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## Internal Controls

On November 10th the Topeka AGA Chapter was honored to host a Professional Luncheon Lecture with presenter Dennis Moss, Director of University Internal Audit at the University of Kansas.

Attendees were treated to a lecture focused on improving internal controls within their organizations and the importance of having strong internal controls.

Dennis also shared some of his personal experiences with ineffective internal controls and what could have been done to

build strong controls to prevent such deficiencies.

The Topeka Chapter sends a sincere thanks to Dennis Moss for his informative presentation and looks forward to providing further lectures on related topics.



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## N.A.L.G.A. 18th Annual Conference

The National Association of Local Government Auditors is hosting its 18th Annual Conference in San Jose, California, May 22-23, 2006.

Conference highlights include:

- David Walker, U.S. Comptroller general.
- Homeland Security and Public Safety
- Audit Role in Performance Management.

The following will be included in addition to regular sessions:

- Peer Review Workshop, Full Day (\$220)
- Report Writing Workshop, Half Day (\$120)
- IT Workshop, Half Day (\$120)
- Fraud Workshop, Half Day (\$120)

Conference Fees:

- Members \$395
- Non-Members \$495
- Guest \$100

For more information please visit [www.nalga.org](http://www.nalga.org).

# 2006 Midwest Regional PDC

## *The Expanding Role of Today's Financial Manager*



### Nationally Recognized Speakers

Sam McCall,  
City Auditor-Tallahassee, FL  
&  
Pearl R. McDonald

Mark your calendar for:

February 23 & 24

8:30-5:00

Topeka  
Holiday Inn Holidome

### HOW TO REGISTER

Visit our web site at  
[www.agakz.org](http://www.agakz.org)  
and provide the information re-  
quested.

Payment can be by  
personal check, PO, or agency  
check.

### **Early Bird Registration**

**\*\* Save \$20 \*\***

**DEADLINE: February 3**

### Topics

Fraud Awareness  
Humor in the Workplace  
Communication Skills  
Internal Controls  
Health Insurance Concerns  
Ethics  
Leadership  
& Much More

### Thursday Evening Social!

- Network with old or new Friends
- Enjoy the food and entertainment

### Registration Fee

Members—\$250

Non-Members—\$270



## Nationally Recognized PDC Lecturers

The 2006 PDC Committee is working hard to bring you an outstanding PDC.

The 2006 PDC Committee is pleased to announce that for the 2006 PDC two nationally recognized lecturers will be presenting compelling and exciting topics.

Pearl R. MacDonald will be presenting two topics, Communication Skills and Humor in the Workplace. Ms. MacDonald has more than 700 presentations under her belt and promises to be a fun and innovative speaker.



Pearl R. MacDonald

Sam McCall will also be presenting at the 2006 PDC. Mr. McCall is the City Auditor in Tallahassee, FL and, and has served on many advisory boards throughout his career. Mr. McCall will be presenting on the topic of Fraud Awareness. Mr. McCall has a vast amount of accounting experience which will be reflected in his presentation. All who attend his presentation are in for an intriguing and informative presentation.



Sam McCall

Please, take advantage of this opportunity to listen to these nationally recognized lecturers.

## 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](mailto:bbaer@khp.ks.gov) by November 30, 2005.



## 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](http://www.agacgfm.org).

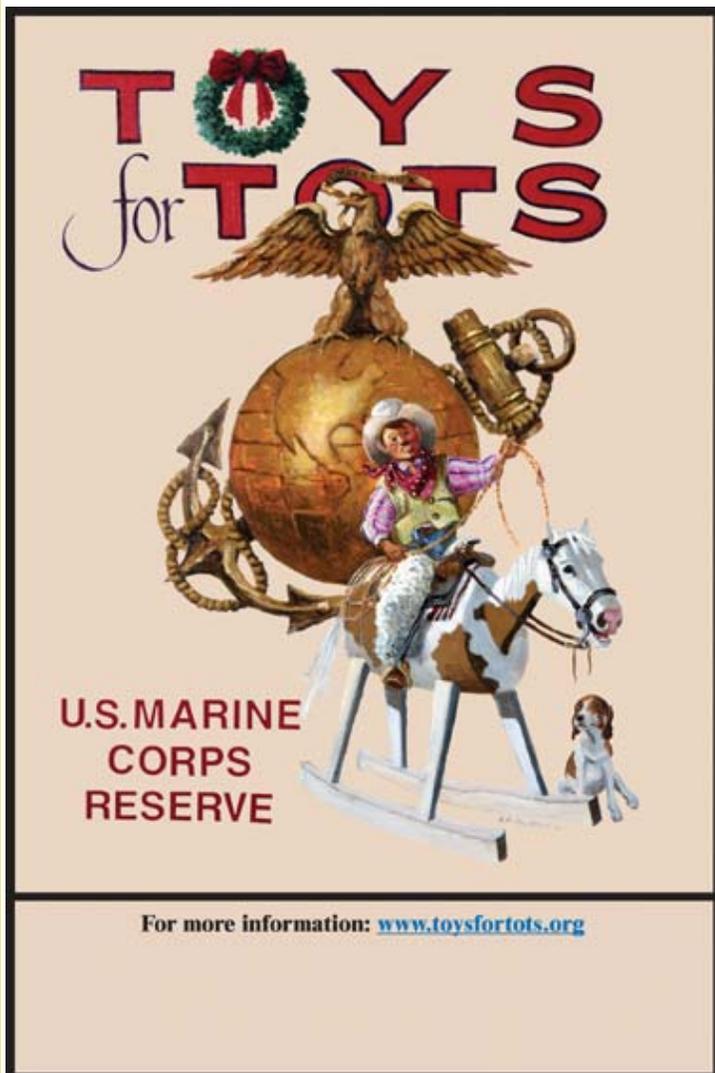
At the Fourth Annual Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. AGA will offer a

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](mailto:Nickie.Roberts@da.state.ks.us) or (785) 296-7917 with questions or donations.

## CEC Minutes

On October 5, 2005 at 5:30 the Topeka AGA CEC meet at the Fox ridge Clubhouse for the November Board meeting. The following items were discussed at the meeting.

1. Promoting CGFM.
2. The submission of President-Elect, Brenda Adkins, resignation. And, a nomination committee was formed.
3. The budget for the 2005-2006 year was distributed.
4. The community service budget and projects for the year were distributed.
5. A donation of \$500 was made to the local Topeka red Cross, and a donation of \$500 was made to the National AGA Katrina Relief Fund.
6. The guidelines for the Allen County Scholarship were discussed.
7. Walt Darling was nominated for the position of Midwest regional Vice President-Elect.



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Imagination was given to man  
to compensate him for what he  
is not; a sense of humor to  
console him for what he is.

Francis Bacon

**We're on the web!  
[www.AGAKS.org](http://www.AGAKS.org)**

## *President's Message*

### **2005-2006 Year**



We have officially arrived in the *meaty* part of the holiday season, that being Thanksgiving, in many homes a holiday consisting of a gluttonous feast, the viewing of Lions and Cowboys, napping, more eating, and invariably more napping. Luckily, by the time you read this you will have had a week to recover before reveling in the holiday spirit with colleagues and friends at the AGA Holiday Social on December 2.

A meal of the mental variety occurs the following week on December 8 as the Topeka Chapter hosts a Luncheon Lecture with Washburn University Professor of Business Strategy Dr. Robert Weigand who will discuss "Market Trends 2005" in the Shawnee Room of the Student Union.

And then we shall rest, taking comfort in knowing that we enjoyed a 2005 filled with a host of educational and community service events. Personally, I've enjoyed meeting and conversing with such a fine group of attendees from the federal, state, local, nonprofit, and private sectors as much as the lecture topics! Let's not forget how important networking is to the advancement of your career.

We will begin 2006 with a bang, as the Topeka Chapter hosts its annual Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Topeka Holiday Inn-Holidome. We anticipate this year's PDC even to be the best yet. Thanks to the continued hard work of President-Elect Brandi Baer and the PDC Committee I have the distinct pleasure of welcoming AGA National President and Tallahassee, Florida City Auditor Sam McCall to the PDC. In addition, we will have Pearl R. MacDonald as a keynote and breakout session speaker. Pearl is a nationally renowned presenter, communication expert, leadership guru, motivational speaker, *and* improvisational comedian from Kansas City! Trust me, hers is one presentation you won't want to miss. And that's barely scratching the surface of what's on offer at the 2006 PDC. I sincerely hope to see you there!

With that I'll end by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. Cheers!

## **Upcoming Events**

- December 2, 2005—Holiday Social at the White Lakes Plaza Clubhouse.
- December 8, 2005—Professional Luncheon Lecture, Washburn University, Dr. Robert Weigand, Market Trends 2005.
- February 23 & 24, 2006—Topeka Chapter PDC at the Holidome.



If you have a topic or story you wish to have included in the Topeka Register, please contact Brandi Baer at [bbaer@khp.ks.gov](mailto:bbaer@khp.ks.gov). She will do her best to include it in the next volume.