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Upcoming Education Event

When: May 11th

Where: Jayhawk Tower, 7th and Jackson

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Topeka Chapter of AGA will be having an all day (9-4) Continuing Professional Education event on May 11th. Save the date on your calendar! We are pleased to announce that we have a variety of speakers and topics. Topics will include fraud management, internal controls, ethics and GASB standards.

Speakers include: Becky Holmquist, Treasury Management Partner of US Bank. Becky is involved with check and ACH fraud. Automated Clearing House is an electronic network for financial transactions throughout the world and is common place now days. Treasury management includes management of an enterprise's holdings. It includes activities like trading bonds, currencies, and also encompasses the associated financial risk management.

Catherine Maydew, CPA, MBA, CISA Accounting Consultant. Catherine is a self-employed CPA. Catherine will be explaining the virtues of good reconciliations and analysis as part of the auditor's toolbox. She will also talk about how good "Spreadsheet Management" mitigates the potential risk to enterprises.

The highlight of the Education event is the Audio Conference that addresses ethical challenges and dilemmas in today's work environment that lead to apprehension. Leon Young, MA, adjunct associate professor at the University of Maryland, University College, will be the speaker. Leon will discuss ethics in the workplace and will explain the thinking and understanding elements of ethical behavior.

Karen Linn, CPA and Director of Berberich Trahan & Co., PA. Berberich Trahan & Co and predecessor firms have been serving clients since 1913. Today it is one of the largest independent public accounting firms in Northeast Kansas. Karen will be talking about accrual accounting as it is a "Big Change" in State accounting with the implementation of the new Accounting System called SMART. She will also give us the latest information on what is going with Governmental Accounting Standard Board.

More information will be coming soon!



President's Message.....

Community service is an important part of what AGA is all about, both at the local and national level. Each year AGA hosts numerous events that give members the opportunity to help those who are less fortunate. For example, AGA's 5th Annual National Community Service project in New Orleans is being held May 3-6, 2011. Volunteers

from numerous chapters participate in this event each year to help the community of New Orleans rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina by partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Another Habitat event is scheduled in Atlanta on July 14th, 2011, the day after AGA's Professional Development Conference ends. Each year AGA also hosts a raffle for door prizes at its annual Professional Development Conference. Each Chapter is asked to donate an item for the raffle and the proceeds of the raffle benefit various charities and charity events throughout the year.

On the local level, our Topeka Chapter participates in numerous volunteer activities and fundraising events throughout the year including our loose change program. If you have been to any of our events, you have probably been asked to donate any loose change that you may have to help various charities including the Topeka Rescue Mission and YWCA's Center for Empowerment and Safety (formerly Battered Women's Task Force). The Topeka Chapter also raised over \$200 for Toys for Tots at our annual winter social. Members of our Chapter also participated in the Race Against Breast Cancer in September and the National Night Out in August. Our Community Service Director, Nickie Roberts, does an outstanding job every year coordinating these events and I want to personally thank her for her hard work and dedication to community service in our community. Thanks Nickie!

So when someone asks you about AGA, don't forget to tell them that AGA is much more than an organization that supports financial professionals. It is an organization that believes strongly in helping those who are less fortunate by sponsoring fundraising activities and volunteer opportunities at both the local and national level. In the end, it's all about leadership, both in the financial community and in our local communities.

Marti Leisinger

The Topeka Chapter's Chapter Executive Committee would like to thank Sandy Dreasher for all her hard work putting together the monthly Professional Lecture Series events. Sandy is relocating to Emporia in the near future and will be missed!

Educational Opportunities

*Omaha Metro Area Chapter
Annual 1/2 Spring Educational
Seminar- UNO Mammel Hall*

May 3, 2011

Register Online at:

<http://www.omahaaga.org>

Federal Performance Conference

Crystal City Gateway Marriott

Arlington, VA

May 3-4, 2011

http://www.agacgfm.org/fpc_2011/index.htm

2011 Annual Fraud Training Seminar

June 20 – 21, 2011

Council Bluff's Iowa

<http://www.HeartlandCFE.com>

*National Professional Development
Conference*

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Atlanta, GA

July 10-13, 2011

<http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2011/>

Visit AGA on the Web!

National AGA

www.agacgfm.org

Topeka Chapter

www.agaks.org

Put on your walking shoes...

2011 Arthritis Walk - Topeka, KS
Saturday, May 7th, 10:00am Walk
8:00am Registration
Lake Shawnee - Shelter House #2

It's not just an event, it's a celebration of year-round movement to help prevent and treat arthritis.

This event features a three-mile and one-mile course, with arthritis information and activities for the whole family.

No fees. Participants who raise \$100 or more will receive an Arthritis Walk t-shirt.

<http://www.kintera.org/FAF/home/default.asp?ievent=424388>

If you are involved in another great cause in our community and looking for volunteers, please let us know.

We are here to help each other.

Nickie Roberts
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Community Service Upcoming Events

Arthritis Walk
May 7, 2011
Lake Shawnee

American Heart Walk
September 17, 2011

Race Against Breast Cancer
October 1, 2011
Washburn University

Ronald McDonald House
Year Round
Metal Tab Collection

Please watch your email for more information about these events or contact Nickie Roberts.

“Service to others is the rent you pay for living on this planet.”

--Marian Wright Edelman



CGFM NEWS

Governor Sam Brownback signed a proclamation on March 25, 2011 proclaiming April 2011 as Certified Professional Government Manager month. Pictured with Governor Brownback are Marshall Kennedy, Nickie Roberts, and Marti Leisinger. Please see the next page for a copy of the proclamation.

Intensive Review Courses

Have you been thinking about going for the CGFM certification? The National Office is once again this year offering its special Intensive Review Course and the CGFM Examinations in Atlanta prior to the Professional Development Conference. The course, which is a review of the main topics covered in the examinations, will take place July 7th and 8th with the exams offered by appointment July 9th and 10th. The course is only \$279 and offers 18 hours of CPE. As a bonus, the CGFM examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees!

Please visit http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2011/cgfm_exams.htm for more information on eligibility and registration. Space is limited so please sign up early. Registrations will not be accepted after June 23rd.

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The Topeka Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, belonging to the AGA which has more than 15,000 members in 90 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 120 active members and associates representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, AGA Topeka Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances in both professional ability and services to the citizens of Kansas by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history and to pass a 3-part examination requiring expertise in The Government Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and, requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions totaling 80 hours over a 2-year period; and

WHEREAS, The Topeka Chapter of AGA marks the completion of its 29th year of service to the state, federal and municipal governmental entities, and to the public through private sector support:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April of 2011, as

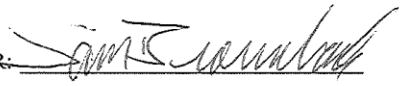

Certified Government Financial Manager Month

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 25th day of
March, A.D. 2011

BY THE GOVERNOR:




Kris W. Kobach
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State