for the Topeka Chapter of AGA.

The CEC is confident that Brandi is capable of fulfilling the respon-

sibilities of this demanding position.

The CEC believes Brandi has much to offer our Chapter and looks forward to working with her. Please, welcome our new President-Elect.



Brandi Baer

Performance Management Conference

Make plans now to attend AGA's First National Performance Management Conference (PMC), Service Efforts & Accomplishments Reporting: The Cornerstone for Building Trust and Enhancing Management in Portland, Oregon. The Conference is set for November 14-15, 2005, at the Marriot Portland Downtown Waterfront Hotel, and features presentations by state and local government officials who have been recognized for preparing top-quality Service Efforts & Accomplishments (SEA) Reports.

Full conference attendee registration package includes the opportunity to earn up to 14.5 CPE hours, entrance to all education

sessions, two continental breakfasts, four refreshment breaks, two luncheons, one reception and a registration tote bag.

Register by October 21, 2005 for the early rate:

- Members—\$350
- Non-members—\$395

After October 21, 2005 the registration rate is:

- Members—\$425
- Non-members—\$490

Registration information can be found online at:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/pmc/index.htm>

Holiday Celebration

The Topeka Chapter of AGA invites you to join us Friday, December 2, 2005, at 5:30 for this year's Holiday Celebration.

The 2005 Holiday Celebration will be held at the White Lakes Plaza Clubhouse.

Food, drink, and holiday music will be provided.

Donations for Toys for Tots will be collected at the door. The CEC encourages all attendees to make a \$5 donation of either money or a new un-wrapped toy.

The CEC looks forward to seeing you there and wishes you all a Happy Holiday.

Please, RSVP to bbaer@khp.ks.gov by November 30, 2005.



COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

AGA Midwestern Regional Professional Development Conference

President-Elect (Chair)
 Immediate Past President
 President
 Member from Federal Agency
 Member from University
 Chair of Education and Training Committee
 Chair of Professional Lecture Series Committee
 Student

Membership Committee

Committee Chair
 Member from Federal Agency
 Member from Manhattan
 Member from Lawrence
 Member from Wichita
 Chair of Professional Certification
 Student
 Retired Member

Topeka Chapter History Committee

Committee Chair
 Director of Communications
 Student
 Retired Member

Education and Training Committee

Committee Chair
 Member of Federal Agency
 Member of University
 Member from Wichita Area
 Program/Technical Committee Chair
 Chair of Professional Certification
 Retired Member
 Chair of Professional Lecture Series
 Student

Chapter Recognition Committee

Committee Chair
 Immediate Past Committee Chair
 Director of Communications
 President
 Immediate Past President
 President-Elect
 Student

Entertainment and Awards Committee

Committee Chair
 Director of History
 Director of Facilities
 Director of Membership
 Director of Communications
 Student
 Retired Member

Early Careers Committee

Committee Chair
 Member from Federal Agency
 Member from KU
 Member from KSU
 Member from Washburn
 Member from WSU
 Member from A&R
 Member from Revenue
 Member from SRS
 Student

Community Service Committee

Committee Chair
 Member from Manhattan Area
 Member from Lawrence Area
 Member from Topeka Area
 Member from Wichita Area
 Student

Professional Lecture Series

Committee Chair
 Member from KSU/Manhattan Area
 Member from KU/Lawrence Area
 Member from WSU/Wichita Area
 Member from Washburn/Topeka Area
 Member from/student of ACCC
 Student
 Retired Member
 Education and Training Committee Chair

There are still plenty of committee opportunities available. To make the organization successful it is necessary that members play an active role in the planning of events.

Serving on a committee is an excellent networking opportunity allowing participants to form

valuable relationships.

Serving on a committee also allows participants to have a voice in the governance of the Topeka AGA Chapter, and is an opportunity to institute new ideas and direction into the organization.

Further Your Career

The Certified Government Financial Manager has become a mark of excellence in Federal, State and Local Government.

The Topeka Chapter CEC encourages all members to join the more than 13,000 individuals who have already received this remarkable designation.

Study Guides for all three exam sections are now available at www.agacgfm.org.

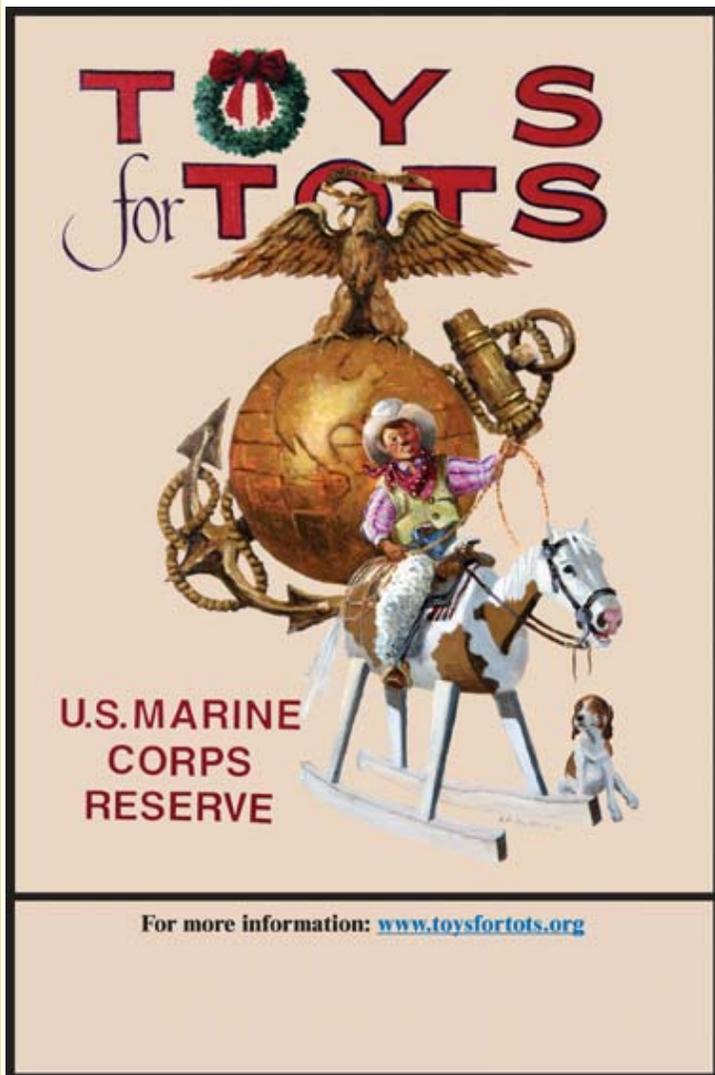
At the Fourth Annual Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. AGA will offer a

16-hour Intensive Review Course for qualified CGFM candidates at a cost of \$195. As a bonus the participants will be allowed to take the CGFM free of charge at the event.

The Intensive Review Course will be offered February 1-2, 2006 and the exam may be taken by appointment only February 3-4, 2006. Space is limited so sign up early. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Cancellations will be accepted until January 6, 2006, after this date refunds will not be allowed.

Earn your CGFM and get ahead!!

Toys For Tots



The Christmas season is upon us, and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve is reaching out to children in need yet again through its Toys for Tots program.

Toys for Tots was started in 1947 by Major Bill Hendricks and resulted in the collection of 5,000 toys. The program has come a long way since its inception, as last year's toy collection resulted in the donation of 19 million toys.

The mission of the program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

The goal of the USMCR is to deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

The Topeka AGA Chapter will be collecting unwrapped toys for ages five and younger and money for this honorable cause. The Chapter will match up to a \$100 in donations. Nickie Roberts, Director of Community Service, will purchase toys with the money donated.

Please, bring your donations to the November 10, 2005 Professional Luncheon Lecture Series or to the Christmas Party. You can make a difference!

Contact Nickie Roberts at Nickie.Roberts@da.state.ks.us or (785) 296-7917 with questions or donations.

CEC Minutes

September 1, 2005 the CEC held a meeting, from 5:30 to 8:20, at Fox Ridge Clubhouse.

At this meeting the following items were brought before the CEC.

1. The possibility of donating funds to the Hurricane Katrina relief fund.
2. The need to select members for the PDC committee. Members for the PDC committee were selected.
3. The Treasurer's report was given highlighting the audit report, and the costs of the past year.
4. Community service events and possible donations.
5. Reports on committees and membership were distributed. The Topeka Chapter currently has 75 members.
6. The web site will continue to be updated.



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Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

James A. Baldwin

We're on the web!
www.AGAKS.org

President's Message

2005-2006 Year



The past months have shown the quality programs the Topeka Chapter is capable of sponsoring. In October AGA sponsored a seminar that allowed attendees to hear about the changes occurring in the job market for individuals in the finance field. Attendees were able to glimpse what employers are looking for and what potential employees are looking for in employers.

The Topeka Chapter has seen several changes in the past month. On September 29th Brandi Baer became our new President-Elect. Brandi is taking over the position mid-year and has made great progress in accomplishing her responsibilities. Fortunately, she has agreed to continue in her role as Newsletter Director. I would also like to recognize Kathy Bohnhoff for taking on the role of Audio Conference Coordinator. She did a wonderful job of organizing her first audio conference: "How to Write Federal Subgrant Awards" held on November 3. I am extremely confident in the ability of Brandi and Kathy to fulfill their responsibilities in AGA, and I look forward to working with them in the future.

The PDC committee is hard at work in organizing the 2006 PDC. The PDC will be held February 23 and 24, 2006 at the Topeka Holidome and will focus on the changing role of today's financial manager. The committee is currently in the process of organizing speakers and activities.

In the future months the Topeka Chapter will host several events. On November 10th Dennis Moss will be discussing internal controls at the Luncheon Lecture Series, and on December 2nd AGA will celebrate the Holiday Season at the White Lakes Plaza Clubhouse. I encourage both members and non-members to attend both of these events.

Finally, the Topeka chapter will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots. Please support a cause that brings much joy to needy children.

Upcoming Events

- November 10, 2005—Professional Luncheon Lecture Series, Dennis Moss, CIA
- November 14-15, 2005—Professional Management Conference, Portland, Oregon.
- December 2, 2005—Holiday Social at the White Lakes Plaza Clubhouse.
- February 23 & 24, 2006—Topeka Chapter PDC at the Holidome.

