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Wow, Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is right around the corner. I want to thank everyone that participated in the recruitment efforts and brought a co-worker to our November meeting and December get together.

We will not have a regular meeting this month. Looking ahead; we have Les Heitger, Professor at Missouri State, School of Accountancy with us on January 13th at Noon in the Midtown Library. He will be discussing Forensic and Investigative Accounting.

March 3rd will be the annual membership seminar. That is 8 hours of CPE and your membership renewal is included in the cost of the seminar. Brochure is attached, don't miss out on the early bird registration discount!

New this year, will be a silent auction as a fundraiser for the Ozarks AGA Relay for Life team. We need your help!! We need donated items to auction off. Gift baskets, gift cards, etc. Please contact Nancy Weems at nweems@jcccmis.org to make your donation. Also, the date for Relay for Life is set, mark your calendar for May 20th and 21st and contact Nancy to join the team. Much more to come in 2011!



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Community Service

Keep an eye out for upcoming ways you can help the Ozarks AGA Relay for Life team. There will be a silent auction at this year membership seminar. We need donated items to auction off!! There will be opportunities to make donations at upcoming meeting until the Relay. Please consider joining the team, if only for a couple of hours. Contact Nancy Weems at nweems@jcoomis.org to join the fight against cancer in any way that you can!

Get involved!

Ozarks AGA needs YOUR participation:

It's getting that time of year again; we are looking for individuals that want to be part of the Chapter Executive Committee for July 2011-June 2012. We meet just one day a month, you get to know some great people, there is tons of support and it's actually a lot of fun. The old saying is so true, many hands make light work. Please contact Teresa Allen at tallen@springfieldmo.org or at 864-1631 for more information.

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November 2, 2010 CEC Meeting

Attendance: Teresa Allen, Deb Gillenwaters, Linda Charles, Deb Fraley, Caitlyn Greene, Justin Hill, Julie Vaughan

Secretary

A motion was made and passed to accept the September 2010 minutes.

Treasurer

A motion was made and passed to approve Treasurer's report for October 2010.

Communication:

Consideration was given to move the deadline for December Newsletter to November 18, 2010 to promote of the December meeting.

Community Service:

AGA will collect toys for Toys for Tots at the December 2010 Membership Appreciation meeting.

Nancy Weems will chair the committee for Relay for Life for 2011.

Education:

The November 9, 2010 speaker is Kirk Juranas for the Missouri Department of Transportation at the Carnegie Library. He will discuss the 60/65 exchange project and the funding for the project.

Membership:

The Holiday luncheon and membership appreciation is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Mille's Café, 313 S. Jefferson. The cost to members will be \$5 and \$10. A Toys for Tots fund raiser will be held and there will be a white elephant gift exchange for those members who wish to participate.

CGFM:

Members interested in studying for the CGFM need to contact Linda Charles at lcharles@springfieldmo.gov to join a study group.

March is CGFM month, the CEC will work on a proclamation to gain recognition for the designation.

Past President:

The Chapter has a tax id number and will begin the process finding an auditor to filing taxes.

New Business:

Lunch for the meeting on November 9th will be brought in from the Rib Crib.

No meeting for CEC in December 2010.

The Spring Seminar is scheduled for March 3, 2011. A Spring Seminar committee will be formed to plan the details for the seminar. Possible locations for the seminar are being discussed, including locations such as the University Plaza, Oasis Hotel, and Sheritan. The choice of location will be determined based on room cost and catering.

Possible field trips for future membership meetings include Wilson Creek, Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, and City Utilities plant.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:58pm



Meet the Member



Name: Penny Clayton

Where do you work? Drury University

Job Title: Professor of Accounting; Accounting Program Coordinator

Where are you from? Springfield, Missouri

What was your first job? In high school I was the book-keeper for the Walker School of Dance!

What did you want to be when you grew up? Have I grown up?

What are you most proud of? My relationship with Drury students and alums.

What is your favorite restaurant? Don't have one. I like variety.

What do you do in your free time? Don't have much free time but when I do, I either work out or play with my niece & nephews!

What has been your most interesting work experience? Fraud work.

What is your favorite part about being an AGA member? Networking with members.

What might people not know about you? I'm pretty "out there" so if there is something they don't know, it had better remain a secret!

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.

*Getting out of our daily routines or away from the stress in our lives - even for short periods of time - can make all the difference and can give us just enough space to see things differently. Or perhaps trying to set a little time aside to relax and making more time for a proper winding down before bed.

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 **November 30, 2010**, is as fol-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership Participation	2,100	3,000	70%
Education and Professional Development	600	4,000	15%
Certification	275	4,000	7%
Communications	2,705	3,000	90%
Membership	150	3,000	5%
Early Careers and Student Members	257	2,000	9%
Community Service	0	2,000	0%
Chapter Awards Program	0	1,000	0%
TOTALS	6,105	22,000	28 %

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



One of the key findings of the AGA's 2010 Compensation Survey is that those who had earned a CGFM designation reported a higher average salary than those who do not hold this certification: \$105,815 compared to \$78,905, a difference of 34 percent. When compared to the average salary of individuals with no designations--\$68,416--the average salary of CGFM's was 55 percent higher.

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/whyearn/>

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CEC Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.

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

—Marian Wright Edelman