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Happy Holidays

LUNCHEON SERIES

JANUARY 23, 2008 (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 pm)

Members \$25
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KEN CARFINE

We are delighted to welcome Ken Carfine, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Treasury, as our luncheon speaker for January. Topic will be a discussion of the 2007 Consolidated Financial Report. Mark your calendars!

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President's Message - December 2007

by Dan Christovich, President

Happy Holiday's!!! They are here!



This is the first time in years that I haven't been bothered by the early appearance of holiday decorations in the stores and along the roadways, the "all holiday songs" on my favorite radio stations, or the holiday leave plans that are skittering across desks at work. For some reason, I seem to feel "in the season," and you know what, I like it! Maybe this occurrence is true for everyone. Maybe each of us, at some point, finds ourselves caught off guard, truly overcome by holiday spirit. And even if some of us don't have it right now, there is no harm in practicing the "power of positive thinking," so start now! Spread a little holiday cheer of your own. Put that favorite seasonal decoration on your desk, volunteer to help with the office holiday party, give a gift to those who have so little, and put aside a few hours each week to do something nice for someone in the spirit of it all. Share with others why this is a special time for you—Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, New Year's Day, Winter Solstice, or maybe a unique tradition/activity you have? For instance, I have a brother who spent a lot of Christmas's in the Florida Keys. For him, this time of year was all about fishing and getting a golden tan. Share your stories and traditions!

It's crunch time for AGA, D.C. and I want everyone to come back in January geared up and ready to work hard for our Financial Management community! The National Leadership Conference (NLC), our Chapter Education Conference, and the AGA Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Atlanta happen before we know it! Have you recruited your quota of new members yet? Have you studied for, or helped a colleague prepare for the CGFM exams? Take advantage of the CGFM review courses and exams that will be offered at the NLC and PDC). Have you signed up to be a mentor, or have you called one of our mentors to give you some valuable thoughts about your career

or weigh in sticky problems you face at work? What about recognition? Have you met with AGA members to think about whom you want to nominate for the National or Chapter Awards and elect to D.C. Chapter Leadership positions for 2008-2009? In this season of giving, think about how can you best contribute your talents to a make an even greater AGA, D.C. Chapter.

I hope you enjoy the many activities that the D.C. Chapter, our Region, and AGA National provided this year and look forward to the opportunities provide throughout the holiday season and New Year.

Also, I want to convey special thanks to the Chapter Executive Committee and all the members who help keep our programs on track, and to our corporate sponsors, your generosity has reached new heights this year.

Please enjoy this season's many gifts and use this time to spread holiday spirit. Also, please enjoy this month's newsletter. As always, if you have any suggestions, comments or questions please call me or email me. All feedback is welcome.

Happy Holidays!

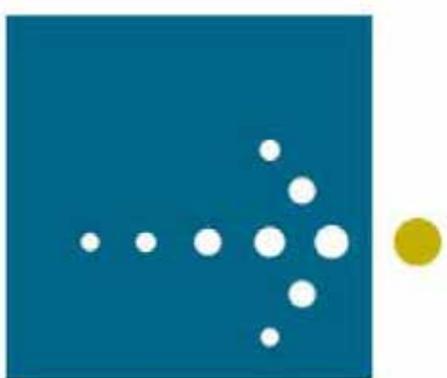
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Note From the Editor

by *Emily Asmus, Editor*

As I was reviewing Dan's letter to the members, I could not help but give pause to his request for us to share our own special memories and traditions this holiday season. My thoughts immediately shot to snow-covered family members coming into my grandparents home, knocking the heavy Pennsylvania snow off their boots, weary from delayed flights and highway white outs. I can still hear that hard wooden knock of boots hitting the door threshold letting us know they had arrived. Then I thought of all the cookies tucked away in various colored tins on the back porch; the door would creak each time one of us would try to stealthily sneak a few in before dinner. It became an amusing game to listen for that creaking door and then sneak up and out the one raiding the precious cookie supply. And of course there are presents, big brightly wrapped packages filled with tissue paper concealing our favorite gifts we give and receive. All of these memories came rolling into my conscious mind as I read Dan's piece, but none of them seemed to translate into jpeg pictures I wanted to add to his words.



First, I looked for images of Washington D.C. in winter—it is amazing how many free photos there are of the Whitehouse tree. Then, I tried looking for Winter scenes to get everyone into that cozy “holiday spirit.” The pictures were beautiful: snow covered New England towns, funny shaped snowmen, lonely, bare trees holding clumps of snow up in their branches, but they all seemed foolish for a publication in a city that gets so little snow. A bit discouraged by the lack of choices and the need to encompass more than my own faith/traditions, I ran through pages of images that could capture all of the major celebrations this time of year and still look visually appealing.

Then I found it.

On one page of free, downloadable images, among all the winter scenes, was a candle. A single white candle, flickering in blackness, made me stop my search and think about the quiet and unadulterated light one small form could produce. It was beautiful. Jammed between all my thoughts of presents, cookies, and snow was this image of a candle and the light it produced. In this small flame I found a sense of calm and hope; if one small candle could glow out into the night, it is limitless to think what each of us could do.

What you have here then is the image of a candle, of light. It is perhaps one of the strongest images that binds so many of us together and cleans our mind of so many tensions this time of year. Beyond the shopping and the bake goods is a simple, humble, and centering thread of hope, peace, and celebration, running through the veins, pulling us in closer to each other than we may realize. Some use the light to count down the days, some use the light to illuminate a path, and some use the light to mark a significant arrival.

Whether it is a circle of days dripping pink, purple, and white wax; a counting of nights holding white, blue, purple, red, or green tapers; a festival of oil potted and votive dotted paths, or a celebration of round glowing spheres spinning into a new year, we seemed drawn to the simple, gentle light of a candle.

Peace be with you.

Emily Asmus

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AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Editor



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Luncheon Series Speaker: Kenneth E. Carfine



Kenneth E. Carfine
Fiscal Assistant Secretary

Ken Carfine is the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, an appointment he received March 15, 2007. In this position, Mr. Carfine provides policy oversight for two Fiscal Service Bureaus: the Financial Management Service and the Bureau of the Public Debt, and serves as the Treasury's liaison with the Federal Reserve System. His responsibilities include managing the government cash flow, improving government financial management, executing government financing activities, and managing government-wide financial accounting and reporting systems, including the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements of the United States. Mr. Carfine is a statutory member of the Government-wide CFO Council, and represents the Secretary on the Trust Fund Boards for the National Archives and Library of Congress.

Previously, Mr. Carfine was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fiscal Operations and Policy, appointed April 2003. As the Deputy Assistant Secretary, he advised and assisted the Fiscal Assistant Secretary with policy and operations issues related to the fiscal activities of the Treasury. In this position, he also oversaw the development and implementation of policies relating to the government's cash and investment management, debt financing, trust fund investment and administration, payments, collections and debt collection and worked closely with the Financial Management Service, the Bureau of the Public Debt, and the Federal Reserve System.

Mr. Carfine began his Treasury career in 1973 with the Financial Management Service, holding positions of increasing responsibility in areas of banking, cash management, payments, check claims, and government-wide accounting.

Mr. Carfine graduated from the University of Baltimore with a B.S. in Accounting. He and his wife, Deborah, have two sons and one granddaughter and live in Maryland.

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Announcements

Free Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Training

by Doug Bennett, AGA-D.C. CGFM Coordinator
and Audrey Duchesne, AGA-D.C. CGFM
Assistant Coordinator

AGA D.C.'s six-day comprehensive training program to Early Career members to help them prepare for and successfully complete the three-part CGFM examination.

The program is **FREE** for qualified enrollees and will address the three key components of the CGFM examination: (1) the governmental environment; (2) government accounting, financial reporting, and budgeting; and (3) government financial management and control. The program's four key eligibility criteria are:

- Membership in the D.C., Northern Virginia or Montgomery/Prince George's County chapter of AGA (you can join now to meet this requirement).
- Preference given to those with 5 or fewer years of professional experience.
- Obtaining your supervisor's approval.
- Committing to take the 3-part CGFM examination within one year of the training.

This program provides a wonderful opportunity for our members to dramatically increase their knowledge of government financial management and acquire a critically important professional certification.

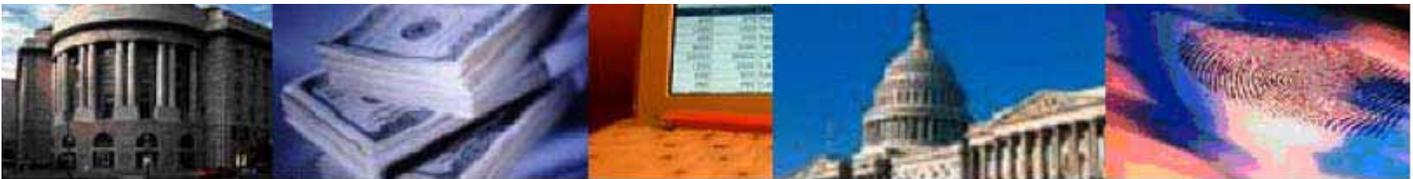
Training will be held on January 23, 24, 25 and February 6, 7, 8 at the Management Concepts facility located at 919 18th Street NW, Suite 800 Washington D.C.

Applicants accepted on a first come first served basis.

Please include the following statements in your application.

"I have received the approval of my supervisor to participate in this training and commit to attending all six sessions and sit for all three sections of the CGFM examination before February 2009."

"I am a member in good standing with the (choose one or more: D.C., Northern Virginia, Montgomery/Prince George's County) chapter of AGA."



SPRING CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE!

AGA D.C. Chapter Hosts:

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Annual Spring Conference

May 7-8, 2008

Come for the two-day AGA D.C. sponsored conference addressing emerging issues related to federal financial management and systems. The conference is worth 15 CPE hours.

Time: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Location: Ronald Reagan Building

For more information visit www.agadc.org.

Announcements

AGA D.C.'s Mentor Program: Now Open to All!

by The Membership Team—LeAnn Corcoran and Marguerite Nealon, Membership Co-Directors, and Ruth Apelt, Assistant Membership Director

Last spring the Membership Team of the AGA D.C. Chapter initiated a Mentor Program, pairing retirees with Early Career members, (chapter members with five or less years of government financial management experience.) Due to the enormous interest we received, we are broadening the program to include every member who would like a mentor, regardless of their career stage. We now have an even larger pool of mentors-five people with Federal government and private sector experience. Would you like a mentor...or to be a mentor? If so, read on.

About the Program

The Program serves to facilitate member's professional development and enhance government accountability skills. Mentees receive one-on-one coaching from one or more mentors. Experienced professionals and retirees contribute to the professional development of our members. Before selecting their mentor, mentees have the opportunity to meet the mentors and review their résumés. The Membership Team is the conduit for exchanging information and getting the relationship off and running. The program is voluntary and open only to Chapter members.

Program Benefits

For mentees, benefits of the program include opportunities to:

- Enhance core financial management competencies
- Learn how others have advanced their careers in government accountability
- Seek advice or guidance for a specific work challenge
- Discover how greater involvement in the AGA D.C. Chapter can develop or strengthen one's management and leadership skills
- Develop further networking avenues

For mentors, the benefits include opportunities to:

- Give back to the profession by sharing knowledge and wisdom
- Have a meaningful impact on an individual's career development
- Build deeper relationships with other Chapter members

Participation

To sign up for the Mentor Program, please contact Marguerite Nealon wnealon01@aol.com or LeAnn Corcoran lcorcoran@savantage.net.

Now Accepting Hotel Reservations for PDC 2008

It's time to look ahead to the 2008 PDC in Atlanta! Next year's conference will take place July 27 - 30 at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis. Everyone attending the conference will be housed in this hotel; AGA's room block is now open. Be sure to mention that you are attending the AGA PDC when making your reservation.

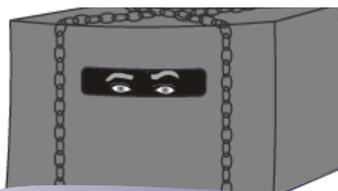
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Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



Access Restricted

Introduction

In the physical world, there are a lot of places where the average person is not allowed to go. In the world of federal accounting, there are restrictions on certain types of activities. Typically, agencies have access to a limited number of Treasury Symbols (TAFS). However, in the U.S. Standard General Ledger (SGL) there are a handful of agencies with special accounts that were created by the Board for a very specific purpose and have very specific restrictions.

Cash Transactions

There are two accounts with such specialized use they are not even on the SGL Transactions listing. Account 1921 Receivable from Appropriations, is presumably used as often as 1090 Fund Balance with Treasury under a Continuing Resolution-debit instead of cash when the appropriation entry is posted and then replaced with 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury when the warrant is posted. I guess only Treasury and OMB (whose approval is needed to post the account) know why these appropriations are not accompanied by a warrant.

On the other side is 4908 Authority Outlaid not yet Disbursed. In most places, the term Outlay is synonymous with Disbursed. However, the Bureau of Public Debt and perhaps some other agencies have situations where an outlay must be reported in a separate account. For this reason it is interesting that this account is treated like 4902 on the Statement of Budgetary Resources and in FACTS II Edit 12 reconciling outlays with the SF-224 Statement of Transactions. The only difference between 4908 and 4902 is that 4908 does not close to 4201 Total Actual Resources - collected at year end and therefore its balance must, at some point, be transferred to 4902 or a similar budgetary cash account. So presumably, 4908 is only booked at year end and then reversed in the new year.

Invested Funds

Accounts 4126 through 4129, which represent Amounts Appropriated from Specific Invested TAFS - Receivable, Payable, Transferred In and Transferred Out-respectively, are an artifact of how Treasury manages cash. There

are occasions when the President's Budget shows an appropriation, but the funds are actually invested in another symbol and will be transferred as needed. The appropriated fund debits 4126 and credits available (entry A516) while the investment fund debits available and credits 4127 (A520). When the funds are transferred, the appropriation moves balances from account 4126 to 4128 (A524), and the investment fund moves from 4127 to 4129 (A526). All these accounts require OMB approval. The associated proprietary accounts are 1330 Receivable for Transfers of Currently Invested Balances and 2150 Payable for Transfers of Currently Invested Balances, but there is no information stating that OMB needs to approve their use, presumably because OMB is only interested in reconciling the budgetary trial balance with their reporting system and so ignores proprietary accounts.

Contract Authority

The use of contract authority is pretty unusual, but even rarer is when reimbursable authority is substituted for contract authority. This situation uses account 4132 Substitution of Contract Authority until the reimbursement is earned (when the balance is transferred to 4135 Contract Authority Liquidated), and requires OMB approval.

Strange Transfers

In addition to the numerous normal ways of transferring authority between symbols, there are unusual ones where OMB uses special SGL accounts. Generally transfers between unexpired funds. Since expiring or reversing the expiration of funds could be considered thwarting the will of Congress, the transfer of authority between expired and unexpired funds requires special approval. Congress reappropriates the funds by passing a new law extending the availability of the funds and this activity is reported in account 4150. However, if the fund availability time is extended by an SF-1151 transfer authorized in the original appropriation, we use the special account 4191 Balance Transfers - Extension of Availability other than Reappropriations. Similar transfers that do not use an SF-1151 use account 4199 Transfer of

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Expired Expenditure Transfers - Receivable. When funds are transferred from an unexpired fund to an expired one (presumably to make up for a deficiency in an old fund), we use account 4192 Balance Transfers - Unexpired to Expired. Note: accounts 4191, 4192, and 4199 all require OMB approval.

Special and Trust Funds

Account 4320 is only used for specific expenditure transfers between the Social Security Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services. Account 4399 is used to temporarily preclude trust or special fund refunds and recoveries from obligation. While both these account descriptions indicate they can only be used with OMB permission, only the transaction descriptions for 4320 indicate restricted account use.

Conclusion

Originally, the USSGL contained a set of standard accounts that agencies used as needed. However, it has evolved into a system which mixes entries common to all agencies with specialized entries and accounts used to isolate very specific activities.

Simcha Kuritzky
Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com, and not to the AGA.

This column is provided as part of a free exchange of ideas in federal accounting, and is not reviewed substantively before publication.

Get Certified!

Once again, AGA created a great opportunity to become a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) before the Sixth Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington D.C.



Be a Certified Government Financial Manager before the National Conference!

Whether you've found it difficult to make time to complete the three exams or just need a review of the material, this is your chance! To help you reach your professional goals, AGA is offering a two-day CGFM Intensive Review Course on Monday, Feb. 18 – 19, with an opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations Feb. 20-21. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants and is worth 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

Only \$249 for a two-day class and examination, worth 18 CPE hours!

This course gives you additional preparation for the CGFM Examinations, and provides a perfect review opportunity if you previously attended Government Financial Management (GFM) training courses, studied the CGFM guide books on your own, or always wanted to be a CGFM but did not have the time to fill the requirements.

Come for review or certification!

Enrollment is limited and popular exam time slots are reserved quickly, so don't delay.

For more information or a registration form for this event, please visit the AGA website http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2008/cgfm_exam.htm or contact Crystal Vanison at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 316.



Awards

AWARDS NEWS

It's time to start thinking about honoring the best and brightest!

Below is a list of awards given at the AGA's National Professional Development Conference (PDC). For each of the awards listed below, AGADC can nominate one person as the official chapter nominee. Please be thinking about people you would like to nominate to be AGADC's official candidate. For more information on each of these awards, visit AGA's website: www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards

Robert W. King Memorial Award

Einhorn-Gary Award

Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award

Achievement of the Year Award

Educator Award

Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award

Chapter Education Award

Chapter Service Award

Community Service Award

International Achievement Award (New)

Chapter CGFM Award (New)

Emerging Leader Award of Excellence (New)

Community Service



Thanks again for your support for the U.S Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. We collected \$235.00 and 109 toys. We are hoping our contribution will be matched by the AGA's National Office bringing our total to \$470.00.

The AGA DC Chapter will continue their support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a non-profit organization that fulfills the wishes of children facing life-threatening medical conditions. We are asking members and non-members to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation by depositing spare change in a fishbowl that will be at the January 16th luncheon community service table. We will be collecting cash and checks. Please make all checks payable to AGA DC Chapter. We will then deposit the checks and then generate a check from the AGA DC Chapter with all the donations received.

In February, The AGA DC Chapter is continuing our tradition of supporting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (\$37,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing.

All VITA volunteer tax preparers need to be trained. The training process is very easy. Income tax training scheduled for Thursday, January 4 and Friday, January 5, 2008 from 10:00am -- 2:00pm at UPO, 301 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Internal Revenue Service and UPO will facilitate training. IRS has provided materials for studying prior to income tax training. IRS booklets will be available for pick up tomorrow at UPO Shaw Community Service Center, 1726 7th Street, NW, between 1:00 -- 3:00 pm or Wednesday, December 26 between 10:00am -- 1:00pm.

Tax season will be here quickly so anyone interested in volunteering needs to contact us ASAP. Let's make this the best year for VITA ever. I encourage everyone to participate. As an accounting organization, this is an excellent opportunity to give back to the community.

Please contact Lloyd A. Farmer 703-294-4473, Tonya Allen Shaw 202-720-5026 or AnnMarie Walker 202 461-6499 for more details on this event or the Make-A-Wish Foundation collection.

To sign up for the Mentor Program, please contact Marguerite Nealon wnealon01@aol.com or LeAnn Corcoran lcocoran@savantage.net.

Who is Ruth Apelt?

Name:

Ruth Apelt, CGFM



Ruth Apelt is National Sales Manager for the Public Sector Thomson Tax and Accounting, a unit of The Thomson Corporation, providing information, workflow, and training support to financial management professionals in the

public sector for over 19 years.

Prior to joining Thomson, Ruth worked in court administration with the Supreme Court of the United States and the U. S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit. As a native North Carolinian, Ruth graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.A. in Political Science.

How long have you been a member of AGA?

Approximately one year

How has AGA helped you with your career?

At Thomson Tax and Accounting I support accountants, auditors, tax and other financial management professionals across the industry. AGA gives me tremendous appreciation for the complexity of government business related to my own work.. Through AGA's excellent assortment of networking and educational opportunities, I have a better understanding of the responsibilities and challenges faced by federal financial management professionals. My relationship with AGA D.C. helped me develop a strong appreciation for the important role we play, supporting the achievement of government transparency while preventing fraud, waste, and abuse of tax dollars.

What advice do you have for someone thinking about joining AGA?

By all means, go for it! It is immensely rewarding, both personally and professionally, and is well worth the investment of money and time. Also, get involved! I am especially grateful to Marguerite Nealon and LeAnn Corcoran for encouraging my involvement.

What is the best thing about working in government service?

I love being exposed to a variety of interesting, dynamic, and accomplished people carrying out multi-

faceted missions impacting all Americans.

What has been the biggest obstacle in getting where you are today?

A few years back, I was lured into the frenzy of the “.com” world, taking me briefly away from my core competency of working with the public sector market. From this time I learned a valuable lesson: find what you love to do and stick with it! With this experience, I developed a renewed appreciation for maintaining a focused career path and supporting our government.

What is your favorite hobby or outside activity?

Traveling, tennis, and biking.

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

Vanilla, with an enormous amount of decadent chocolate fudge sauce

Anything else you would like to highlight?

I commend AGA D.C. for their noble charity work and I share this passion for giving back to the community. Outside of work and work related activities, I have the privilege of serving as a volunteer Board member for The Campagna Center, a Alexandria non-profit that provides educational and developmental programs for children and families. In recognition of this work, I was just named one of Thomson's Community Champions for 2007 and will receive a \$10,000 donation from Thomson for The Campagna Learning Center, a tutoring program that promotes academic achievement for elementary grade students who are at risk of school failure.

Ruth Apelt

Ruth Apelt, CGFM

Community Service



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According to their website, www.wish.org/, the Make-A-Wish foundation grants a wish every 41 seconds. In January, 2008 the AGA D.C. Chapter will help sustain this average with member donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a non-profit organization that fulfills the wishes of children facing life-threatening medical conditions. Some examples of wishes that children have requested and received are reflected on this "I wish to have" list. The list helps put childrens' needs into perspective for their sponsors.

We are asking members and non-members to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation by depositing spare change in a fishbowl that will be at the January 16th luncheon community service table-every cent helps. At that time we will also be collecting cash and checks if you wish to donate to a terminal child's wish. Please make all checks payable to the AGA D.C. Chapter. We will then deposit the checks and generate a single check from the AGA DC Chapter as a gift for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Please contact Lloyd A. Farmer 703-294-4473, Tonya Allen Shaw 202-720-5026, or AnnMarie Walker 202 461-6499 for more details on the Make-A-Wish Foundation collection.

I Wish to have:

- a puppy
- a fort in my backyard
- a computer
- a horse
- my own prom
- a custom-made drum kit
- my bedroom remodeled
- a shopping spree at my favorite stores
- a grand piano
- a home theatre with a popcorn machine
- my own music CD

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Want to Make a Difference?

***Consider a Career in Government
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Are you, or someone from your chapter planning to attend a career fair, or an event for college students? AGA now has an eye-catching brochure that offers information about government financial management careers and answers questions for aspiring government financial managers regarding the qualifications and skills needed to get started. It also includes a bookmark for students that directs them to the Tomorrow's Professionals website for more information. To order free copies of the brochure, please submit the collateral order form found in the Members Only section or contact Jessica Jones.



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Calendar of Events — 2007/2008 Program Year

Month	Luncheons*	Community Service	Member Service	Education	Early Careers	Membership	CEC Meetings
September	Zola Lunch - 9/19 Danny Werfel Deputy Controller, OMB Topic: "Smarter Accountability"	Baby Food Challenge	Zaytina on 9/5 4pm - 6pm for Happy Hour	Audio Conference (AC) - 9/20 - Making the Transition to Management: What it takes to succeed			9/4/07 - noon
October	Zola Lunch - 10/17 TBD - Sally Ann Harper Topic: "Transforming the Enterprise at GAO"	Walk to D'feet ALS ALS Association	Mount Vernon - 10/5 6pm - 9pm or with NOVAGA on Oct 7 from 6-9 pm Old Europe - 10/25 Oktoberfest		10/17 Details TBD	Membership Luncheon - Jerry Murphy, Former Treasury Fiscal Asst. Secretary; 10/25/07, Noon until 1:00 p.m.; Veterans Affairs	10/2/07 - noon
November			Opera Night at Cafe Mozart 11/28 6:30pm				11/6/07 - noon
December	Zola Lunch - 12/5 William Campbell, CFO Amtrak "The Transition from Public to Private Sector Financial Management"	Collect toys for needy children at monthly luncheon - U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program	Holiday Party Date, Time, and Location TBD	AC - 12/12 - Anatomy of Fraud: Case Examples of Greed, Collusion, and Override of Controls	FSIO/CGAC & BTA/SFIS Update - Dec 5; NoVA Chapter's Holiday Social immediately following** http://agadc.org/novatrainig.php		12/4/07 - noon
January	Zola Lunch Jan 23 Ken Carfine, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Treasury	Collect spare change at monthly luncheon - Make-A-Wish Foundation	AGA Dinner Date, Time, and Location TBD		1/30 Details TBD		1/8/08 - noon
February	Zola Lunch Feb 20 Steve Isakowitz, CFO, US Dept of Energy	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	Capitals Game (Partner with NOVA) 2/6/08	AC - 2/6 - Internal Controls National Leadership Conference - February 21-22; Washington DC; 14 CPEs			2/5/08 - noon
March	Zola Lunch March 26 Speaker TBD	Dress for Success Suit Drive	Museum Tour Date, Time, and Location TBD				3/4/08 - noon
April	Zola Lunch Apr 16 Speaker TBD	Habitat for Humanity	Virginia Wine Tour - 4/19 (Partner with NOVA)		4/23 Details TBD		4/1/08 - noon
May		Eyeglass Collection for Lions Club & Cell Phone collection Verizon Wireless	Tidal Basin - 5/18 Paddle Boats on the Tidal Basin and Picnic	Spring Conference May 7 and 8, 2008 - Ronald Reagan Building			5/6/08 - noon
June		So Others Might Eat	Nationals Game Date, Time, and Location TBD				6/3/08 - noon
July		Boy's and Girl's Club (Baseball Outing)					7/1/08 - noon

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