

AGA Charleston Newsletter

President's Message

Happy Anniversary Charleston AGA! March 12th marked our 9th year. Over the course of these years the chapter has expanded in many ways. The chapter has had membership growth each year, has expanded beyond a federal membership base, and created additional leadership opportunities.

March is also the month to celebrate CGFMs. The knowledge and commitment it takes to be a certified government financial manager is acknowledged and commended. To all CGFMs, congratulations and keep up the great work representing the chapter and your ongoing continued professional education you earn to support our government.

With that said, I can't pass up the opportunity to say AGA is a great way to present professionalism, leadership skills, and ideas. Becoming a member is the first step in taking advantage of educational offers, assist with certification (CGFM), networking, and prove commitment. In support of the chapter growth and what AGA provides all its members, I encourage you to renew.

Please remember to visit the AGA websites and see the many benefits AGA has to offer.

The 2015-2016 program year will soon come to an end and I'm eager to welcome a new beginning with new elected and appointed executives and committee directors.



Sarah Mollohan
Chapter President

AGA Charleston Chapter

9 years



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Did You Know?

The AGA website has tools to help you prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk and enhance collaboration?

Communications

- ◆ Please take a minute to log on to your account on the AGA national website and verify your information. The email address that is used to communicate information to you about the chapter comes directly from the membership report. If you would like us to use a different address, please contact one of the members listed on the Chapter Executive Committee. Thank you!



Our Chapter's Facebook page is updated with pictures and information relating to our current and future events. Please visit our page and follow us for the latest information!

<https://www.facebook.com/agacharlestonsc>

Join us on LinkedIn!

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=5127400>

Connect with the AGA Charleston Chapter on LinkedIn! The page is designed to keep chapter members connected, and to provide a platform to share ideas and information.

Chapter Website - Homepage is active and updated regularly!

<http://www.agacharlestonsc.org>

Volunteers are needed to help create sub-pages for the website. This is a great opportunity to learn HTML and enhance your resume! Please contact Sheena Kennedy for details at KennedySD@state.gov.

Education

Upcoming Audio Conferences for the employees and contractors of The Department of State will be held in the VTC Room at the Global Financial Services (CGFS) in North Charleston. These Audio Conferences are funded by The Department of State and can only be offered to those who are current employees.

- ◆ April 13—DATA Act
- ◆ May 11—Ethics
- ◆ June 1—Government Financial Management

Dr. Keren H. Deal spoke at the March 25 chapter meeting held in the auditorium at the Charleston Global Financial Services Center .

Each person in attendance earned 1 CPE!

Dr. Keren H. Deal
Professor of Accounting
Auburn University at Montgomery

Topic: "Municipal Bankruptcy"

Friday, March 25, 2016 at 12 noon

Community Service News



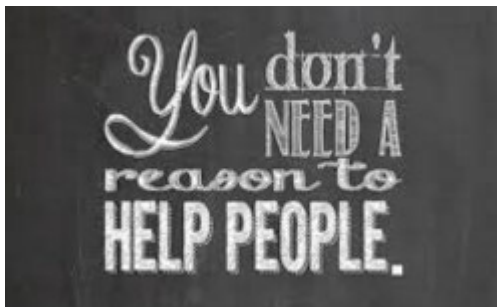
The Carolina Youth Development Center (CYDC) **Spring Picnic – will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, May 7** at Wannamaker Park. Volunteers will be asked to arrive at 10:00. More information will be sent out in the near future.



BEGIN AGAIN



AGA members Sonji Wallace, Stacy Johnson and Nancy Hood joined staff and guests of One80 Place who are participating in training programs to serve lunch in the Zucker Family Community Kitchen on Saturday, April 9. This local facility serves an average of 185 lunches daily to anyone in need.





Current Certified Government Financial Management Specialists

We'd like to honor our AGA Charleston Chapter Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM) during CGFM month. According to the AGA website, "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." Receiving your CGFM designation is an accomplishment to be proud of and a good goal to have if you are looking for something that will give you an advantage in your financial management career. The following individuals have the CGFM designation. If you are interested in pursuing the CGFM, please contact Peg Kendra at kendrapm@state.gov. Peg will host a CGFM informational session in May - we hope that you can join us to learn about how to obtain your CGFM!

Beth A. Da Re, CGFM
 Emily E. Gable, CGFM
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 Eugenia Bell, CGFM, CPA
 Georgia M. Middleton, CGFM
 Kathy Robinson, CGFM
 Peg Kendra, CGFM
 Lisa Willett, CGFM
 Cathy Myzell, CGFM
 Paul McVicker, CGFM
 Randy Stanley, CGFM, CPA

Shari Clark, CGFM, CPA
 Sheena Kennedy, CGFM, CMA
 Stacy Johnson, CGFM
 Joseph Garcia, CGFM
 Brett Green, CGFM
 Atef Hassan, CGFM
 Ward Logan, CGFM
 Robert (Bob) Maki, CGFM
 Michele Deneau, CGFM
 Vicki D. Chupas, CGFM

Interested in earning your Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification? Contact the CGFM Committee Chair, Peg Kendra at KendraPM@state.gov.

Treasurer's Report

By: Julie Starkweather

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2016:	\$3,566.19
Deposits:	\$17.50
Withdrawals:	\$25.00
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2016:	<u>\$3,558.69</u>

Account Balance: \$3,558.69



New Members

We are pleased to introduce the following new members who have joined AGA Charleston Chapter since January 2016:



Edward Zur
Christopher Nelms
Robert Maki
Megan Jones
Michele Deneau
Jamie Turner
Matt Smith



It's membership renewal time!
Most memberships are paid through 03/31/2016.

If you are not a member and wish to experience what AGA can offer you at every stage of your career, please visit the national AGA website www.agacgfm.org to join. Please make sure to select "Charleston SC" as your chapter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the AGA Charleston Chapter Membership Committee Co- Chair, Georgia Middleton at MiddletonGM@state.gov or Osby Mosley at Osby.Mosley@usace.army.mil.

<http://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Join-or-Renew.aspx>.

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