



AGA Inland Empire Chapter

THE BOTTOM LINE

Monthly Newsletter for the Association of Government Accountants - Inland Empire

April 2020 Edition

Upcoming PDM Luncheon

April 8, 2020

Cancelled
Due to COVID-19
Guidance

Hello AGA Members,

Originally we had scheduled a representative from AGA National to come out and speak to us in April. Unfortunately, her agency implemented a freeze on out of state travel due to escalating concerns related to the Coronavirus event.

The CEC began discussions in order to secure a local presenter for our April 8th PDM however as the situation evolved, and out of abundance of caution, the AGA Board decided that we will not conduct a Professional Development Meeting in April.

RUHS Public Health

**What you need to know about
2019 Novel Coronavirus**

Riverside County
Resources

San Bernardino
County Resources

COVID-19
Updates and Resources



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Cost

- \$25 - Members
- \$30 - Non-Member
- \$10 - Student Member
- \$14 - Student Non-Member

Location

ATC - 268 W. Hospitality Ln.
1st Floor Conf. Room A & B



to our
MEMBERS

President's Message

How quickly things can change. Last month we were talking about how time is flying by and we are all crazy busy. Fast forward to now and we have all had to take a step back and re-evaluate our everyday lives. Terms like social distancing and pandemic are now part of our vocabulary. I hope everyone is staying safe and following all of the guidance being provided by the experts in order to help "flatten the curve".

Currently all in-person events and meetings have been cancelled, for our chapter. The "Meet the Governments" scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the Yasuda Center at CSUSB is tentatively cancelled pending future developments.

I want to thank Mr. Erickson, San Bernardino County CFO, for presenting at our March luncheon. His knowledge of "Budgeting and Financial Management in Local Government" was on full display and was very enlightening. The impact of current stock market volatility on our County defined retirement plans as well as the five-year forecast for the County was eye-opening to say the least. However, do not lose hope, over the long-term our investment pools will accumulate gains and we will once again be in position to weather another storm.

As a reminder, committee members are still selling raffle tickets to fund our scholarships! The original plan was to award the scholarships and prizes on May 13, 2020 however that event is also tentatively cancelled pending future developments. We are working on developing virtual meetings so stay tuned for additional information on those events as they become available.

For those of you who are struggling to obtain CPE hours in this current climate of social distancing, I would like to remind you that AGA National is still providing webinars to make earning CPE hours easy. Click the Webinars image to access the current library of courses.



Advancing Government Accountability



Diana Atkeson, AGA-IE President

April Days of Note

10th - Sibling Day

The bond between siblings is extra-special, even more so if one of them has a life-long illness or a disability. Sibling Day is a way of honoring that special bond. Siblings Day was created by Claudia Evart. Evart started the day after losing both her sister at an early age.

17th - Blah Blah Blah Day

If you recognize the muffled sound of the parents in Charlie Brown, you instinctively refer to it as "blah, blah, blah." Who listens to that, when it's all just noise? Blah Blah Blah Day is about listening to those noises, and recognizing that people are speaking to you.

22nd - Earth Day

Earth, due to human activity, is in trouble. The ozone layer's depleting, ecosystems are being lost and people are starving for food and water. Earth Day, one of the first global initiatives to protect and help conserve the earth, has become a holiday that strives for change on a global scale.

28th - Pay It Forward Day

Every day we find ourselves presented with opportunities to pass forward some good that's been done in our lives. This day is a reminder that we should be engaging in this behavior every day, and that one day someone may pay it forward to us when we most desperately need it.

- www.DaysoftheYear.com

March PDM

We had a full house for S.B. County CFO Matthew Erickson. How many attendees can you name? Less than half? Then make it a point to network at our next event!

If you were not able to attend, you can view the slides from his presentation on our Chapter website by navigating to the [Training Resources](#) page.



Ronald McDonald House

Please join us & participate in this month's community service event. We are collecting donations for the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House who provides a "home away from home" to families while their children receive medical treatment. A wish list can be accessed here:

⇒ <https://rmhcsc.org/inlandempire/wishlist>

Item categories include Food, Gift Cards, Kitchen Supplies, etc.

Donations can be given to any CEC member listed below or donated at the March 11th PDM. Thank you for your support!



Visit us on the web at <https://www.agacgfm.org/InlandEmpire> for additional information and resources

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Conquering Quarantine

Activities to pass the time

Call your family and friends:

With all this free time, is there really any excuse to lose touch with people? Make the effort. Call your loved ones and check to make sure they are all ok.

Video Chat: Sure, we are all practicing social distancing. That doesn't mean we can't host group video chats, drink wine, and gossip.

Plan travel: Just because we can't travel at the moment does not mean that we can't book travel for down the road. There are plenty of deals out there for low cost, affordable travel.

Read: Whether it's a book, a magazine, the newspaper, or an online article, all will keep you entertained.

Catch up on your favorite shows: There are billions of things to watch between Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime alone. Just no chilling. We need to practice social distancing.

Workout videos: Just because you can't go to the gym or your favorite workout class, doesn't mean you can't work out. There is no excuse to not be active while trapped inside.

Craft: Doesn't everyone pin a bunch of DIY crafts on Pinterest these days? Time to get creating those pins you have long forgotten about! Whether it's those chunky blankets, candles, or a digital scrapbook, there are plenty of crafts to keep you occupied.

The above ideas were obtained from: thoughtcatalog.com

Employment Opportunities



City of Yucaipa

Finance Manager

Salary: \$96,078 - \$119,988 Annually Closes: 4/13/20

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Budget Officer

Salary: \$115,739 - \$141,017 Annually Closes: Open Until Filled

City of Norco

Accounting Manager

Salary: \$79,675 - \$96,845 Annually Closes: Open Until Filled

Senior Accountant

Salary: \$36.00 - \$44.00 Hourly Closes: Open Until Filled

Accountant

Salary: \$24.00 - \$30.00 Hourly Closes: Open Until Filled

County of San Bernardino

Systems Accountant III

Salary: \$69,264 - \$95,305 Annually Closes: 4/17/20

Systems Accountant II

Salary: \$64,334 - \$88,628 Annually Closes: 4/17/20

Management Analyst II

Salary: \$58,427 - \$80,288 Annually Closes: Continuous

Management Analyst I

Salary: \$50,419 - \$69,305 Annually Closes: Continuous

Management Analyst Trainee

Salary: \$48,006 - \$64,459 Annually Closes: Continuous

University of California, Riverside (UCR)

Multiple Openings

California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB)

Multiple Openings





Click anywhere on this application to visit the AGA-IE website and download the PDF version.

INLAND EMPIRE OF CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

APPLICATION FOR THE RICHARD CURTIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicant must be pursuing a degree in accounting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, or any other related field.
2. Applicant must display outstanding academic achievement. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required.
3. Applicant must be involved in his/her community.
4. Applicant must submit a copy of the most recent grade report or transcript.
5. Applicant must submit 1 professional letters of recommendation from a business, school, or community service organization representative.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: () _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AGA Member? Yes: ___ No: ___ Family relationship to member? Yes: ___ No: ___

Give member name and relationship: _____

School/University: _____

Current GPA: _____ Major: _____

Please attach to this application an essay that includes all of the following information:

Why are you a good candidate for this scholarship?

Describe your academic achievements

Describe your extracurricular activities, if any

Describe your academic goals

Describe your career goals

Please return applications by **May 1, 2020** to the following address:

Please email completed applications to Diana Atkeson (Diana.Atkeson@atc.sbcounty.gov) for processing by the Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship will be presented at our professional development luncheon meeting on May 13, 2020.

Disclaimer: The scholarship committee of this AGA chapter reserves the right to select the best qualified candidates for this scholarship. All decisions of the scholarship committee are final. Previous winners are ineligible to apply.