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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a terrific holiday. I want to thank everyone that participated in the Christmas luncheon and Toys for Tots Drive. I thought it was a great success and really looking forward to next year!



Teresa Allen, CGFM

Ozarks AGA has several great things coming up! For January, we have Les Heitger, Professor at Missouri State, School of Accountancy joining us on Thursday the 13th at Noon in the Midtown Library. He will be discussing Forensic and Investigative Accounting. Please RSVP to Justin at jrhill@greencountymo.org.

We will be collecting items for the silent auction, Relay for Life fundraiser held at the Membership Seminar. We are in need of donated items to auction off! Gift baskets, gift cards, etc. Please contact Nancy Weems at nweems@jccocmis.org to make your donation or bring them to the next meeting.

March 3rd will be the annual membership seminar and the early bird registration discount will end January 31st! That is 8 hours of CPE and your membership renewal is included in the cost of the seminar. The final hour has been set, The Missouri Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis (OSED) will discuss understanding and utilizing data and they will discuss the newly released, 2010 census. Don't miss out, register today!

Teresa

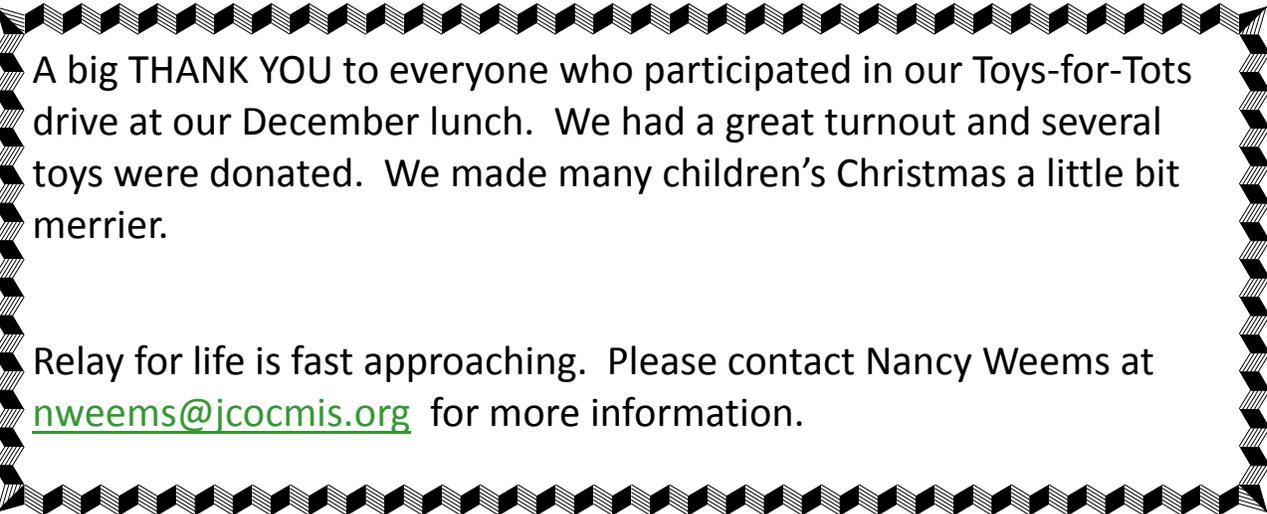
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Community Service



A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Toys-for-Tots drive at our December lunch. We had a great turnout and several toys were donated. We made many children's Christmas a little bit merrier.

Relay for life is fast approaching. Please contact Nancy Weems at nweems@jcccmis.org for more information.



 **CONGRATULATIONS TO JUSTIN HILL!** 

 The Greene County Commission has unanimously appointed Justin 
 Hill as Interim Greene County Treasurer. Justin accepted the ap- 
 pointment and was sworn in December 13th. 

 The Greene County Republican Central Committee has announced 
 Justin is their nomination for the seat. 

 Congratulations Justin! 



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National PDC Hotel Scholarship Available:

Are you interested in attending the National AGA Professional Development Conference in Atlanta this year? Well the Ozarks AGA chapter can help you or your organization with the hotel costs. The Ozarks Chapter has ONE room scholarship available saving you \$132/night for up to 5 nights. This year's conference is July 10-13th. It is 24 hours of fantastic CPE. First one to respond can have it, contact Teresa Allen if you are interested at tallen@springfieldmo.gov.

For more information on the 60th annual PDC go to www.agacgfm.org/pdc2011.

Academic scholarships are now available! Applications are due March 2nd. Our scholarships are not just for full time students, it includes our AGA members that are taking classes. All the information about the scholarship program and the application are available on our website at www.ozarksaga.org. The application is more concise than ever before, don't miss this great opportunity!



Meet the Member

Name: Tina McManus

Where do you work? Missouri State University

Job Title: Director of Accounting and Budgeting

Where are you from? Born and raised here in Springfield – but I attended graduate school in Arizona and I lived and worked in Dallas, TX for 6 years.

What was your first job? As an accountant for Computer Language Research (Fast-Tax) designed tax software.

What did you want to be when you grew up? Be an engineer – until I realized that I hated science.

What are you most proud of? My children – My daughter is attending MSU and my son is a sophomore at Central High School in the IB program.

What is your favorite restaurant? Steak N' Shake – for comfort food. Rocky's in Branson for prime rib.

What do you do in your free time? Volunteering for several organizations – American Cancer Society, Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks

What has been your most interesting work experience? Nothing too interesting..... Working for a Canadian company and traveling to Canada almost weekly.

What is your favorite part about being an AGA member? Networking with people from other governmental agencies and the educational opportunities

What might people not know about you? As a teenager, I was the "Wendy" girl and did commercials and publicity spots for Wendy's Hamburgers.



Take it Easy

Everyone deals with stress in a different way. This is a segment providing different ways to deal with the stress we all face.

*Don't try to relax; simply let go of the tension in your muscles and allow them to become relaxed.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/headroom/emotional_health/stress.shtml

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Date	Topic	Speaker	Location
1/13/2011	Forensic and Investigative Accounting	Professor Les Heitger, Missouri State University	Midtown Carnegie Library
2/10/2011	Achieving Transparency-The Next Step to Integrating Your Data (2 hours CPE)	Audio Conference Presented by National AGA	Springfield-Greene County Health Department
3/3/2011	Spring Membership Seminar	See attached brochure	See attached brochure

CHAPTER RECOGNITION POINTS

Our current standing as of **December 31, 2010**, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership Participation	2,200	3,000	73%
Education and Professional Development	600	4,000	15%
Certification	750	4,000	19%
Communications	3,455	3,000	115%
Membership	150	3,000	5%
Early Careers and Student Members	1,075	2,000	54%
Community Service	0	2,000	0%
Chapter Awards Program	0	1,000	0%
TOTALS	8,230	22,000	37%

Want to Get Your CGFM Certification?

To learn more about the workings of government entities, think about studying for the CGFM. For details go to the AGA website and look at the CGFM section.

Linda Charles
CGFM Chair



CGFM highlights your achievements, serves as a tangible indicator of your experience and knowledge and stays with you throughout your career. In addition, the CGFM may:

- enhance your marketability throughout all levels of government
- provide networking opportunities with other government financial managers
- support continued education to keep you informed of the latest developments and cutting edge technologies
- provide increased employee value, both real and perceived
- increase confidence on the job
- encourage employer incentives - raises, promotions and bonuses

http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfm_faq.aspx#benefits%20of%20certification

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"Never work just for money or for power. They won't save your soul or help you sleep at night."

—Marian Wright Edelman