

## May 2023 Newsletter - Virginia Peninsula Chapter

**CLEAN THE BAY DAY** – Bring your family and friends and join us **THIS Saturday, June 3rd from 9am-12pm at COMMUNITY BEACH PARK in Ocean View** (700 E Ocean View Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503) for this annual service project with the Hampton Roads GAO office and the VA Peninsula Chapter of AGA. Questions? Contact Evelyn Stallings ([ejstallings2000@hotmail.com](mailto:ejstallings2000@hotmail.com))

**FREE MEMBER'S ONLY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY** – June 7, 2023, 2:00 – 3:15 ET, 1.5 CPEs– ***Grow Your Garden - Create Opportunities to Advance Yourself and Others*** - Free to AGA Members – virtual – Register [HERE](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU DR. Z** - Dr. Douglas E. Ziegenfuss, who helped charter the ODU Chapter of AGA in April 1997, as the only AGA student chapter at the time, and has been its long-time faculty advisor, is officially retiring next week.

Dr. Z's contribution to the government accountability profession are numerous, including the years spent educating thousands of undergrad and graduate level students in his accounting and auditing classes, in his delivery of dozens of iterations of the two-hour required ethics VA requires of CPAs, and in his running of the student chapter. Over those years, the ODU student chapter was extremely active due to his generosity, leadership, connections, and involvement with local chapters of those organizations.

While running the student chapter, he simultaneously served on the VA Peninsula Chapter executive committee, often as a director of research and a liaison with MAAC for many years and we fondly remember him always offering to host our summertime chapter year kick off meeting at ODU. The VA Peninsula chapter of AGA has enjoyed many leaders and past presidents that are alumni of the ODU student chapter.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR A GREAT CHAPTER YEAR!** Our AGA VA Peninsula Chapter year officially ends June 30th. Here are some of our accomplishments, along with the name of the volunteer leaders who were instrumental in making them happen:

- Gained **21** new members (14% growth) (Thank you Torae, Claudia and all who sponsored new members).
- Offered **9**-chapter meetings, including two joint meetings with our local Tidewater Chapter of IIA and one meeting joint with the ODU student chapter, with an average attendance of 30 people. We enjoyed speakers from the state, local and federal government and heard about a range of topics including technical ones (excel pivot tables) and softer skills like fear of failure (Thank you Cecelia, Jessika, Suzanne, and Laura (who did all of our flyers))
- We supported ODU School of Accountancy and Beta Alpha Psi students with outreach on government accountability careers (Thank you Dr. Stone)
- Held the 27th Annual AGA Commonwealth PDT in partnership with three (3) other AGA Chapters (Richmond, Shenandoah, and Southwest) offering 16 CPEs. Our

percentage of profits was \$2,405 and we raised \$2,854 for our PDT charity Semper K9 (Thank you Melinda)

- We supported CGFM candidates through study groups, and the purchase of study guides. We've already had several new CGFMs and candidates who are well on their way in passing one or more exams. (Thank you Claudia)
- The State of VA proclaimed March CGFM Month and we polled our current CGFMs on ways to better support them.
- We conducted a financial audit and received recommendations to better account for and monitor our finances (Thank you Brad and Gail).
- We produced a Citizen Centric Report for our Chapter (Thank you Jessika)
- We regularly communicated to our members through FB, routine emails, and an up-to-date website (Thank you LaQuisha and Suzanne)
- We are supporting the AGA National Community Service Fund raffle with a gift and a financial contribution and we supported the American Heart Association with our speakers' gifts and are participating in Clean the Bay Day.
- We have a solid leadership pipeline with our 2023–2024 chapter president, president elect, secretary, treasurer and NCC representative already in place for our upcoming year (Thank you Teela, Jessika, Traneisha, Anissa, Evelyn and Joy), and a mix of veteran leaders and new members including some young professionals expressing interest.

We could not have done this without all of you, our members, so thank you for your support and membership!

Enjoy the summer!

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