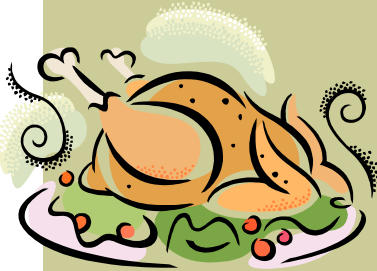


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Message from the President

"Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others."

- Danny Thomas



Tina McManus

As we head into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we all need to count all of our blessings and try to share them with others. Pat Monday, our chapter chair for Community Service, does such an awesome job arranging for us to have opportunities to give back to the community at every meeting. And we all have occasions through our other organizations to give of ourselves. So let's keep sharing and doing for others this season and all year round.

Our October seminar was a great success. Kim Hamm and Kristen Bright (both from BKD) provided a GASB update. Jeffrey Gann also from BKD provided an Economic Outlook. All three did a great job. Lisa Simioni from the Chicago office of Gallagher Benefit Services had a very good presentation on the Affordable Healthcare Act. Thanks goes out to Gallagher Benefit Services for paying all of the travel expenses for Lisa to come speak to us. And thanks to John Everest for always putting together a great program.

On November 14th, we will be touring Spring Net (the underground facility owned by City Utilities). We will need to know in advance (by a day or two) who will be attending in order to get clearance and you must bring a photo ID.

For Christmas, we are still finalizing the date and location for our annual holiday luncheon. Be looking for that perfect White Elephant gift to bring and envied by all!!!

In November and January, we will be working on our membership drive. If you bring a guest to either meeting, they will receive a free meal, and you will receive a gift certificate from Starbucks.

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November Community Service Information

The Salvation Army Mission Statement

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Volunteers fulfill a vital role within The Salvation Army and are often referred to as "*the army behind the Army*".

The Salvation Army Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer bellringers are needed throughout Greene & Christian counties from **November 8th until December 24th**. The funds collected in the red kettles during the annual **Tree of Lights Christmas Campaign** are vital in helping The Salvation Army help numerous local Ozarks residents throughout the year – not just during the holidays.

Volunteer Toy Shop 'Shopping Buddies' are needed on **Thursday December 19th & Friday December 20th (four hour shifts)** to help distribute toys & food to families that are receiving Christmas assistance from The Salvation Army.

"Cans Film Festival" Food Drive – Volunteers are needed on **Saturday December 7 from noon to 9 pm** to help sort, arrange and pack-up canned food items donated during **Wehrenberg Theaters' 'Cans Film Festival'**. (Children under the age of 14 are welcome to volunteer when accompanied by an adult).

Family Thrift Stores - Volunteers are needed every **1st & 3rd Saturday of each month** at the **Family Thrift Store** located at 1737 S. Campbell Ave. Volunteers are needed in shifts from *9 a.m. until noon* and from *1 p.m. until 4 p.m.*

For more information about general volunteer opportunities please contact Audrey Esther Community Relations Director & Volunteer Coordinator at (417) 862-5509 ext. 116 or email audrey_esther@usc.salvationarmy.org.

AGA encourages members and their families to volunteer and support their favorite local charity during the month of November.

Check out career opportunities on page 6!

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Jon Cummings, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Events & Conferences

Audio Conference—November 20th

2:00—3:50 2 CPE

How to Stay Cutting Edge in Tough Financial Times



NLC: Strategic Innovation for Government Leaders

February 11, 2014—February 12, 2014

Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, DC

SpringNet Tour

November 14th, 2013

12:00—1:30

Topic: SpringNet Tour

Springfield Underground

1.5 CPE

Lunch will be provided

Members: \$10

Non-Members: \$15

RSVP to Justin Hill by 5:00, on Tuesday the 12th

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2013		Summer Break	
July	2013		Summer Break	
August	2013		Summer Break	
September	2013	19th	NOAA National Weather Service Tour	Springfield Branson Regional Airport
October	2013	17th	Fall Seminar	Cooper Tennis
November	2013	14th	SpringNet Underground Tour	Springfield Underground
December	2013	19th	Holiday Social	Jimm's Steakhouse
January	2014	16th	School District, County, City Panel Update	TBD
February	2014	20th	Spring Seminar	TBD
March	2014	20th	TBD	TBD
April	2014	17th	TBD	TBD
May	2014	15th	TBD	TBD

**Association of Government Accountants
Ozarks Chapter
Fiscal Year 2014
July 1, 2013 Through October 31, 2013**

Revenues:	FY14 Budget Revenue	FY14 Actual Revenue	Oct 2013 Revenue
Chapter Dues	320.00	\$ 78.75	\$ 10.00
Monthly meetings	1,400.00	\$ 205.00	\$ -
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	1,260.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,040.00
Spring Membership Seminar	6,120.00	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	\$ 153.00	\$ -
Charity Fundraisers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	50.00	\$ 285.00	\$ -
Interest	25.00	\$ 1.21	\$ 0.31
Total Revenues	\$ 10,325.00	\$ 1,762.96	\$ 1,050.31

Expenses:	FY14 Budget Expense	FY14 Actual Expense	Oct 2013 Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,000.00	\$ 113.17	\$ -
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	300.00	\$ 110.54	\$ 110.54
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	3,240.00	\$ -	\$ -
Community Service Expense	350.00	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	\$ -	\$ -
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,585.00	\$ 1,310.97	\$ -
Membership Drive Expense	150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	\$ 377.98	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expense	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 10,325.00	\$ 1,962.66	\$ 160.54

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	6,686.47	6,686.47	\$ 5,597.00
Revenue	10,325.00	1,762.96	\$ 1,050.31
Expenses	(10,325.00)	(1,962.66)	\$ (160.54)
Net Change	-	(199.70)	\$ 889.77
Ending	\$ 6,686.47	\$ 6,486.77	\$ 6,486.77

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CEC Minutes

October CEC Canceled due to Halloween



Ozarks Chapter News



Local Ozarks AGA News!

- The Ozarks AGA Annual Holiday Party will be December 19th from 12:00-2:00 at Jimm’s Steakhouse. Details to come later, but be planning your perfect white elephant gift!
- We had 17 attendees at the October Fall Seminar.
- Be sure to look for an “Early Career Corner” in future newsletters!

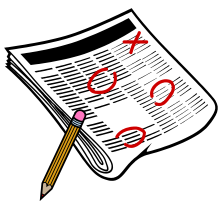


News Articles Worth Reading:

- [IRS Changes Use-It-or-Lose-It Rule for Health Flexible Savings Account](#)
- [Treasury Use-Or-Lose Fact Sheet](#)
- [New Wave of Development Follows Streetcar Construction in Mid-Sized Cities](#)

Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.
 Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks
[City of Nixa](#)
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November SpringNet Tour



Andy Robinson—Senior SpringNet Business Development

SpringNet, a division of City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, offers metro Ethernet services within the Springfield market and operates an underground data center facility known as the SpringNet Underground. This facility is located 85 feet below the Earth's surface surrounded by solid limestone. One of the many benefits of being underground is the natural year-round air temperature of 60- 64 F which serves to “naturally” harden the facility and provide the ideal environment to house critical computing operations.

Due to security, all participants will need to have a valid driver's license or they **will not** be permitted into the facility. SpringNet also requires a list of attendee's prior to arrival—this makes it **very important** for you to meet the RSVP deadline of 5:00 November 12th if you plan to attend.

Directions: Division Street east across Hwy 65, LeCompte Road north from Division, turn right into Springfield Underground Southeast Entrance, follow signs to area #25.

Stop at the guard station and provide the guard with your name and let them know you will be going to area #25.