

## January 2023 Newsletter - Virginia Peninsula Chapter

**Make the most out of your AGA membership in the new year**, register now for our next chapter meeting, it's FREE for members:

- **January 19, 2023** -noon, 1 CPE, free for members on zoom. Hear from **Dr. Kanama Bivins**, Chief Financial Officer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. Register here <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Virginia-Peninsula-Chapter/TrainingEvents/Registration.aspx?ID=11230>

### **Prospective CGFMs –**

Who's ready to take on CGFM Exam 2?! This is considered by many as the toughest of the three tests to pass so hope you will consider joining our study group. We are lucky to have our CGFM Director, Claudia Ohar, providing these sessions for FREE! It will occur on Wednesdays (Jan 18- May 31) from 5:30 to 6:30 eastern time (see attached schedule). One chapter of the study guide will be covered each week (there is a spring break April 10-15). The zoom link to attend is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcuuqgT8pGdJAlgSsefMSxA4m7p2YfurQ>

Claudia is also providing support to the candidates that are preparing for the other exams, ensuring they have the materials they need and holding final reviews for those that request them in a small group setting via zoom. Candidates can obtain all study group sessions materials and recordings if they are preparing for an exam that is not currently being covered in the study sessions, email Claudia Ohar at [ohar.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:ohar.claudia@gmail.com) to make your requests.

We are cheering for our many candidates that are only missing one exam to obtain their CGFM!!! Congrats to our latest CGFM, **Kim Rubin** of the Norfolk City Auditor's Office!

### **Current CGFMs -**

If you are a CGFM in the AGA VA Peninsula Chapter, be sure to complete this brief survey of how and when you'd be available to celebrate CGFM month, coming in March 2023.

<https://forms.gle/1HezeKHrg4ytyLkY9>

Claudia is seeking an assistant to help her with running CGFM and the study groups. Interested? Please contact her at [ohar.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:ohar.claudia@gmail.com)

### **KUDOS!**

- VA Peninsula Chapter was awarded the **Citizen-Centric Reporting Recognition of Excellence!** Check out our CCR report at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Images/ChapterWebsites/Virginia-Peninsula-Chapter/libraries/files/VA%20Pen%20CCR%202021-2022.pdf> . A special thanks to its author,

**Jessika Jemmott!** The purpose of the Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative is to help simplify communication between government and its citizens, who have a right to accurate information about the way their government spends their taxpayer dollars. In a similar vein, our chapter annually produces a CCR to communicate our results to our members.

- Thank you to **Suzanne Maddalena** for representing our chapter in participating in *Wreaths Across America* December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Membership -**

Several FREE members-only webinars are upcoming. All offer 1.5 CPEs for FREE to AGA members! If you haven't already, now is a great time to join AGA!

- **How to Take Care of People – January 25, 2:00 – 3:15 ET – Register here:**  
[https://www.agacgfm.org/Training/Webinars/2022-2023-Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-\(1\).aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Training/Webinars/2022-2023-Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-(1).aspx)
- **April 5, 2:00 – 3:15 ET – TBD – Register here -**  
[https://www.agacgfm.org/Training/Webinars/2022-2023-Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-\(2\).aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Training/Webinars/2022-2023-Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-(2).aspx)
- **June 7, 2:00 – 3:15, TBD – Register here -**  
[https://www.agacgfm.org/Training/Webinars/2022-2023-Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-\(3\).aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Training/Webinars/2022-2023-Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-(3).aspx)

It's a great feeling to belong! Please consider sharing this email with a colleague and inviting them to an upcoming meeting. Prospective new members can get more information on the benefits of membership and join at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/JoinOrRenew.aspx>

Our own **Holly Jean Deal** was this month's AGA recruitment challenge winner.... spread the word, recruit a member, and YOU too could be in the running for a great prize!

Try sharing this QR code...



Happy New Year!

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