

## President's Message "Magnificent March"

It is an exciting time to be part of the AGA Atlanta Family. We are on the cusp of CGFM month and we have some exciting things planned for members and for our [CGFM's](#). First, we have asked for and received proclamations from the State of Georgia and numerous local municipalities proclaiming March as CGFM month. Second, we have scheduled a time for our members to meet and have their photograph made with Governor Deal in recognition of CGFM month. If you have an opportunity please join us in the lobby of the State Capitol on March 6th at 9:45 a.m. We are asking that everyone wear business attire in blue or gold in recognition of AGA. Third, we have an awesome Chapter meeting scheduled for March 16th ([March Meeting Registration](#)). Our speakers will be Youlanda C. Carr, Chief of Budget and Fiscal Policy at City of Atlanta; John Johnson, Audit Director with the Department of Homeland Security - Office of the Inspector General; and John Thornton, Quality Control Coordinator with the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts. At that meeting we will recognize our local CGFM's in attendance. Finally, we have a membership drive planned for the State Capitol area in early March. The time and place is to be determined. The goal of all this activity is to shine a light on the value and importance of the CGFM designation and to energize our members and our Chapter as we begin a new year. If you have an opportunity please join us at one of these events. I encourage everyone to stay connected and to stay involved with AGA Atlanta. I hope to see you soon.

[Learn More](#)



President Scott Owens

## Awards and Recognitions

In consultation with our Vice President for Awards, Greg Johnson, we are planning to continue our tradition of making awards to a Member of the Year and an Officer of the Year to recognize a member and officer who have made significant contributions to the Chapter this year. In order to make the selection, we are asking for nominations for these awards by March 23, 2017. Please send your nominations to Greg Johnson. We will present the awards at our May meeting.. He can be reached at [Johnsong@audits.ga.gov](mailto:Johnsong@audits.ga.gov) or 404-732-9105."



Greg Johnson VP for Awards

## Join the AGA Atlanta Team

755 Hank Aaron Drive, Atlanta, GA 30315

Volunteer Opportunity - **Hunger Walk/Run** - taking steps together with our community in the fight against local hunger.

On Sunday, **March 5, 2017**, thousands of people will come together to raise awareness and funds to help fight hunger in our community. Our team will be there - and we need your support!



Volunteers

Hunger Walk/Run is one of the most important hunger relief efforts of the year. The money we raise will feed hope for the 1 in 5 people who face hunger in our community.

Please join us in supporting this important mission! You can help us reach our team fundraising goal by making a donation on behalf of the entire team or a specific team member. Or take the next step against hunger by walking/running with us on March 5. Click to [get involved](#).

Contact Belinda Riley or email [agaatlanta@aga-atlanta.org](mailto:agaatlanta@aga-atlanta.org).

## CPE Opportunities

We provide "Professional Growth"

### [March 2017 Chapter Meeting \(March 16\) 3-CPE](#)

The Atlanta Chapter conducts weekday luncheon seminars to provide continuing professional education for its members and the public. [Click to read about speakers and register today](#). Notice new location of Chapter meeting- 270 Washington St, SW. Atlanta, GA 30334



Youlanda Carr,  
CPA Budget Chief  
City of Atlanta

### [Government Accounting and Financial Statements \(March 7-10\)](#)

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies located at 14 Marietta St Atlanta, GA 30303. Earn 32 NASBA-approved CPEs at the Government Accounting and Financial Statements course offered by Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. [Click for more details](#).

### [2017 AGA Coastal Georgia Chapter \(April 6-7\)](#)

Advancing Government Accountability Southeast Regional Professional Development Training (PDT) hosted by Coastal Georgia Chapter AGA at the Jekyll Island Convention Center - 75 North Beachview Drive Jekyll Island, GA. [Click for more details](#)

Contact [John G. Hulsey](#) for this and other growth opportunities.

## Pay it Forward Challenge..Continues

We support your Career

As a member of AGA you receive great benefits and wonderful growth opportunities. Please take the month of March as a time to share the love. Forward this newsletter to other professionals you know. Give them a chance to be profiled in this newsletter and acknowledge your role in strengthening their career path. Also they can view our 2015-2016 [Citizen-Centric Report](#).



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