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President's Message

Happy Holidays! As we are headed into the Christmas season, I want to wish everyone "Good fortune and Good Health" We are fortunate to be living in the USA. Most people in the USA have a better standard of living than other parts of the world.

AGA is headed into a busy season. Please keep reading the National Newsletter for all of the training opportunities for members. Please consider volunteering for the Citizen-Centric Reporting. I would like to get started on the Topeka Chapter. If you are interested it would be an opportunity to be involved in the first Citizen-Centric report for the Topeka Chapter.

Here at the Topeka Chapter we are busy trying to get the audio conferences and speakers lined up for the next 6 months. We hope you take the time to take advantage of the training and informative speakers we provide for the membership. If you have any ideas for training and speakers don't hesitate to ask or tell me. Please consider getting involved in AGA as there are lots of opportunities to lend your expertise and to help others. I am interested in setting up ideas for training for accrual accounting as we State employees learn the new accounting system. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved please contact me.

Happy Holidays

Training Calendar

December 14, 2011 – Professional lecture series with speakers Scott Alisoglu and Warren Woodruff, along with audio conference on Preventing Inappropriate payments at Jayhawk Tower.

January 11, 2012 – Professional lecture series with Budget Director Steve Anderson at Jayhawk Tower.

February 8, 2012 – Professional lecture series with Paul Davis at Jayhawk Tower.

March 14, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.



April 11, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

May 9, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

June 13, 2012 – Professional lecture series TBD at Jayhawk Tower.

Community Service Upcoming Events

Ronald McDonald House
Year Round
Metal Tab Collection

Holiday Social --
December 9, 2011

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



Training for VITA

Training for VITA volunteers begins in early January.

January 2, 6, and 9 (9am - 4pm) Full federal training (new material)

January 4 (5:30 - 8:30 pm) Review for returning volunteers

January 5 (1:30 - 3:30 pm) Kansas Tax Law

Opportunities for training in the Computer Lab January 10 & 11

Attendance is free for those planning to be a VITA volunteer, but requires registration through my office. Thanks for sharing!

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I thank our members for continuing to be involved in our community and making Topeka a better community for each of us.

Happy Holidays and Safe Travels!

Nickie Roberts, Community Service Director



AGA's 10th Annual National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Register today (below) for AGA's 10th Annual National Leadership Conference, **February 16-17, 2012**, at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

8 Reasons to Attend:

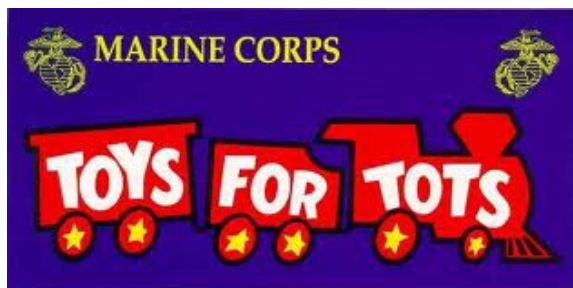
1. Low-cost registration price plus **\$100 in savings for registering by Jan. 20.**
2. Show your commitment to government accountability excellence.
3. Earn 14 CPE hours.
4. Be inspired by top leaders in federal, state and local government.
5. Connect with new colleagues and renew contacts.
6. Discover innovative and creative ways to improve your job performance.
7. Gain new skills and knowledge to help you become an extraordinary leader.
8. Speak with private sector partners who can provide solutions to your most pressing challenges and win great prizes.

<https://members.agacgfm.org/source/security/member-logon.cfm?origin=meetings>

Community Service Update

Loose Change Program—At our monthly meetings, we have continued to assist local agencies by collecting loose change. In the past, we have collected for the Topeka Rescue Mission, Heart Association, Race Against Breast Cancer and Toys for Tots. Donations are matched by the chapter. If at any time, you would like to donate by check, please make it out to the organization name.

Hotel Samples and Pop Can Tabs—We would like to thank the dedicated members that continue to collect hotel samples and pop tabs. Hotel samples are given to the Rescue Mission since this will meet the needs of their guests. Pop tabs are given to the local Ronald McDonald House.



Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing,
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing,
Returns to you glad.
- John Greenleaf Whittier

TOYS FOR TOTS

The months of October, November and December are dedicated to Toys for Tots. New, unwrapped toys are given to needy children. The Topeka Marines support Shawnee, Jefferson, Osage, Wabaunsee, Morris, Jackson and Pottawatomie counties. We will include further information of our fundraising efforts in the next newsletter.

Save your loose change to contribute to this great cause and others!

State Accounting Corner



GASB 54 and the New Fund Balance

GASB 54 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2010 and is applicable only to government funds. The focus of this pronouncement is on the constraints on the use of resources and the source of the constraint.

Fund balance will be divided into five new categories:

Nonspendable—cannot be spent (inventory) or cannot be currently spent (long-term loan receivable) or not spendable due to a legal requirement (endowment)

Restricted—externally enforceable legal restrictions

Committed—self-imposed limitations by the government's highest level of decision making by the close of the reporting period

Assigned—intended use of resources established by the governing body or an official delegated by the governing body

Unassigned

The mission of the Topeka Chapter is "To facilitate the professional and personal growth of Government Accountability Staff (finance / accounting / budget / audit), and their private sector colleagues, through education and certification, professional opportunity, and network-

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