

# The Southwest Sentinel

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## President's Message



By Curtis P. Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA

Happy New Year! I hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday season and that your year is off to a great start. By most accounts, 2022 is picking up right where 2021 left off. In 2021, we were challenged by a Pandemic that forced us to re-invent ourselves, to find new ways of doing things, to stretch beyond our comfort zones and to persevere in the face of what appeared to be insurmountable odds. But give yourself a pat on the back, you are still here. You are still standing, and not only that, but hopefully you are thriving. You have risen to the challenge and through your hard work, ingenuity and creativity, the work of the people continues. Kudos to you and here's to 2022 no matter what new challenges it may bring.

December is always an exciting month for our chapter and this past one was no exception. We joined forces with the Richmond, Shenandoah, and VA Peninsula

Chapters to host the fourth annual Commonwealth PDT. As in 2020, the PDT was held virtually with about 160 attendees from all four chapters. Our Chapter was charged with being the Master of Ceremony, which I dutifully carried out, as well as organizing and running the PDT's charitable event and raffle. Thanks to our Community Service Chair Leah for coordinating and executing the charity event and raffle, during which we raised over \$3,000 for St. Mary's House located in Norfolk.

January's chapter event was a lunchtime webinar on January 19<sup>th</sup> where we once again joined forces with the Richmond Chapter for a Tax Update. Hope you had a chance to join us for this annual event. The fee was \$5.00 but our chapter picked up the tab as we provide monthly CPEs free to chapter members. Hope to see you during our February meeting for the annual GASB update.

With the rollover of the calendar to a new year, it is time to start planning for our Spring PDT to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have suggestions for a speaker or you would like to be one of our speakers, please let me know. The New Year is also time to start putting together the team of Leaders for next year's Board. Make this the year you step off the sideline and be part of the Chapter's leadership. It is now easier than ever to be involved since everything is now virtual. You can do this!

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## Opportunities & Updates



National  
Leadership  
Training

February 23-24, 2022 • Washington, D.C. or virtual • 14 CPEs

Registration is now open!

Early Bird Pricing ends January 28<sup>th</sup>!



Mark Your Calendars  
Upcoming Chapter Events



Please join us for our monthly chapter meetings:

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** – GASB Update Webinar | **March 31<sup>st</sup>** – CGFM Webinar

**Southwest Virginia Chapter Spring PDT** - April 29<sup>th</sup>

[AGA National Event Calendar](#)

[AGA Southwest Virginia Chapter Events](#)

## AGA is Community Minded

In December, our chapter donated **\$400** to the **Children's Miracle Network** through Carilion hospital as our annual chapter donation for the holidays. Below is a summary of how those funds are used by the CMN locally:

“In our region, funds raised by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals provide lifesaving medical equipment and services for the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and pediatric units at Carilion Children's Hospital. Each year, over 5,500 hospitalized children and 29,000 children visiting Carilion Children's 17 specialty outpatient clinics benefit from the money raised by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The hallmark of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is that 100 percent of funds raised remain local to enable our local hospitals to provide miracles of health and healing for local babies and children.”

During the Commonwealth PDT, we helped raise \$3,003 for **St. Mary's Children's Home** in Norfolk, VA! \$2,023 came in through the GoFundMe platform, \$500 from AGA National matching 50% of anything up to \$500, and \$480 donated by the chapters in honor of the PDT speakers.



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## Member Spotlight



For this month's **Member Spotlight**, we are pleased to introduce:

### Josh Kingery

Accounting Technician, Veterans Affairs

Southwest Virginia Chapter Membership Chair

- **How long have you been a member of the AGA?** *Just shy of six months*
- **Why did you join AGA?** *I joined the AGA to be a part of an experienced group of professionals with a wealth of knowledge to offer. I am currently pursuing my CGFM certification and the AGA has been great by offering assistance as well as guides and study materials. I currently work as an Accounting Technician for Veterans Affairs.*
- **What is a typical day like for you?** *I like to wake up early around 4:00 every morning and start my morning routine to get ready for the day. I like to take it slow with a cup of coffee while watching the news and putting together a list of what needs to be accomplished that day.*
- **How do you define success?** *I define success as being able to wake up every day, proud and motivated to do what you love. If you enjoy what you do and make lifelong connections along the way, it will lead to a life of happiness and success!*
- **What inspires you?** *Knowing that what I do has purpose motivates me every day. As an Army veteran, knowing that the Accounting work I do affects other veterans like me throughout the VA system inspires me to be the very best I can possibly be.*
- **What is something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?** *I have over 100 houseplants that I love to take care of!*
- **What do you enjoy most about AGA?** *Having access to a group of highly trained and credentialed Accountants that are there for me professionally, as well as personally. My sponsor who is a co-worker of mine was instrumental in my career success and also someone I look up to professionally.*

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## Chapter Information

### 2021-2022 Chapter Board

**Curtis Joachim**, President/Education

**Karen Watson**, Secretary

**Vicki Delp**, Treasurer

**Regina Williams**, Accountability

**Leah Kirby**, Community Service

**Misty Hamed**, Communications & Newsletter

**Joshua Kingery**, Membership

**Vicky Moore**, Webmaster

**Gillian Cadogan**, National Council of Chapters Representative



### New Members

### [Chapter Board Contact Information](#)

### AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending December 2021

**Beginning Balance: December 1, 2021** **\$ 8,195.83**

**Receipts:**

No Receipts

\$ -

**Total Receipts \$ -**

**Disbursements:**

12/17/21	DC	Amazon-Commonwealth PDT Raffle-Gift Cards	\$ 400.00
12/21/21	DC	Zoom-Monthly Subscription Fee	\$ 15.74
12/31/21	DC	Children's Miracle Network-Charity Donation	\$ 400.00

**Total Disbursements \$ 815.74**

**Ending Balance: December 31, 2021** **\$ 7,380.09**

**Balance Reported 01/19/22**

**Signature:** *Vicki B. Delp*  
Treasurer

**Balance check**

\$ 7,380.09

Per statement \$ 7,780.09

Difference \$ (400.00)

**Uncleared DC Donation on 12/31/21**



### Misty's CGFM Journey -

I hope this finds each one of you doing well in the New Year! Personally, I was ready to see the New Year, as the last two months of the year were a complete blur! Between professional and personal obligations, I do not believe that I can recall a busier time for me over the last several years. With that said I now understand and appreciate the flexibility that AGA provides for CGFM candidates to complete the exams. Candidates have 18 months to complete the exams from the date of CGFM application approval. Additionally, applicants may be granted an extension if they have passed at least one of the exams before the end of the eligibility period. Since life can throw you a curveball at any moment, it is nice to know that extra time may be available.

As you may have guessed I do not have any significant personal updates to share during this month's newsletter. I have spent most of January reviewing the material for Test 1 and hope to schedule my first exam in the coming weeks.

-Misty

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