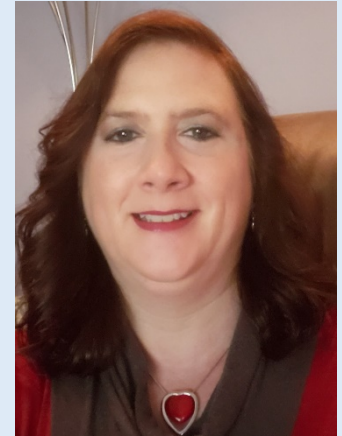




November 2021 Newsletter

“Giving Thanks”

This time of year we all start to reflect on everything that we are thankful for. I’m sure most of us are thankful that Fiscal Year End is over and the Holiday Season will bring a nice break from work. The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter is thankful to have had the opportunity to partner with the ASMC Buckeye Chapter to work the retail booths at the OSU Football home games this season. Special thanks to Bob Palmieri, Will Kays, Kelly Nicklaus, Dawn Cole, Cindy Shoe and all who volunteered to work the booths this season. We are also thankful to have partnered with ASMC for the Joint Virtual PDT on November 16th & 18th. We had a great turnout with around 115 in attendance, many wonderful speakers and lots of great topics. A huge thank you to all who participated and all who worked so hard putting this event together. Although, it seems we are able to get more participants virtually, we are hoping to be in person again next year.



We are looking to plan an event to celebrate our Chapter Anniversary and/or a Holiday Membership gathering in the near future. We will send details as soon as we have more information. If anyone has any ideas for either an in-person or virtual event, please feel free to share! Our next webinar will be December 15th on Performance Management, another opportunity to earn more CPE/CETs before the end of the year.

Want to be more involved in the Chapter? The Chapter is looking for individuals to fill some vacated CEC positions in Membership, Accountability, Chapter Historian and Budget and Finance. Please help the Chapter to grow by joining the CEC or recruiting new members. Here is a short elevator speech to help get the word out about AGA and the benefits of becoming a member.

AGA Elevator Speech

- AGA members are dedicated professionals.
- We support government at all levels and work in all areas of financial management, accounting, auditing, IT, and other business operations areas to help government work more efficiently and effectively.
- As members, we’re able to boost our careers through AGA education and the CGFM certification, and through opportunities to network, share ideas and solutions.
- Our training events are fantastic; they highlight innovations, best practices and research and lead to positive change in government that benefits our society.
- You can make a difference when you join AGA.

“Let our lives be full of both thanks and giving.” – Unknown

Connie Sombaty
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of October 31, 2021

Checking Balance: \$9,273.13 (↓\$475.75)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.55 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,278.58 (↑\$4.23)

What You Need To Know

Get Involved

Our Greater Columbus chapter currently has CEC Openings. Not interested in a position but want to help out? Serve on a Committee! We'd love to have you involved and it's a great way to build you resume. Contact any chapter leaders or greatercolumbusaga@gmail.com if you're interested.

Amazon SMILE

For all your Amazon purchases, shop at smile.amazon.com, and choose Greater Columbus Association Of Government Accountants as your preferred charitable organization. Instructions are at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Greater-Columbus-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/Help-Support-our-Chapter-with-Amazon-Smile!.aspx>

Become a CGFM

Consider studying and taking the tests to become a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Having this certification gives you a leg up when seeking promotions in the Federal Government and can be used for your initial FM Certification! For more info, contact Glenn Weimar or visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

Kroger Plus Community Rewards

Don't forget to help out our chapter with your Kroger Plus Card with Community Rewards! Find Instructions on our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/GreaterColumbus/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/Kroger-Community-Rewards.aspx>

Keep Your AGA Information Up To Date

If you've recently changed your contact information, such as your e-mail address, please update your profile at www.agacgfm.org, so you can continue to receive communications from the chapter and AGA National. Contact Will Kays if you have problems receiving communications messages.

Remember: AGA is THE member organization for government financial management professionals. We lead and encourage change that benefits our field and all citizens. Our networking events, professional certification, publications and ongoing education help members build their skills and advance their careers.

October 2021 CEC Meeting Minutes

There was no CEC meeting held in October 2021. Notes will be provided for the next meeting!

Community Service News

Adopt-A-Military Family

AGA will be supporting the “Adopt a Military Family for the Holidays” initiative again this holiday season. Although COVID-19 has made things a little harder this year, our goal is to continue to bring joy to military families. The wish list for this year’s Military Family is below. Gift Cards will also be accepted in order for families to purchase groceries and other necessities.

- Boy - Age 6 clothes: size 10-12 Shoe: Size 3 Toys: Figit toys and Lego Sets
- Boy - Age 9 clothes: size 10-12 Shoe: Size 3 Toys: Figit toys and goo jit zu
- Boy-Age 10 clothes: size 12-14 Shoe: Size 7 (adult) Toys: Ninjago lego and goo jit su
- Girl –Age 11 clothes: size Medium Shoe: Size 5 (adult) Toys: Art sets and supplies/Uno attack
- Boy-Age 12 clothes: size 12-14 Shoe: Size 4 Toys: Anything Mandalorian

Donations can be mailed to Catrina Davis- Harris P.O. BOX 713 Columbus, OH 43216 -OR-

Dropped off on December 9th, 4-6 PM Panera at 3874 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43219 (Easton)

POC: Catrina Davis Harris (614) 218-6653

Children’s Book Drive for the Blessing Book Box Project

There has been an increased request for children’s books (K-12). Activity Books (i.e. Crossword, Word Search, Coloring books), story books, financial literacy books (A HUGE PLUS) and Sci-Fi are requested.

Books can be dropped off anytime at the Book Box located outside of the CWA Union Hall 4140 E. Broad Street 43213 (East of the DSCC Broad Street Entrance, Across from Drew Shoe Factory)

Note: This location also takes non-perishable food donations

Please take a picture of your book (and/or food) donation to be added to our Community Service photo collage by **COB 12/17/21** to catrina.v.davisharris.civ@mail.mil

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

Dec 15 2 – 3:50 PM	AGA Group Virtual Webinar: Performance Management (FOS: Management Services)	2 CPE/CET
Dec 20 11 AM – 12PM	AGA CEC Meeting	
Jan 26 2 – 3:15 PM	Free Members-Only Webinar (FOS: Personal Development)	1.5 CPE/CET

**Greater Columbus AGA –
Officer & Chapter Executive Committee Roster**

President	Connie Sombaty
President-Elect	Leisha Hickman
Secretary	Linda Gover
Treasurer	Shane Nicklaus

Immediate Past-President	Cindy Shoe
National Council of Chapters Representative	Ben Thayer
Accountability Outreach	-Vacant-
By-Laws	Elizabeth Gibbs
Communications 1	Will Kays
Communications 2	Joe Scipione, CGFM
Community Service 1	Catrina Davis-Harris
Community Service 2	-Vacant-
CGFM 1	-Vacant-
CGFM 2	Glenn Weimar, CGFM
Education 1	Eric Gersper
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	-Vacant-
Leadership Development Committee	-Vacant-
Membership 1	-Vacant-
Membership 2	-Vacant-
Programs 1	Bob Palmieri, CGFM
Programs 2	Carolyn Lutz
Scholarships Committee	Ben Thayer

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