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Holiday Social

Friday, Dec. 5th 2008
5:30pm



**White Lakes Apartments
Clubhouse
3733 SW Plaza Drive
Topeka, KS**

**Food, drink and Holiday
music will be provided.
AGA asks that attendees
provide a \$5 donation to
Toys For Tots.**

**Please R.S.V.P. by Dec. 3rd
to
Brandi_Baer@hotmail.com**

Upcoming AGA Events

Upcoming Audio Conferences

12/10/08 - "21st Century Financial
Managers"

1/21/09 - "XBRL to Improve
Financial & Performance Reporting"

4/8/09 - "Auditing"

Early Careers

Submitted by: Melinda Richter

Did you know college students can attend the Professional Lecture Series luncheons for FREE with a valid student identification card? This would be a great opportunity to bring along an office intern at no cost to your agency. The intern can see what AGA is all about and get the chance to network and learn more about the government accounting sector.

AGA Recruiting Tip of the Month

Keep the AGA website bookmarked on your computer so that you can refer potential members to it in emails – www.agacgfm.org.



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Advancing Government Accountability

Upcoming National Conferences:

AGA 7th Annual
Leadership Conference
2/19/09-2/20/09
Washington, D.C.

AGA Professional Development
Conference & Exposition
6/21/09-6/24/09
New Orleans, LA



President's Message

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The Chapter's Fall Social was a big success! Thank you to Walt & Pam Darling for hosting the party at their home and to Brandi Baer and Melinda Richter for planning the event. The Christmas Social is set for December 5th, and will be held at the White Lakes Apartment's Clubhouse. Please plan to come and celebrate the Holidays with us.

The monthly Lecture series and luncheon will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Jayhawk Tower. Attendance at the Lectures is up and the Chapter continues to present a number of quality speakers.

The next Audio Conference will be held on December 10, 2008 at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library in the Marvin Auditorium, 101A. The topic will be "**21st Century Financial Managers: New Mix of Skills and Education Levels 2009**".

The AGA Topeka Chapter Professional Development Conference is set for February 26-27, 2009 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Several quality speakers and activities are planned for this event. Please mark your calendar and make plane to attend this annual Conference.

Please check the Topeka Chapter website at www.agaks.org for additional information on Chapter activities.

Should you have some time and want to assist the Chapter, please let one of the board members know what you would be willing to do to help.

Thank you,

Larry Barrett

Upcoming Community Service Events

Nov. & Dec. 2008

-Donations collected at Nov. meeting and During the Holiday Social

Year-Round

-Collection of loose change at meetings

Year Round

-Collection of hotel samples (shampoo, lotion, mouth-wash, etc...)

Toys for Tots

Topeka Rescue Mission Loose Change Program

Battered Women's Task Force

December Audio Conference **”21st Century Financial Managers: A New Mix of Skills & Education Levels”**

Submitted by: Linda Farlow

On December 10, 2008, 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 a new audio conference ---“21st Century Financial Managers: A New Mix of Skills and Education Levels”. You may register now at the Topeka AGA Chapter website: http://www.agaks.org/Audio_Conf This conference will be held at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, in the Marvin Auditorium at 1:00pm.

During this audio conference, the presenters will address the questions: Is there a talent crisis looming in government financial management? Do government agencies now require or will they require a financial work force with a new set and mix of competencies to work effectively in the 21st century? Is there increased demand for people with more analytical and decision-support capabilities? Learn about the results of an AGA-sponsored research study and what colleges are doing to prepare students for the work force of the future. Hear about the ongoing challenges of recruitment and retention at all levels of government and how inadequate work force planning can negatively impact an operation. Learn what the drivers are of these work force changes.

To share their practical and educational experiences is **John J. Radford, CGFM, CIA, CFE**, Controller, State of Oregon, Member of the AGA National Executive Committee; **Kenneth Smith, Ph.D.**, Professor, Arkinson Graduate of Management, Willamette University; and **John D. Webster, CGFM, CPA**, Former Chief Financial Officer, Library of Congress, Chair of the AGA Audit Committee.

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.

CGFM Corner

Submitted by: Brandi Baer

The Topeka Chapter is excited to announce the formation of a local CGFM study group. If you are interested in obtaining the CGFM Certification or participating in this study group please contact Brandi Baer at brandi.baer@ksracing.org or (785) 296-3223.

The CGFM exam is composed of three exams which are each 100 questions in length with an allotted time of two hours and fifteen minutes. The exams cover the following knowledge areas (may be taken in any order):

Exam 1: Governmental Environment

Exam 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

Exam 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control

The Topeka Chapter currently offers the following assistance to Topeka Chapter members seeking CGFM Certification:

Financial Assistance—Reimbursement

- 50% Study Guides
- Reimbursement Travel & Registration Fees for Training Courses - \$100 per training

Exam Fees Reimbursement (***Must Pass Exam***)

- 100% Exam 1
- 75% Exam 2
- 50% Exam 3



AGA Topeka Chapter

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee

Fox Ridge Clubhouse

November 12th, 2008

Submitted by Scott Alisoglu



Members Present: Nickie Roberts, Pam Simecka, Sabrina Wells, Walt Darling, Larry Barrett, Linda Farlow, Scott Alisoglu, Brandi Baer, Marti Leisinger, Melinda Richter, Fred Baer, Linda Farlow

Members Absent: Muriah Baker, Sandra Dreasher, Kathy Bohnhoff, Frederick Baer

Minutes – No changes made. October minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Pam noted that she is now using Quickbooks to produce the financial reports. The committee agreed that the primary financial reports needed are a budget report, income statement, balance sheet, and check register. To date, the Chapter is over budget by \$2,476.60 (Jul – Sep); A total of \$25,000 is budgeted for the PDC. Don Wilson is currently auditing last year's books. Brandi, Walt, and Melinda have agreed to review the financial reports and make recommendations on revisions. The September financials were approved unanimously.

Newsletter – Muriah was absent. November newsletter has not yet been produced. Questions arose as to whether an October Newsletter went out. Brandi has gotten no responses to her CGFM study group announcement and was wondering if it was included.

PDC Planning – The PDC committee met subsequent to the CEC. See Marti's PDC

Lecture Series/Education – There will be no lecture in December. Sabrina volunteered to be the lecture series coordinator in Sandra's absence.

Audio Conference – A flyer needs to be placed on the website for the December 10 audio conference at the library. There is also an audio conference on January 21, 2009.

Community Service – Nickie thanked Walt for posting the Race Against Breast Cancer pictures on the website. A total of \$30.73 was collected to date from the Loose Change Program. It will start up again in January. Toys for Tots will be the focus for December.

Chapter Points – Kathy was absent. The next points report is due December 31.

Early Careers – Announcements are being forwarded to relevant groups at Washburn, Baker, and Friends Universities. Melinda noted that recruitment scholarships are available for society activities.

By-Laws – No report.

Membership – No report.

CGFM – See study group comment under "Newsletter."

Other – Brandi identified a possible problem with the AGA e-mail list. Is everyone included or only AGA members?

Next CEC Meeting on December 10, 2008 at Fox Ridge

The 20th Annual AGA Midwest Regional Professional Development Conference

Communication: Your Role as Fiscal Manager

February 26th-27th

8:30am-5:00pm

Capital Plaza Hotel

If you are in finance, procurement, auditing, or another accounting service within government, you need to be here. This ambitious undertaking has been laid out with you in mind.

Topics & Issues:

Coping
Humor and Stress Reduction
Communication Skills
Internal Controls - "A Fresh Approach"
Ethics
Leadership
Record-Keeping in Government Finance

SAVE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Visit Us At <http://www.agaks.org/pdc/index.shtml> to register now!



If you have a topic or news item you wish to have included in the Topeka Register, please contact Muriah Baker



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www.agaks.org