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## Upcoming Education Event

When: Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Where: Jayhawk Tower – 7<sup>th</sup> and Jackson, Topeka  
CPE Credit: 3 Hours

Registration: 11:15 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM

Lunch Speaker: 12:00 – 12:50 PM

Audio Conference: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

LUNCH SPEAKER: *“Things Managers Do That Make You Shake Your Head.”*  
William H. Miller, CGFM, CIA, Director of Internal Audit for Johnson County, headed Internal Audit Programs for both the federal government and the State of Missouri prior to being recruited by Johnson County to create such a program for them.

AUDIO CONFERENCE: *“Improving Controls Can Improve Program Performance”* on the role that internal controls play in improving agency performance. Establishing and maintaining effective internal controls are key factors for managing risk while improving operational efficiency and effectiveness. Many government agencies are making progress on improving controls, but are hampered by limited resources and the proliferation of requirements. This audio conference focuses on how some agencies are meeting this challenge. Participants will gain insight into the methodologies, solutions and tools available to enable agencies to more effectively and efficiently assess entity-wide risks, evaluate internal controls, improve processes, comply with government requirements, and achieve agency program goals and business objectives.

To share their expert knowledge and practical experience in internal controls are Kathy Hill, Director, Risk Management and Compliance, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Rory Souther, Chief Officer of Resource Management, U.S. Coast Guard.

Please register at [http://www.agaks.org/education\\_training/pls/index.shtml](http://www.agaks.org/education_training/pls/index.shtml) by Monday, June 6, 2011.



## **President's Message.....**

AGA has been serving the government financial management profession for over 50 years as a not-for-profit educational organization. AGA serves the professional interests of financial professionals from the local, state and the federal governments, as well as public accounting firms.

Our Topeka Chapter has been in existence for over

30 years and we are the only chapter in Kansas. We currently have 59 members that include local and state finance professionals as well as professionals from local universities, accounting firms and local financial institutions. AGA members are accountants, auditors, budget analysts, chief financial officers, information systems managers, finance directors, inspectors general, professors, students.... Membership in AGA gives you access to the real-world knowledge and experience of government financial management experts in all areas of government finance and related fields. The value of an AGA membership is priceless!

**Marti Leisinger**

**AGA Topeka Chapter - President**

## **Do You Need CPE?**



It is not too late to register for AGA's 60th Annual Professional Development Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on July 10 – 13. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Past, Embracing the Future." The conference provides 24 hours of CPE.

Keynote speakers include **Gene L Dodaro CGFM**, Comptroller General of the United States of America, U.S. Government Accountability Office; **Chef Jeff Henderson**, New York Times Bestselling Author and America's Most Inspirational Culinary Star; **Brian Holloway**, Former NFL All-Pro and Competitive Consultant; **Robert Genetski**, Interest Rate Forecaster and Investment Banker; **Allison Fine**, Author and Expert on Social Media and Technology; and **Jonathan Karl**, ABC News Senior Congressional Correspondent.

## **Educational Opportunities**

### **2011 Annual Fraud Training Seminar - Association of Certified Fraud Examiners**

June 20 – 21, 2011

Council Bluffs, Iowa

<http://www.HeartlandCFE.com>

### **National Professional Development Conference**

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Atlanta, GA

July 10-13, 2011

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

### **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Western Professional Development Conference – Mid-Missouri Chapter**

August 24-25, 2011

Jefferson City, MO

<http://www.midmoaga.org/>

### **Fall Professional Development Conference- Lincoln Chapter September 21, 2011**

Lincoln, NE

<http://www.lincolnneaga.org/index.php>

## **Visit AGA on the Web!**

National AGA

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

Topeka Chapter

[www.agaks.org](http://www.agaks.org)

## Community Service Update

Our next event is the **American Heart Walk** on Saturday, September 17th at Lake Shawnee. Through the Heart Walk, we can create opportunities for people to improve their health by walking and raise funds to help fight heart disease and stroke.

Cardiovascular disease and stroke are the #1 cause of death. By exercising 30 minutes a day you can reduce your risk.

Mark your calendars and get on your walking shoes.

### **Race Against Breast Cancer**

Mark your calendars for this race that is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st. Last year, there were over 1600 registered. All the monies raised stay here locally. Thursday evening we will stuff race packets, Friday is early registration and then Saturday morning is the race. What a great event to be a part of.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [nrobe10262@aol.com](mailto:nrobe10262@aol.com).

**Nickie Roberts**

**AGA Topeka Chapter – Director of Community Service**

## Community Service *Upcoming Events*

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.

*"What you will do matters. All you need to do is do it."  
--Judy Grahm*



## *Sectional Leadership Meeting*

Four Chapter Executive Council members attended the Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) held May 12-14 in Dallas, Texas. The SLM is designed to bring together national, sectional, regional, and chapter leaders with the National Office. Topics covered include AGA's national direction and initiatives, expectations of leaders, ways to improve services to current members, and how to access information to be a more effective leader. Pictured are Marti Leisinger, Linda Farlow, Walt Darling, and Nickie Roberts.