



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

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Monthly Luncheon

Date: Thursday,
 August 22, 2013

Location: NM
 Educators Federal
 Credit Union.

Speaker: Special
 Agent Clement
 Rogers from the IRS
 Criminal Investigation
 Division will speak on
 recent cases in his
 department.

Fee:
 Member - \$15
 NonMember - \$20

Contact Laura Beltran
 -Schmitz for
 registration link

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Welcome to our 2013/2014 program year!

Hope you're enjoying these last few weeks of Summer! I am very excited to be your president for this program year - it's going to be a great one. The Executive Committee has some great ideas for fun events this year, so keep a look out for information!

Please take a few minutes to ensure your membership has been renewed for the 2013/2014 program year. We are planning "members only" activities for this year (balloon fiesta event is coming up,) so you don't want to miss out on any opportunities because you have not renewed! Visit www.agacqfm.org to check on your status or pay your membership. We truly value your membership!!

I look forward to seeing you at our kick-off luncheon on Thursday, August 22!

~Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CFE, CGFM

School Supply Drive:

Please bring school supplies to our August 22 luncheon at the New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union. They are one of the drop sites for supplies and have agreed to collect supplies for us to deliver to APS! Let's help some kids start the new school in style!!!

Balloon Fiesta Event



On the evening of Thursday, October 10, the Albuquerque Executive Committee and some lucky members/guests, will have the opportunity to enjoy the Special Shapes Balloon Glow at the Gondola

Club. Hopefully weather permits the balloons to inflate, but even if they don't, this will be a fun event with great food, drinks, and company. Members attending the August and September luncheons will be entered into a drawing to be selected to bring a guest to this event. Complete the raffle ticket at the bottom of this newsletter or bring a business card to one of these luncheons!! Don't miss out on this opportunity!!!

In the Spot Light

Congratulations to the following individuals for passing the CGFM exam over the Summer!! Way to go!!!



Heather Prudhomme - Atkinson & Co
Sarah Brack - Atkinson & Co
Clarke Cagle - Atkinson & Co

*if you would like to recognize a fellow AGA member for a recent achievement, please email laura.beltran-schmitz@claconnect.com

CGFM Corner

by James Hartogenesis, CGFM, CPA

Welcome to this program year's first edition of CGFM Corner. As the chapter's CGFM Chair, it is my responsibility to promote the certification and support CGFM candidates.

For those of you who are new to governmental accounting and auditing, or if you are new to AGA, I will start by explaining what a CGFM is. The letters stand for "Certified Government Financial Manager". It is the mark of excellence in Federal, State and Local Government. CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It

covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet the following requirements:

- **Ethics** - read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics
- **Education**-have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- **Examinations** - pass three comprehensive CGFM Examinations
- **Experience**- have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

This brief introduction to the CGFM designation will be continued in the next newsletter. Do you want to know more? Here are some resources:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Overview.aspx>

Study guides are available for purchase from AGA. The Albuquerque Chapter also has study guides available for members. You may contact any Chapter Executive Committee member. Contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Student Member- Executive Committee

The Albuquerque Chapter of AGA is offering a student sponsorship opportunity for our 2013-2014 program year. The selected applicant will participate as the student member of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC), to include monthly CEC meetings and other participation in Chapter planning and events. The Chapter will pay your annual dues, the cost of attending the monthly luncheons, and the Annual Professional Development Conference held in Spring 2014

If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, please contact Laura Beltran-Schmitz for the application process.

Other Events

The ACFE - NM Chapter is holding their August Monthly luncheon on Tuesday, August 27 at the New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union. ACFE Regent and UNM Professor, Rich Brody, will be presenting on **White & Red Collar Fraud**. The price is \$25 for non-ACFE NM members and \$20 for members. Please contact Beth Mohr, bmohr@themchardfirm.com for more information.

On Wednesday, August 28, ISACA is holding an 8 hour CPE session from 8:00am-4:45pm which includes lunch and refreshments. The topic is **Why Systems Implementations Fail**. "Early-bird" registration extended to Monday, August 19 - \$125 for Albuquerque Chapter AGA members; \$150 after August 19.

Please RSVP to Jaime Rumbaoa at either Jaime.rumbaoa@mossadams.com or (505) 878-7245.

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Feel free to contact any of us w/ questions & comments

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Special Shapes Balloon Glow raffle - bring this completed coupon to the August 22 luncheon to be entered into a drawing to attend the Balloon Fiesta event on Thursday, October 10.

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