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**Reminder to Renew your AGA Membership by
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President's Message



By Christy Beck

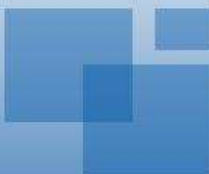
Best Wishes to our members for a Wonderful 2015!

Wow! We have had so many events already this fiscal year and even more events are being planned. Each month since September, we have offered our members about five training, networking, or community service activities per month. These included events such as:

- our very popular Clyde's training lunches;
- free 2 hour CPE audio conferences;
- feeding the homeless at Miriam's Kitchen;
- a Charity race/ walk;
- a golf event at Fort Belvoir with over 170 golfers;
- a picnic and National Leadership Training happy hour with our sister chapters in Northern Virginia and Montgomery/ PG;
- bowling at Lucky Strike;
- Oktoberfest;
- Night at the Living Zoo;
- Christmas at Mount Vernon tour;
- Washington Capitals game;
- Lunar New Year Dinner
- charity fundraisers; and
- several networking happy hours.

We hope that you were able to join us for some of these activities or will join us at future events. Be sure to renew your membership by March 31, 2015 on the AGA National website and check out the photos from some of our chapter activities in this newsletter.

Sincerely,
Christy Beck, President, AGA Washington DC Chapter



Note from the Editor



By Tom Harker, Editor

Welcome to the winter edition of the Washington Connection!

I hope everyone had a nice and enjoyable winter holiday and took some time to enjoy some time with family.

This newsletter is only possible because of the contribution of articles from the chapter's members. Thank you for all who submitted articles- these articles reflected the depth of knowledge and experience in this group, and the newsletter team is fortunate enough to review and publish these articles. We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and find it helpful for keeping up to date on events in the chapter and in AGA. Our team strives to produce a high-quality newsletter notifying AGA D.C. members of Chapter and National events and services. And, if you are not already a member, we encourage you to join the AGA D.C. Chapter and enjoy the many benefits it offers, in particular the high-quality luncheon series, learning opportunities, and conferences.

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see printed? Have you developed a time-saving process or procedure on the job? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local members, including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on roll-outs of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission. Your articles, comments, and ideas are what make this newsletter go and we welcome all input!

Finally, we are pleased to welcome another volunteer to serve as a co-editor on the newsletter team, Ms. Sonam Shah.

Sincerely,
Tom Harker
AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Editor

Newsletter Team

Tom Harker, Editor

Sonam Shah, Co-Editor

Karen Armandi, Co-Editor

Welcome, New Members!

MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC

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Welcome, New Members!

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Mr. Roy L. Haskins, Jr.

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MEMBERS NEW TO AGA DC

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Grant Thornton LLP, along with AGA's Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia Chapters, held the 9th Annual

Washington Women Speak!



Women in Business: Achieving Success & Balance

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015

Time: 8:00am - 9:00am, Breakfast Networking Reception
9:00am - 9:30am, Keynote Speaker
9:30am - 10:30am, Panel Discussion

Location: Women in Military Service For America Memorial, Arlington, VA

Keynote Speaker:

- ◆ **The Honorable Deborah Lee James**, Secretary of the Air Force

Panelists:

- ◆ **Valerie J. Camillo**, Chief Revenue and Marketing Officer, The Washington Nationals
- ◆ **Victoria Wassmer**, Associate Administrator, Office of Finance and Management, Federal Aviation Administration
- ◆ **Dr. Karen Hardy**, Deputy Director for Risk Management, Department of Commerce
- ◆ **Phyllis Anderson**, Director, Government Accountability Office

Moderator:

- ◆ **Francis Rose**, Federal News Radio

Accomplished female executives shared their experiences and insights on achieving success and balance in business.

This event was FREE and attendees earned 1.5 CPE credits.

This annual event is an initiative of the Women at Grant Thornton. Established in 2004, the mission of Women at Grant Thornton is to enhance the recruitment, retention and advancement of women into leadership positions and is supported by a network of regional representatives and local office champions. Programs such as Washington Women Speak increase the awareness of women successes and enhance personal development at different stages of women's careers.



January & February Audio Conferences:

January 28: Strengthening Grants Management - The issuance of the “Super Circular” by OMB in December 2013 capped a multi-year effort to make government more efficient and transparent, and its grant and cooperative agreement recipients more accountable by standardizing and streamlining audit, administrative, and cost reporting requirements. This web conference will review this major restructuring of grants management, its significance to state and local governments, and other efforts to improve oversight of federal grants.

February 4: Potholes on the Path to Performance Management - Hopes for the utility of performance management techniques continue to run high in many circles. At the same time, entities that make efforts along these lines run into a variety of obstacles. Participants will learn techniques for overcoming common obstacles to implementation of performance management systems in government.

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December to February Luncheon Speakers



December Luncheon Speaker

Ann M. Ebberts, MS, PMP, AGA National Chief Executive Officer

Ann has over 30 years of management consulting experience with the federal government in the areas of financial management, financial process improvement, program evaluation, shared services, and in providing project management and advisory support services for the implementation of accounting, acquisition, travel and grant management systems (ERP).

Ann has spent the last 26 years of her career at Booz Allen Hamilton, recently retiring after serving as a Vice President in the Financial Services group. She began her career providing financial support to many large Navy shipbuilding and communications engineering programs. Since 1995, she has focused her attention on the civilian agencies, developing new clients, building high performing teams, and developing and executing strategic plans for providing management and technical support services to organizations including the USAID, EPA, GSA, U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Labor, State and VA, and most recently to World Bank, International Monetary Fund, InterAmerican Development Bank and Fannie Mae. Internal to Booz Allen, she also provided leadership to the Financial Analyst functional community of practice, identifying competencies and applicable certifications required and supported monthly topical learning sessions as well as serving in several other governance roles.

Ann has a B.S. degree in Marketing Management from Virginia Tech, an M.S. Degree in Systems Management from the University of Denver, and is a certified Project Management Professional. She has been a member of AGA for more than 15 years and served as Booz Allen's representative to the Corporate Partner Advisory Group (CPAG). She lives in Alexandria with her husband Alan and together they have four grown children.



January Luncheon Speaker

**Mike Wetklow, Accountability, Performance and Reporting Branch Chief
Office of Federal Financial Management
Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President**

Mike Wetklow currently serves the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as Chief, Accountability, Performance and Reporting Branch within Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM). Mike is responsible for coordinating OMB's efforts to initiate government-wide financial management improvements in areas including internal controls, financial reporting, improper payments, debt collection, and financial systems.

Prior to his current position, Mike worked at the Department of Homeland Security where he had been the Department's first Director of the Internal Control Program Management Office. Mike received DHS top honors for eliminating pervasive material weaknesses and leading efforts to obtain the Department's first Balance Sheet opinion in FY 2011. Prior to DHS, he held several accounting and auditing positions at KPMG, the Government Accountability Office, and the Maryland Legislative Auditors Office.

Mike received his undergraduate degree in accounting and his graduate degree in public administration both from the University of Maryland at College Park. Mike is also a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager. With his wife Mai, Mike is the proud father of three sons, Ben, Marcus, and Mike Wetklow Jr.

**February Luncheon Speaker**

Donna Edsall
Associate Director, Financial Management Directorate
Interior Business Center

Donna Edsall, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Associate Director for IBC's Financial Management Directorate. Donna brings a breadth of leadership experience to IBC and a record of accomplishments in the federal and private sectors. Prior to joining IBC, Donna served as Director, Audit & Assurance Division, Acuity Consulting, Inc., and as an Assurance Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers. After several successful years working for the private sector, Donna decided to come back to the federal government. She previously served as an SES as Assistant Auditor General of the U.S. Air Force (Financial and Systems Audits) and Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Technology and e-Business Audits for the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General. Earlier in her career Donna was an Audit Manager for the General Accounting Office (now the Government Accountability Office).

Donna holds a BS degree in Accounting from Ithaca College, an MBA in Taxation from Golden Gate University, an MS in Political Science from Auburn University, an MS in Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology from the University of Phoenix, and expects to complete a PhD in I/O Psychology in December 2015. She is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Government Financial Manager, Certified Defense Financial Manager, and Certified Internal Auditor. She maintains memberships in the American Institute of CPAs, Association of Government Accountants, and American Society of Military Comptrollers.

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Chapter Photos

October Luncheon

Christina Ho, Executive Director for Data Transparency, spoke at the October Luncheon.



Pictured above (left to right): Christina Ho, Christy Beck



Pictured above: Christina Ho



Pictured above (left to right): Christy Beck, Monasha Thompson, Ben Nakhavanit, Adam Buckheister, Hakeem Khwaja



Ryan Bolz receives the James W Saylor Chapter Service Award at the 2014 Orlando Professional Development Conference (PDT)



Jennifer Nielsen Receives Community Service award at the 2014 PDT



Happy Retirement to Raymond VanDanaker AGA National CEO at the PTD and from the DC Chapter.





July Golf event at Fort Belvoir - AGA booth and golfers.



Jim Dalkin, FY14 DC Chapter President receives the AGA National Platinum award and the gavel is passed to Christy Beck FY15 Chapter President



Planning for FY15 at Fort Belvoir with our AGA DC Chapter baseball caps
Ross Simms, FY16 Chapter President, Christy Beck FY15 Chapter President and Lloyd Farmer, Sponsorship Director



The Fantastic March walk/run fundraiser





Sept 2014 Training Lunch: David Madder, OMB, shares his insights and the DC Chapter Board is introduced.



Hanes Point Picnic and Laughing Man Tavern Networking Happy Hour



Oktoberfest and Night at the Living Zoo.





Buffalo Billiards Networking Happy Hour.



Thank you Ann Ebberts, AGA National's new CEO, for sharing your thoughts about the Future of AGA at the December 2014 Training Lunch. Christine Bang receives certificate of appreciation from Toys for Tots.



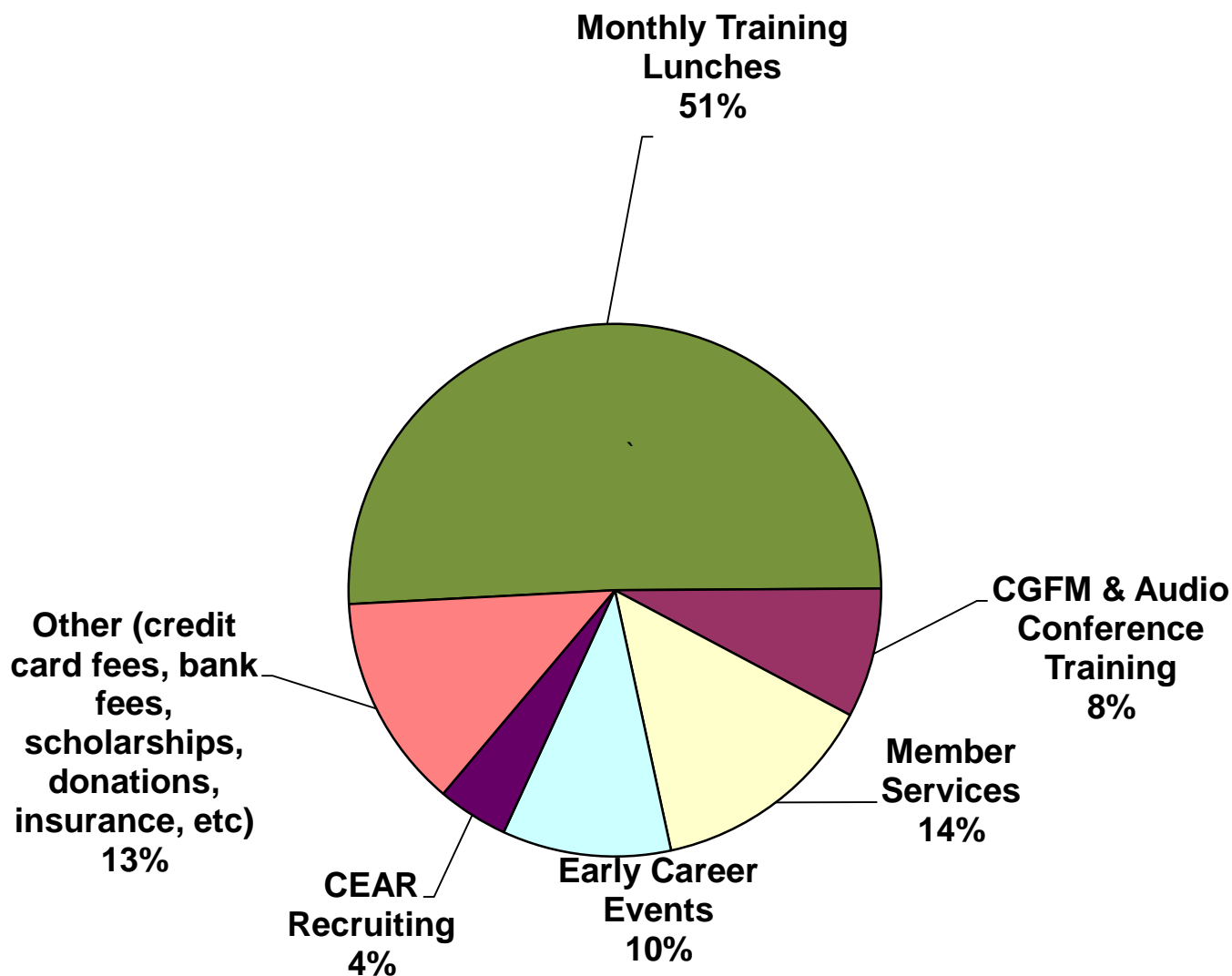
W Networking Happy Hour





AGAAers get to know the Christmas Camel at Mount Vernon and take a tour and join in the fun of the German Christkindlemarket Festival.

Treasurer's Report AGA DC Chapter Year to Date Expenses as of 1/31/15



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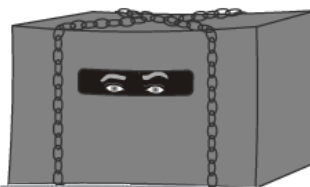
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Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



Reimbursements and Intragovernmental Eliminations

Background

One of the three main reasons that the Consolidated Financial Report (CFR) of the U.S. Government has not received a clean opinion is the inability of Treasury to eliminate activity and balances between federal agencies, such as offsetting expenses and revenues, or receivables and payables. A few years ago, Treasury added new fields to their Intragovernmental Payment And Collections (IPAC) system and created the Intra-Governmental Transactions Portal (IGTP) to assist agencies in reconciling with their transaction partners. Now Treasury has formulated a standard interagency agreement format and standard business rules to reduce the eliminations problem (see Treasury Financial Manual Volume 1, Part 2, Chapter 4700: Appendix 10).

How it's Supposed to Work

When two agencies enter into a reimbursable agreement, the seller (performing agency) books an entry to Standard General Ledger (SGL) account 422100 Unfilled Customer Orders without Advance using the buyer (ordering agency) ID as Transaction Partner. The Transaction Partner is not reported to Treasury in GTAS, and it has no direct impact on eliminations because budgetary accounts are not included in the CFR.

The primary entry that needs to be eliminated is the payment by the buyer to the seller. If the payment is in advance, then offsetting assets and liabilities are posted which must be eliminated. The accounts flagged with an asterisk (*) are reported with the Agency ID as Trading Partner in GTAS, while those flagged with a plus (+) only report the federal/non-federal attribute.

B308 Record in the ordering agency an advance paid

Debit 141000 Advances and Prepayments *
 480100 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Unpaid
 Credit 101000 Fund Balance with Treasury
 480200 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Prepaid/Advanced

C182 Record in the performing agency an advance received

Debit 101000 Fund Balance with Treasury
 422200 Unfilled Customer Orders with Advance +
 Credit 231000 Liability for Advances and Prepayments *
 422100 Unfilled Customer Orders without Advance +

If the payment is for services already rendered (or goods provided using SGL 510000 instead of 520000), then offsetting expense and revenue are posted which must be eliminated.

B107 Record in the ordering agency payment and disbursement (assuming appropriated)

B134 Debit 610000 Operating Expenses/Program Costs *
 310700 Unexpended Appropriations - Used
 480100 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Unpaid
 Credit 101000 Fund Balance with Treasury
 570000 Expended Appropriations
 490200 Delivered Orders - Obligations, Paid

A714 Record reimbursement earned and collected by the performing agency

C186 Debit 101000 Fund Balance with Treasury
 425200 Reimbursements and Other Income Earned - Collected +
 Credit 520000 Revenue from Services Provided *
 422100 Unfilled Customer Orders without Advance +

The key to why these transactions should work is that both involve cash that is reported to Treasury (probably through IPAC). So there is a third party who knows in which year the transaction occurred and for how much. This does not hold true when the buyer advances funds and the seller later recognizes revenue using the following entries:

B604 Record in the ordering agency prepaid expenditure (assuming appropriated)

B134 Debit 610000 Operating Expenses/Program Costs *
 310700 Unexpended Appropriations - Used
 480200 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Prepaid/Advanced
 Credit 141000 Advances and Prepayments *
 570000 Expended Appropriations
 490200 Delivered Orders - Obligations, Paid

A710 Record earned revenue in the performing agency related to reimbursement

Debit 231000 Liability for Advances and Prepayments *
 425200 Reimbursements and Other Income Earned - Collected +
 Credit 520000 Revenue from Services Provided *
 422200 Unfilled Customer Orders with Advance +

While this is essentially the same as recording the second transaction (SGL IDs A714 and C186) and backing out the first (SGL ID C182), there is no automatic record in Treasury's IPAC system. The purpose of the zero-dollar transactions in IPAC is to ensure that what the seller agency records as revenue, the buyer records as expense. If each agency independently assesses how much work has been performed and comes up with a different dollar value, then part of the buyer's expense will be offsetting the seller's advance liability or part of the buyer's advance will be offsetting the seller's revenue, and Treasury will not be able to cleanly eliminate the transactions.

This same principle holds true for accruals where there is no advance. The seller will record both revenue and a receivable, which requires the buyer to record both expense and a payable, as follows:

A714 Record reimbursement earned but not collected by the performing agency

Debit 131000 Accounts Receivable *
 425100 Reimbursements and Other Income Earned - Receivable +
 Credit 520000 Revenue from Services Provided *
 422100 Unfilled Customer Orders without Advance +

B402 Record in the ordering agency the delivery of services and accrue a liability

B134 Debit 610000 Operating Expenses/Program Costs *
 310700 Unexpended Appropriations - Used
 480100 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Unpaid
 Credit 211000 Accounts Payable *
 570000 Expended Appropriations
 490100 Delivered Orders - Obligations, Unpaid

Generally only the seller knows how much work has been performed and how much they have earned, so the seller must inform the buyer so they can accrue the expense and liability. Otherwise, the seller will have a receivable and revenue with no offsetting payable and expense.

When Disagreements Arise

The IGTP and IPAC zero-dollar transactions have existed for several years, but the eliminations discrepancies persist. Treasury reports that the main problem lies not with lack of communication between seller and buyer, but lack of agreement. Some buyers complain that sellers charge the maximum amount of the agreement without detailed justification, or perhaps the buyer has not accepted the goods yet, or the seller's IPAC entry rejected due to erroneous codes but has already been booked by the seller. Whatever the cause, a disagreement prevents Treasury from properly eliminating the activity.

So how does an agency get its own financial statements right and not adversely affect the CFR? Assuming the seller charges more than the buyer believes is proper and the buyer's auditors agree, then the buyer could record an entry such as:

C414 Record refund receivables that do not create budgetary resources

Debit 131000 Accounts Receivable *
 Credit 679000 Other Expenses Not Requiring Budgetary Resources *

Similarly, if a seller determines that more goods or services were delivered before year end but it is now too late for the buyer to accrue it, they could adjust their books with an entry such as A714 above, or only the proprietary accounts (131000 and 520000) in A714.

The trick to making this work is to not report the other agency's ID as the Trading Partner in GTAS. Depending on how the agency prepares their trial balance submission, this could require using a new or blank Vendor Code to ensure that Trading Partner is blank. Trading Partner is not part of an agency's financial statements; it is only used for consolidation. Therefore, an agency should only report a Trading Partner ID on balances they know match up to balances reported by the trading partner agency.

Conclusion

Treasury has had to plug balances to prepare consolidated financial statements. One of the primary causes are disagreements between seller and buyer agencies with reimbursable agreements. Treasury has added tools to assist reconciliation by the agencies and is planning on standardizing the procedures and agreements to bring this problem under control. The agencies need to get their SGL balances to agree with each other, and where they disagree, not identify a Trading Partner so Treasury can properly eliminate balances and activity.

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to Simcha.Kuritzky@CGI.com, and not to the AGA.

This column is provided as part of a free exchange of ideas in federal accounting, and is not reviewed substantively before publication.

Community Service Update

The U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation (December event)



We would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to our members that participated in the [Toys for Tots](#) program for 2014. Our generous members supported this worthy cause by donating toys, checks, and cash money during our December luncheon, which was held Tuesday December 2nd, at Clyde's Restaurant.

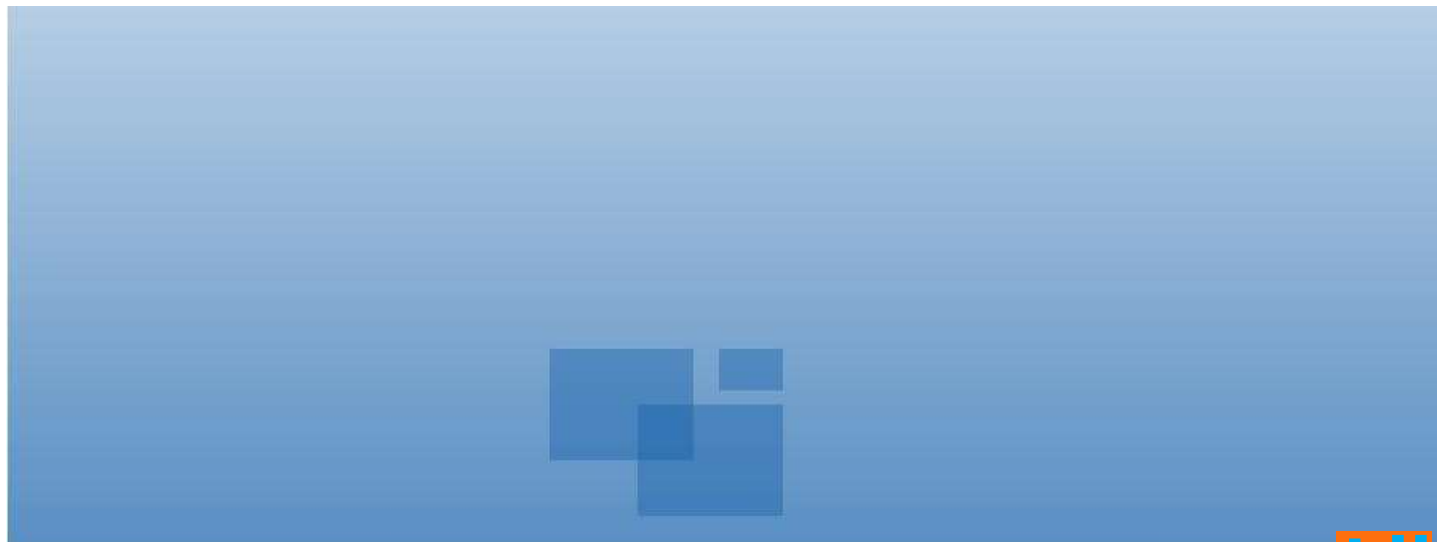
The primary goal of the Toys for Tots program is to collect new/unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children throughout the Washington DC metropolitan area.

In total, the DC AGA Chapter donated 46 toys and \$349. In addition, AGA National has also sent a matching donation. This means that we were able to give a total amount of \$700 to the Local Toys for Tots in Anacostia DC! Through your generosity and continued support, we made this another successful year and were able to help less fortunate children to have a wonderful holiday.

Miriam's Kitchen (January Event)

On behalf of the Community Service Committee, we are excited to have selected the [Miriam's Kitchen](#) as the chapter's community service project for January 2015. We joined the NOVAGA and Montgomery/PG Chapters in a special volunteer event held on Thursday, January 29th where ten of our Chapters' Officers and Directors served dinner to the DC homeless!! We hosted a raffle during the January 2015 luncheon to raise funds to donate to Miriam's Kitchen as well.

Miriam's Kitchen is committed to ending chronic homelessness in D.C. by establishing meaningful relationships with chronically homeless individuals, connecting them with permanent supportive housing, and ensuring they have the necessary support to remain in housing. One of their programs is feeding the homeless. Miriam's Kitchen is open Monday - Friday, no matter the weather or holiday. Breakfast is served from 6:30 – 8:00 am. Dinner is served from 4:45 – 5:45pm. All of their meals are made with fresh, healthy ingredients. The restaurant-quality food they serve shows their guests that they care. The meals are paid for and served entirely by volunteers.



DC Greenworks (February Event)

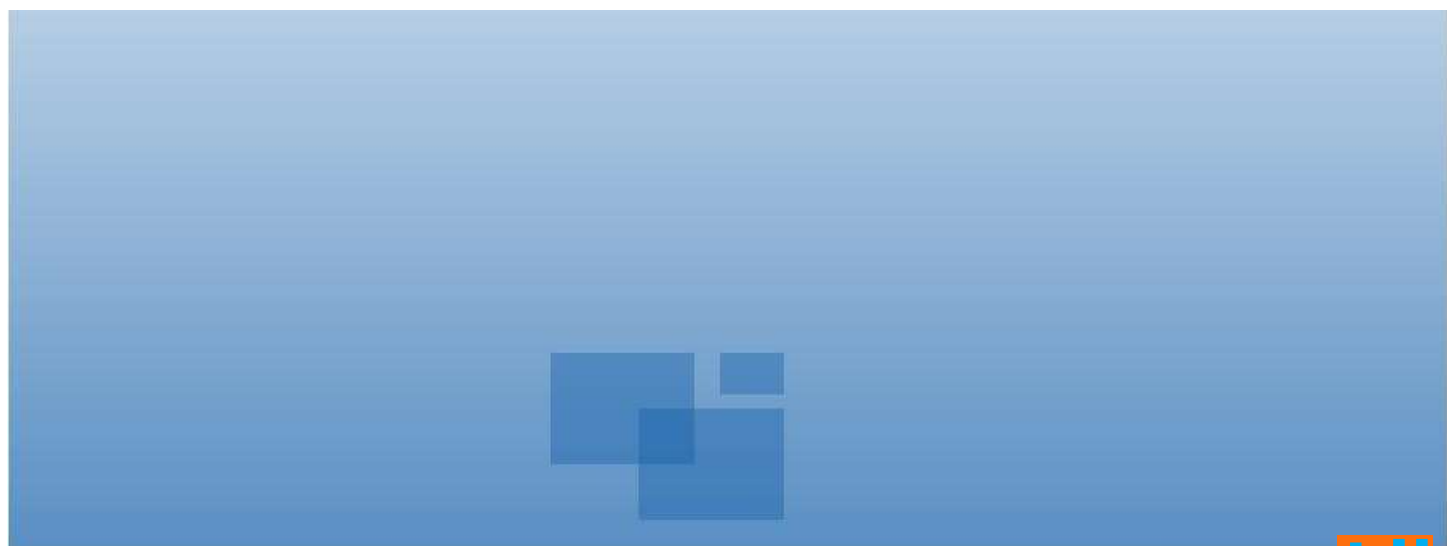
For our February community service event, we teamed up with [DC Greenworks](#). DC Greenworks is a 501(c)(3) social enterprise serving the Washington, DC community by providing training, tools, and technologies that utilize, advance, and protect the environment. DC Greenworks empowers residents and neighborhood groups to restore and preserve their communities; as a tireless green roof advocate and educator, and a one-stop shop for Low Impact Development (LID) consultation, design, and installation. DC Greenworks sees a vital connection between ecology and economy, between employment potential and environmental sustainability. We actively promote and deliver cutting-edge solutions that are cost-effective and eco-friendly.

We ask our members to bring new, unused plastic trowels to our February luncheon. We also collected monetary donations at the February luncheon for the sedum plants DC Greenworks installs on green roofs. A donation of \$6.25 purchases 10 sedum plants!

Sincerely,

The Community Service Committee

(Jennifer Nielsen, Darien Thall, and Christine Bang)



Request for Newsletter Submissions, Comments, or Suggestions

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see in print? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connections requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local members, including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on rollouts of new systems; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission.

Please send your comments and contributions to Tom Harker, the newsletter editor for the 2014-2015 program year, at Tom.W.Harker@uscg.mil.



CGFM

Free Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Training provided by AGA DC Chapter (April 1-3 and 6-8, 2015)



AGA DC Chapter six-day comprehensive courses are designed to meet the practical and professional development needs of financial managers at every level of government. They also provide the advanced knowledge to instill the confidence you need in order to sit for each of the three CGFM examinations.

The program is FREE for qualified enrollees and will address the three key components of the CGFM examination:

- Governmental Environment,
- Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and
- Governmental Financial Management and Control.

The Program's four key eligibility criteria are:

- Be an active member of National AGA and the D.C. chapter of AGA.
- Obtain your supervisor's approval.
- Commit to attending all six days of training.
- Commit to take the 3-part CGFM examination within one year of the training.





All sessions will take place at the KPMG's Auditorium located at 1801 K Street, NW, Washington D.C. The closest metro stations are Farragut North on the Red Line, and Farragut West on the Orange/ Blue Line.

Please Note: Applicants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 30 spots available. Once these 30 spots are filled, there are 15 waitlist spots. The email you receive will indicate whether you are fully registered or are on the waitlist.

A link to an application form will be provided in your registration confirmation email. Registration is not complete until you complete and return the application. If your application is not received within 10 days of registering, your registration will be cancelled and provided to someone on the waitlist.

Please direct any questions to Robbie Jordan in regards to the training at roberta.jordan@opm.gov.



January 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				NEW YEAR'S DAY		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Early Careers Bowling Night 6:00 - 8:00pm Lucky Strike - Gallery Place 	AGA DC Luncheon 11:30am - 1:00pm Clyde's Gallery Place Speaker: Mike Wetkiow Topic: A-123 and OMB Update CPE: One 				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MLK BIRTHDAY	Member Services Hockey Game 6:00 pm Verizon Center 				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Audio Conference: Strengthening Grants Management 2:00 - 4:00pm Smithsonian Institution Castle building 	Community Service Volunteer Event at Miriam's Kitchen 4:00-6:30pm		
Notes:						


February 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Audio Conference: Performance Management 2:00 - 4:00pm Smithsonian Institution Castle 			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		AGA DC Luncheon 11:30am - 1:00pm Clyde's Gallery Place Speaker: Donna Edsall Associate Director, IBC's Financial Management Directorate: CPE: One Community Service DC Greenworks 		AGA Tri-Chapter Happy Hour 5:00 - 7:00 pm Elephant & Castle 1201 Pennsylvania Ave, NW 		VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	PRESIDENT'S DAY					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Lunar New Year Celebration 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tony Cheng's Seafood Restaurant 				
			Notes:			

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Audio Conference: Government Financial Management 2:00 - 4:00pm Smithsonian Institution Castle building 			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			14th Annual AGA DC Federal Financial Management Training Reagan Building 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM AND Awards Dinner Celebration Reagan Building 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM 	14th Annual AGA DC Federal Financial Management Training Reagan Building 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM AND Washington Women Speak Women in Military Service to America Memorial 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM 		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			AGA DC Luncheon 11:30am - 1:00pm Clyde's Gallery Place Speaker: Peggy Sherry Topic: So you want to be a CFO CPE: One 	Member Services Dinner and Mini-Golf H Street Country Club 5:30 - 8:30pm 		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Community Service Junior Achievement Event			Early Careers Comedy Club Night 6:00 - 10:00 pm The Topaz Hotel 1733 N Street NW, DC 		
29	30	31		Notes:		

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			CGFM Course Series	CGFM Course Series	CGFM Course Series	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	CGFM Course Series	CGFM Course Series AGA DC Chapter Board Meeting 12:00 - 1:00pm Call In #: 1-866-951-1151 Conference Call Room Number: 3894676	CGFM Course Series			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			AGA DC Luncheon 11:30am - 1:00pm Clyde's Gallery Place Speaker: Scott Bell Topic: Shall We Play A Game? The FY 2014 Financial Report of the U.S. Government. CPE: One 	Early Careers Baseball Game 7:05pm Washington Nationals vs. Philadelphia Phillies @ Nationals Stadium Navy Yard Metro 		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

May 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		AGA DC Chapter Board Meeting 12:00 - 1:00pm Call In #: 1-866-951-1151 Conference Call Room Number: 3894676				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			AGA DC Luncheon 11:30am - 1:00pm Clyde's Gallery Place Speaker: Chantale Wong Topic: World Wide Data Analysis Standards CPE: One 			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	MEMORIAL DAY					Community Service HART's adoption events 12-3 PM
31		Notes:				

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