



November 2017 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello AGA members and non-members. It is hard to believe that the Thanksgiving holiday is this week!



The Upgrade, SHARE of FIN 9.2 is complete and we are all trying to learn the new system. Feel free to reach out to your fellow AGA members, or to our association, if you have expertise and guidance to offer.

The Chapter held the Fall Harvest Social at The Palace. The Palace had interesting artwork and red velvet wallpaper. There was great networking amongst the attendees. We discussed politics, work, baseball, and many other topics. The food included salads, pizza, wings, shrimp and fried artichokes...all served buffet style. There was an abundance of good food and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The food drive for the Food Depot was quite successful and much appreciated.

The New Mexico Chapter will have our Holiday luncheon on December 7, 2017 at the Palace. The Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation will present regarding their organization and successes.

Contact our Vice President Janet Pacheco-Morton with ideas for speakers for our luncheons. We also purchased our Audios for the year and will be sending out emails on the subject and location. The schedule is included in this newsletter, posted on our website NM Chapter <http://agasantafe.org/> and announced in various e-mails to our members. Feel free to contact our Education Chair Bryan Maestas with audio conference questions.

PDT planning and preparation is underway. Participation and involvement from the membership makes a great organization. We look forward to your continued participation and input to make it a wonderful and successful year!!

Happy Thanksgiving!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wanda M. Gonzales".

Wanda M Gonzales
President



Association of Government Accountants

Holiday Luncheon

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2017

Time: 11:45am – 1:15pm

Location: The Palace Restaurant

142 W. Palace Ave.

Santa Fe, NM

Speaker: Jo Ann Habing & Valarie Higgins, Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation

Topic: The mission of Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation is to enhance the lives of Carrie Tingley Hospital patients and special needs children and their families throughout New Mexico.

Cost: \$12 member & \$15 non-member

RSVP Wanda Gonzales by 12:00pm

Wednesday, December 6th at 827-4865

Or by email supwmg@nmcourts.gov

Cancellations after the deadline and “no shows” will be charged the full price of the meal payable to the Chapter. We must guarantee the number of attendees to the restaurant in advance.

Charity Event to Benefit Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation

Needs

Board Games

Legos, Building Blocks

Sports Balls (Nerfs)

Action Figures

Puzzles, YoYo's, Rubik's Cubes

Toy Cars

Dolls

Kites, Model Cars and Airplanes

Crayons, Markers & Coloring Books

*Please no toy guns or stuffed animals

Citizen Centric Reporting

Government at all levels – federal, state and local – seek to be transparent with their spending. But instead of providing complex financial statements that require an accounting degree to understand, AGA provides the Citizen Centric Report (CCR).

AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) is a user-friendly report that is not just for accountants and auditors. It summarizes the most important points of a governmental entity. Citizens have a right to accurate information about how government is spending their taxpayer dollars. AGA believes these reports will help citizens better understand the services provided by their government — and at what cost. In today's time of tight budgets, governments must be transparent to citizens about their decisions. CCRs can help Americans become more active and better-informed voters.

I am very happy to say this is my fourth year in working with the New Mexico Chapter to complete a CCR. The CCR is appealing because of the story it tells through pictures of our events, charts about who we represent and of course all about the money. We want to share with our members the revenue we brought in through membership dues and trainings and the cost to provide those training and the annual Professional Development Training (PDT).

We encourage you to work with your government employer or with the city or town where you live, and persuade them to produce a CCR. If you have questions about the CCR or would like help in getting your CCR started contact me, I would be happy to help.

We hope to see you soon at our training events!

Donna Sandoval, CGFM

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Paparazzi Highlights...Fall Harvest Social



The gang is all here...a good time had by all!



CPA Society Honors AGA Members

The New Mexico CPA Society honored two of our AGA members on November 2, 2017 with Pride in Profession awards. Congratulations to Sanjay Bhakta, Deputy State Auditor, for winning the award for Outstanding Member in Government and Emily Oster, Director of Compliance and Quality Control, won the award for Woman to Watch, Emerging Leader. We are pleased to have Sanjay and Emily as AGA members.



Staff of Office of the State Auditor at NM CPA Society Awards Luncheon; from left Kevin Sourisseau, Elise Mignardot, Lynette Kennard, Sanjay Bhakta, Emily Oster, Sunalei Stewart, Sirata Nair and Aaron Nieto

See link for Office of the State Auditor press release:

https://www.saonm.org/media/news_pdf/10-19-17_Two_OSA_Leaders_Win_NMSCPA_Awards.pdf



CGFM You Pass We Pay Program (YPWPP)

The You Pass We Pay Program (YPWPP) is a great way to assist Chapter members meet their goal of obtaining the CGFM. There are three basic criteria to the YPWPP:

- Only NM Chapter members are eligible for this program since it is unique to our Chapter.
- Participants are given six (6) months to take and pass all three examinations. This clock starts "ticking" when an agreed upon date is reached by the CGFM Coordinator and the participant. We will send out a letter welcoming you to this program, which will have the start date. What we like to let participants know is that they should have already applied for the certification and have received a letter/email from the AGA National Office acknowledging their CGFM application approval. This way no time will be wasted applying for the CGFM and you can concentrate on studying for the exams.
- Upon successful approval, the participants will need to provide us a copy of the letter from AGA National stating they have passed. This will allow us to verify that the exams were completed within the six-month time-period. Additionally, we will ask for proof of payment and a statement saying that the applicant has received no further financial assistance for this process (i.e. having the employer paying for the exams).

To maintain the CGFM certification in active status, individuals must continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, renew CGFM annually and earn 80 continuing professional education (CPE) hours every two years.

Please go to the agacgfm.org website or email Luis R. Eres at luis.r.eres.civ@mail.mil for more information.

Audio Conferences

Scheduled Webinars/Audio Conferences By Bryan Maestas, CGFM, Education Chair

The New Mexico Chapter CEC has purchased the following webinars/audio conferences. The topic and dates are listed below. The location where the webinar/audio conferences are to be held will be announced at least one week before the event. Two hours of Continuing Professional Education will be offered.

- **Topic:** Grants Management
Date: January 10, 2018
- **Topic:** Cybersecurity
Date: March 28, 2018

Chapter Finances

AGA NM CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT October 2017

Book Balance (ledger)	\$ 38,269.79
Unreconciled amount	\$ 592.82
Outstanding deposits	\$ -
Outstanding checks	\$ 961.48
Bank Balance (bank statement)	<u>\$ 39,824.09</u>

Ending Bank Balance as of 10/31/17	<u>\$ 39,824.09</u>
	\$ 0.00

Transaction / Description	Date	Check Number	Amount
Wanda Gonzales (Reimbursement Fall Harvest Social)	11/3/2017	1789	\$ 543.41
La Choza (November Luncheon)	11/8/2017	1790	\$ 418.07

Education

Don't forget education - the Chapter has continuing education opportunities. Updates on the location of these trainings will be posted on the Chapter web-site as well as disseminated through email.

New Mexico Chapter Website

Please visit the New Mexico Chapter web-site at agasantafe.org to view the most recent postings of Chapter events, happening and member profiles. <http://agasantafe.org/>

2017-2018 Chapter Executive Committee

Position	Name	Employer	email	Telephone
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