

# Topeka Register

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## SAVE THE DATE!!!

## Upcoming Events

November 14, 2007—Audio Conference—  
"Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency" (See  
page 3 for details)

December 7, 2007—Holiday Social  
White Lakes Plaza  
Clubhouse

December 12, 2007—Audio Conference—  
"Anatomy of Fraud: Case Examples of Greed,  
Collusion, and Override of Controls"—  
Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library

March 6 & 7, 2008—Professional Development  
Conference  
Capital Plaza Hotel  
Topeka, KS  
2008 Theme: "Communication"

## Congratulations Members!!



**Brandi Baer, AGA Topeka Chapter Immediate Past President, was listed in this weekend's business section of the *Topeka Capital Journal* among those CPA candidates from northeast Kansas who successfully completed all parts of the CPA Exam.**

**Pam Simecka, AGA Topeka Chapter Member, was recently promoted to City Controller/Assistant Finance Director, for the City of Topeka.**

**Congratulations Pam and Brandi!!**

# Community Service Events

Submitted by Nickie Roberts



Our Community Service volunteers have been very busy this past month. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, we assisted with registrations for this year's **American Heart Walk** by delivering brochures to local businesses. Despite the wet cool day, over 600 registered walkers participated.



On September 19<sup>th</sup>, AGA provided over 80 volunteer hours for the **Race Against Breast Cancer**, preparing race packets on Thursday evening, early registrations on Friday evening, and the Saturday morning race. The Topeka Chapter paid the registration fee for its members who participated in the race. On Saturday morning, Topeka AGA Chapter Member Nickie Roberts interviewed with Rose of 107.7 promoting the race and our dedicated AGA volunteers. Topeka AGA Member Shirley Hollis was the volunteer Chairperson for this year's event. Topeka Chapter Member Carolyn Brock (pictured to the right and in purple, with Carol Sprague) won the sunflower picture in the raffle. A sincere thank you goes out to our Topeka AGA Members Shirley Hollis, Carolyn Brock, Brenda Haya, Brandi Baer, Fred Baer (Nos. 405 and 406 pictured to the left above), Nick Kramer, Carol Sprague and Travis White for their participation in this very important community fundraiser.

The RABC event had a net income of approximately \$74,000, which will provide approximately 750 free mammograms for those in Shawnee County and surrounding counties.

And don't forget that your Topeka AGA Chapter started a new "**Collecting Loose Change**" project. Participants of Topeka Chapter events have generously brought to us their loose change. During the September and October meetings, the Chapter raised \$35 for the Topeka Rescue Mission. The chapter will match this amount and deliver the contributions at the end of 2007. November and December Loose Change donations will go to **Toys for Tots**. Bring your loose change to monthly membership meetings for a worthwhile cause!

# CEC Highlights

## October 4, 2007 Meeting

Submitted by Marti Leisinger



**Members Present:** President Sabrina Wells, Kathy Bohnhoff, Linda Farlow, Brandi Baer, Nickie Roberts, Melinda Richter, Marti Leisinger, Nick Kramer, Walt Darling, Larry Barrett, Mary Johnson, Dawn Palmberg, Fred Baer

**Minutes** - Marti reviewed the minutes from the September 5th meeting. They were unanimously approved.

Sabrina said that Career day at Washburn went well. We got about 30 new e-mail addresses. **Treasurer Report-** Walt reviewed the materials that he handed-out. Topeka AGA Chapter has \$11,000 in CDs and one is coming up for renewal on November 30, 2007. He recommended either renewing the one CD for 30 days or placing it in the Chapter's savings account. It was voted to put the money in the Chapter's savings account to be used for the upcoming PDC. The Chapter received a letter from Don Wilson regarding his review of its financial records for the previous fiscal year. Don reported that the record-keeping was in good shape. He made some recommendations pertaining to the tracking of cash receipts.

**Recognition Points** – Melinda reminded everyone of the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for history and chapter points.

**Early Careers** – Mary and Dawn suggested incentives for recruiting new members. A contest was suggested or the offer of an incentive, such as a discounted membership or PDC registration. Walt suggested offering a special item to those who successfully recruit a member. National has \$165.00 reserved for us to help in recruiting. We could use this as a cash prize.

**PDC Update** – Larry mentioned that he had 2 speakers lined up, 3 that were tentative, and 1 other possibility. The members discussed the possibility of retaining an inspirational speaker. Walt suggested President Farley.

The next PDC meeting is scheduled for November 7, @ 5:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

### AGA AUDIO CONFERENCE

Submitted by Linda Farlow

**DATE: November 14, 2007**      **LOCATION: Topeka Shawnee County Public Library**  
**Menninger Room 206**

**TIME: 12:00 PM Lunch**  
**1:00 Presentation**

**CPE: 2 hours**

**Cost (Lunch Included)**  
**Members, \$30**  
**Non-Members, \$40**

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA), is pleased to announce an audio conference "Conducting Performance Audits Efficiently: Tools and Techniques to Improve Performance Audit Productivity."

In a world where government auditors are supposed to "do more with less", how can audit offices efficiently use their limited resources to produce timely and high-quality performance audit reports? You'll learn the latest tools and techniques from two leaders in government performance auditing, including how to create a framework for audit efficiency in your organization through the use of technology and telecommuting. From the West Coast to the 50th State of Hawaii, innovations in performance auditing are helping auditors find efficiencies in unexpected places.

To share their expertise in performance auditing are Drummond Kahn, CGFM, CIA, CGAP, Director of Audit Services for the City of Portland, Oregon; and Leslie Tanaka, CPA, City Auditor for the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii. Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speaker questions and share their own experiences.



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## *President's Message*

*Advancing Government Accountability*



**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**

I've been thinking a lot about customer service and my job with the State of Kansas. Like most state agencies, we just submitted our annual budget request to the state's budget division. Preparing this document ensures that at least once each year, we review our agency's goals and objectives. In doing so, we give much thought to our "stakeholders," or those who are affected by our daily activities and responsibilities. I find that I'm constantly evaluating customer service these days. I evaluate how I'm treated whether I'm making a bank deposit, renewing my driver's license, or buying a ticket at the movie theater. As fiscal personnel, our actions impact our co-workers and the public in very significant ways. For example, we have the opportunity to be helpful when we assist a co-worker with understanding a process for reimbursement, or when talking with a taxpayer who has a question about tax forms, or when providing financial reports to decision-makers in our agency. As public sector employees we have countless opportunities to put forward our best efforts. Take a good look at how you interact with your co-workers, personnel in other agencies, or the public. Put yourself in their shoes. Would you be satisfied with the way you were treated? Have a good month!

--Sabrina

If you have a topic or news item you wish to have included in the Topeka Register, please contact Kathy Bohnhoff at [kbohnhoff@ksinsurance.org](mailto:kbohnhoff@ksinsurance.org) She will do her best to include it in the next issue.

**We're on the web!**

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