The Roanoke Ledger

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President's Message



By Curtis P. Joachim, CPA, MBA, CGFM, CGMA

Happy New Year! I hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday season and that your year is off to a great start. By most accounts, 2021 is picking up right where 2020 left off with its firsts. In 2020, we were challenged by a Pandemic that forced us to re-invent ourselves. To find new ways of doing things, to stretch beyond our comfort zones and to persevere in the face of what appeared to be insurmountable odds. But give yourself a pat on the back, you're still here. You are still standing, and not only that, but hopefully you are thriving. You have risen to the challenge and through your hard work, ingenuity and creativity, the work of the people continues. Kudos to you and here's to 2021 no matter what new opportunities to excel it may bring.

December was an exciting month for our chapter as we joined forces with the Richmond, Shenandoah and VA Peninsula Chapters to host the third annual Commonwealth PDT. This year the PDT was held virtually with about 189 attendees from all four chapters. Our Chapter was charged with being the Master of Ceremony as well as organizing and running the PDT's charitable event and raffle. Thanks to Our Community Service Chair, Leah and our Education Chair, Josh for coordinating and executing the event and raffle, during which we raised over \$5,000 for St. Francis Service Dogs located in Roanoke.

January's chapter event is a lunchtime webinar scheduled for January 28th where we will have a presentation on Cybersecurity by Mark Center of the US Government Accountability Office. Be on the lookout for the calendar invite. Hope you can join us.

With the rollover of the calendar to a new year, it's time to start seriously planning for our Spring PDT to be held on April 29th. If you have suggestions for a speaker or you would like to be one of our speakers, please let me know. The new year is also time to start putting

together the team of Leaders for next year's Board. Make this the year you step off the sideline and be part of the Chapter's leadership. It is now easier than ever to be involved since everything is now virtual. You can do this!

Till next time, life is short, make every day count!

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Opportunities

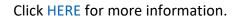


Our chapter is in need of members to provide a few brief comments as to "Why I am a CGFM". Personal reflections are encouraged! Your response (picture optional) will be featured on our chapter's AGA website. Please provide your comments to Vicky Moore at vimoore@vt.edu.



Please join us on **January 28**th for our monthly meeting where guest speaker **Mark Canter**, U.S. Government Accountability Office, will present on **Cybersecurity**.

Join **AGA** in celebrating National Mentoring Month by signing up to become a mentor today.







AGA Boston and New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum - 2021 Winter Seminar on Leadership

Learn About Personal Development – Leadership Behavioral Ethics - Ethical Decision Making From Private Sector, Academic, AGA, And Government Experts!

At your own location Total Credits: 6 CPEs

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 - 09:00 AM to 03:30 PM EST

Price: AGA Boston Members and Non-Members - \$65

To register for this event or for more information, visit https://agaboston.ce21.com/item/neiafaga-boston-chapter2021-virtual-winter-seminar-392684#tabDescription.

AGA National Event Calendar

AGA Roanoke Chapter Event Calendar

AGA is Community Minded



We worked with the Richmond, VA Peninsula and Shenandoah chapters to raise funds to support the **Saint Francis Service Dogs** non-profit organization. Saint Francis Service Dogs is a non-profit organization, whose purpose is to help children and adults with disabilities become more independent and self-sufficient through partnership with a professionally trained service dog. You can learn more about St. Francis Service Dogs here: http://www.saintfrancisdogs.org/

Charity Fundraiser Update

As a result of our fundraising efforts, Saint Francis Service Dogs received a total of **\$5,673.95**. The total raised included:

- \$3,250 given by 49 donors through GoFundMe during the Commonwealth PDT Fundraiser
- The Richmond Chapter sent \$568.95, which was made up of \$460 donated on behalf of the event speakers and \$108.95 to cover the GoFundMe processing fees.
 - AGA National Office sent \$1,855, which represented 50% of the amount we raised.

Saint Francis was extremely appreciative of the donation, and we are very grateful for the generosity of our AGA members and event attendees.

We will be choosing a new charity for our Roanoke Chapter's Spring PDT. If anyone has a charity that you would like to be considered for our next fundraising efforts in April, please reach out to Leah Kirby at lkirby@tjgcpas.com.



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Outreach Activities

- Annual Membership Renewal Season. Please be an ambassador for growth! Members are encouraged to renew their annual membership when the season opens on January 20th and to also encourage other colleagues and co-workers to renew online or join. The AGA is here with tools, resources and community to assist you and your colleagues in your work and to advance your organizations. Resolve to renew early!
- **Contact Information Update.** To ensure we have your current information, please log in to your **MyAGA** profile and verify your contact and demographic information. Now that many of us are working remotely from home, your home address should be checked as the preferred address.
- Campus (remote) Visit to Virginia Tech. As part of our annual outreach activities, we will be presenting to the student membership of the Virginia Tech Accounting Society on February 10th at 7PM. No pizza, but lots of helpful information on the AGA, membership and CGFM certification!
- Call for Panelists! We are looking for members from the GAO, the National Park Service, and the military to sit on a virtual panel that will discuss what it is like to work in government, careers in your agency, etc. to students at another campus event in the spring (date to be determined). This would be an hour-long, informational event as we introduce students to the world of government service. If interested, please contact the Membership Chair: gcadogan@tigcpas.com or Curtis Joachim, Chapter President at cjoachim@tigcpas.com for more information.

Ideas for other outreach activities to increase membership are always welcome!

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Chapter Information

2020-2021 Chapter Board

Curtis Joachim, President
Vicki Delp, Treasurer
Melissa Cable, Secretary
Joshua Levenstein, Education/Meetings
Gillian Cadogan, Membership/Emerging Leaders
Leah Kirby, Community Service
Vicky Moore, Web-Master/ Nat'l Council of Chapters
Representative
Misty Hamed, Communications & Newsletter
Ashley Colaiacovo, Accountability



Contact Information for the Chapter Board

AGA Treasurer's Report For the Month Ending December 2020

Beginning Balance: December 1, 2020						
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	12/31/2020	Barnes & Noble-PDT Raffle Winners (2)	\$	50.00		
	12/31/2020	CVS-PDT Raffle Winner (1)	\$	25.00		
	12/31/2020	Dunkin Donuts-PDT Raffle Winner (1)	\$	25.00		
	12/31/2020	Home Depot-PDT Raffle Winner (1)	\$	25.00		
	12/31/2020	Lowes - PDT Raffle Winner (1)	\$	25.00		
	12/31/2020	Staples-PDT Raffle Winners (2)	\$	50.00		
	12/31/2020	Starbucks-PDT Raffle Winners (2)	\$	50.00		
	12/31/2020	VISA-PDT Raffle Winners (2)	\$	61.90		
	12/31/2020	Walmart-PDT Raffle Winners (2)	\$	50.00		
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