

January 2022

NEWSLETTER

Presidents Message

Michael Townsend

Happy New Year 2022 Shenandoah Valley!

The last two months have passed us by, but success did not. Thomas Floersch, HHS presented to our Chapter on Resilience and Wellness in late November. The Chapter participated in the 26th Annual Commonwealth PDT on December 9th and 10th. PDT participants were from all over the country, and 158 received CPE credit for attending the virtual training. A special thank-you to Brooke Pennington who was instrumental in making the virtual training a success.

We welcome two new members to our Chapter, Chris Swetz, Budget Director, US International Trade Commission and Adam Green, a student at Liberty University.

As we start this year, I ask our members to participate in training that is provided not only by AGA National but other Chapters as well. This month Gina sent three opportunities to meet with other Chapters. The one-hour sessions are great to get to know other members. If there is a topic or speaker you would like us to present during one of our training sessions, please reach out to me or a board member.

AGA membership renewal begins in January. Update your membership, recruit a new member. We challenge each member to recruit one new member to reach National's goal of recruiting 2,022 members this year.

This year the Chapter will continue to provide professional development training, community service activities, and a commitment from the Shenandoah Valley Board to continue the success this Chapter had in 2021.

I look forward to an awesome 2022.

Let's have a great year!

~Mike

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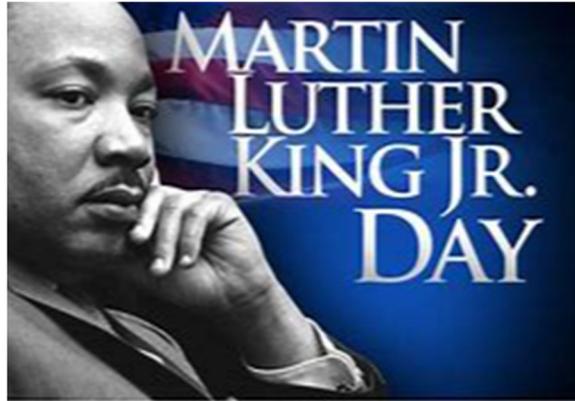
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Community Service Corner



The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is a defining moment each year when Americans across the country step up to make our communities more equitable and take action to create the Beloved Community of Dr. King’s dream. While Dr. King believed the Beloved Community was possible, he acknowledged and fought for systemic change. His example is our call to action.

Observed each year on the third Monday in January, MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

Here is a list of various events and charities around the area.:

[MLK Day of Service 2022 - Winchester Together](#)

Shenandoah University - [Martin Luther King - Martin Luther King \(su.edu\)](#)

WATTS [WATTS | Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter \(watts-homelessshelter.org\)](#)

Winchester Rescue Mission [Home | WinRescue](#)

Blue Ridge Food Bank [Home - Blue Ridge Area Food Bank \(brafb.org\)](#)

CCAP [Home | CCAP Winchester](#)

Habitat for Humanity [blueridgehabitat.org](#)

Winchester SPCA [winchesterspca.org](#)

Esther Boyd Animal Shelter [Esther Boyd Animal Shelter | Frederick County \(fcva.us\)](#)

Thank You!

Wreaths Across America

Remember, Honor, and Teach

Beginning around Memorial Day 2021, our Chapter solicited donations for Wreaths Across America to sponsor wreaths that would be placed on the graves of our fallen military members across the country. A wreath could be sponsored in remembrance of a loved one or to honor someone who has served or is still serving. The wreaths were \$15 per wreath, and our Chapter collected \$5 for each wreath sponsored. Through these solicitations, we sponsored 19 wreaths for 2021 with our Chapter receiving \$95. Thank you to all those who sponsored a wreath to honor those who served for us.



BRIGHTfutures—Frederick/Winchester

2021 AGA Adopt a Family

This year we again partnered with Bright Futures. Bright Futures—Frederick/Winchester is a non-profit organization that helps schools connect student needs with resources that already exist in the community. We adopted two children and helped provide a Christmas for them. We were able to gather all of their wish list items: clothes, books, pajamas, and a gift card for the family. Bright Futures partnered with area businesses and provided full holiday dinners to all families in addition to gifts. Thank you all for your donations and contributions to the family, even in the virtual world we were able to exceed our initial goals.



Tell Us What Training You Want

As we continue planning our AGA Chapter webinars for this year, please let us know what training / topic you would be interested in learning about. Or, if you know of a speaker who would present to our Chapter, please let us know. Please reach out to any of your Chapter Officers and we will do our best to find a speaker to address your request., or invite your recommended one.

Join Our Chapter Executive Committee

We will soon begin recruiting members to join our Chapter Executive Committee for the upcoming Chapter year, which begins July 1. Are you interested in becoming more involved in AGA and your Chapter? Please reach out to any Chapter Officer and let us know. We would love you to join our Executive Committee or one of our various committees and help out. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas. Take time to get involved; it will be worth your efforts to learn and grow!



Upcoming Events

Members Only Webinar

**How We Communicate and Why it Matters —
Navigating a Multi-Generational Workforce
with Effective Communication**

**January 26 | 2:00–3:15 PM ET | 1.5 CPEs |
FOS: PD**

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Personal Development (PD) -
Register online at [agacgfm.org](https://www.agacgfm.org)

Accountability Talks

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/Accountability-Talks-Podcast.aspx>

GASB Update

**February 2 | 2:00–3:50 PM ET | 2
CPEs | FOS: ACCG**

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Accounting - Govern-
mental (ACCG) - Register online at

[agacgfm.org](https://www.agacgfm.org)

National Leadership Training

NLT 2022



February 23-24 | Washington, DC | 14 CPEs

Online Email/mail

AGA member

Early Bird (by Jan. 28) \$425 \$450

Standard (after Jan. 28) \$525 \$550

Nonmember

Early Bird (by Jan. 28) \$575 \$600

Standard (after Jan. 28) \$675 \$700

In-person or virtual attendance

Plenary Speakers:



Chelsea Williams

Workplace Strategist,
DE&I Expert, Social
Entrepreneur



Mary Abbajay

Worklife Expert & Best-
selling Author, Managing
Up



Kaplan Mobray

Executive Coach, Best-
Selling Author, and Per-
sonal Branding Expert

Did You Know?

AGA members are dedicated professionals.

AGA supports 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.

AGA 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.

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

CGFM is a professional certification awarded by [AGA](#), who is *the* member organization for financial professionals in government.

Benefits of Becoming a **CGFM**:

- Increases knowledge of government financial management
- Increases confidence on the job
- Provides better understanding of 'big picture' of government
- Indicator of experience and knowledge
- Enhanced marketability throughout all levels of government





MEMBERSHIP

Recruit a Member

Member recruitment is and must continue to be at the forefront of our chapter goals, even while we are meeting virtually. Please invite potential members and newcomers to our events and webinars. Help them to see the benefits of becoming a member of AGA and our Chapter

Let us know of potential members so we can include them in our Chapter communications and invite them to events. If they seem interested, continue to reach out as they may not join the first time, but may need some encouragement and continued vision into the benefits of AGA. Help us grow our Chapter and AGA!



Get Involved

National Boards and Committees

Each Spring, AGA solicits board and committee member candidates. The National President-Elect works with the board and committee chairs to fill leadership vacancies. AGA works to ensure each board and committee, taken as a whole, is representative of AGA membership. For more information on how you can get involved please visit: <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/National-Boards-and-Committees.aspx>

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