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Next Professional Lecture Series and Audio Conference

When: Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Where: Jayhawk Tower

Luncheon Speaker: Barbara Carswell, Regional Coordinator and First Vice President, Capitol Federal Bank, will present "Chance Favors the Prepared Mind."

Audio Conference: "Planning, Conducting and Reporting Performance Audit Work Even More Efficiently; Additional Tools to Improve Your Office's Performance Audit Productivity."

Succession Planning

The local AGA program year ends June 30th and it is time to start planning for the upcoming year. This includes recruiting volunteers to serve on the Chapter Executive Committee. The National Office will be hosting a Sectional Leadership Meeting May 12 through the 14 in Dallas, Texas to help new leaders get off on the right foot. This optional training is fully paid by the National Office and is a great opportunity to network with other chapters and see how AGA operates on a much larger scale.

If you would like more information about serving on the board, or are ready to step up to the challenge, please contact one of the current board members for more information.

Renewal Time

The National Office is trying to "Go Green" by sending out 2011-2012 member renewal notices by email. The due date for renewal payments is March 31st and the process can be completed online on the National Website. The email will include instructions on how to log on to the site.

Suggestions Needed

We are always looking for speaker suggestions for the monthly Professional Lecture Series. Please contact Sandy Dreasher or Linda Farlow with any suggestions you may have. We want to provide information on topics that are of interest to you.

Community Service Corner

*Submitted by Nickie Roberts
Director of Community Service*

The **Topoka Rescue Mission** is a local homeless shelter which has served the Topeka Community since 1953 and is dedicated to providing food, shelter, clothing and training. The Mission is a charitable corporation totally supported by private donations and receives no government funding. During our monthly luncheon meetings and the holiday social, we collected \$32.50 for the Mission. The chapter matched this to make our total donation \$65.

Please remember the Mission accepts donations at their warehouse and after hours at the main building. All donations are given to guests of the shelter or go out to neighborhoods – nothing ends up in the landfill. Their warehouse might be out of your way, but think of those you will be helping. Please visit the Rescue Mission's website at www.trmonline.org.

During November and December, we focused our efforts to assist with the **Toys For Tots** Program. We raised \$235 and were able to furnish toys for twenty-five children. My thought is, "What are the holidays without a child's smile?"

The next few months, we will continue the Loose Change Program, which will benefit the local **YWCA – Center for Empowerment and Safety** (formally known as Battered Women's Task Force). Please visit their website at www.ywca.org.

I personally thank you for your involvement in assisting those in our community by giving through our different community service projects. Please remember to collect your metal beverage tabs. You may bring them to a monthly meeting or give to any board member. If your office needs a collection box, please let me know.



Upcoming National Conferences

National Leadership Conference
Ronald Reagan Building
International Trade Center
Washington, DC
February 17-18, 2011

Federal Performance Conference
Crystal City Gateway Marriott
Arlington, VA
May 3-4, 2011

Professional Development Conference
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, GA
July 10-13, 2011

CGFM Corner

Did you know the Topeka Chapter has a lending library for the CGFM Study Guides? If you are studying for the exams and would like to check out one of these useful resources, please contact Marti Leisinger.

Websites

National AGA
www.agacgfm.org

Topeka Chapter
www.agaks.org

President's Message.....

I was honored to be asked by the Topeka Chapter of AGA to return to the Board as President. I am also pleased to announce the addition of Boyd Jantzen to our Board as President-Elect. We are both excited to be involved with such a professional organization, but we have a lot of challenges ahead of us and the Board needs your help! We are recruiting for executive committee positions and I encourage all of you to think about making the commitment to serve on the Board. AGA leadership positions give you the opportunity to develop your leadership skills while also giving you an opportunity to network with others in your profession. Developing your leadership skills and making connections with others in your profession WILL help you in your career....and it's fun!

As many of you know, we had to cancel our February 2nd event due to the weather. We have been able to reschedule state budget director, Steve Anderson, to speak at our April 20th event. There will be more information to follow, but please reserve the date on your calendar.

Thanks for all your support!
Marti Leisinger

National AGA Academic Scholarships

The AGA National Academic Scholarship applications are now being accepted. Each year, the National Office awards up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships, up to two \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships, and one \$3,000 community services scholarship. AGA members and their spouses, children, and grandchildren studying disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, etc. are eligible to apply.

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2011 and the application can be downloaded at : <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/>. Please contact Louise Kapelewski at the National Office at 800-242-7211 ext 321 for lkapelewski@agacgfm.org if you have more questions about this program. Good luck!

Sectional Leadership Meeting – Regional (SLMR)

Nickie Roberts, Melinda Richter, Boyd Jantzen, and Marti Leisinger attended the Sectional Leadership Meeting –Regional for Midwestern Chapter leaders held in Blue Springs, Missouri on Saturday, January 29th. The meeting brought together board members and the regional coordinators from chapters in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri to share chapter best practices and plan for the remainder of the program year. This was the first time the region has hosted an event of this type and it was modeled after the Sectional Leadership Meetings hosted by the National Office each spring.

