

Des Moines AGA Chapter History Report

The following is a summary of the 2003-2004 Year of the Des Moines AGA Chapter:

Executive Committee:

- President – Stanley C. Kuhn, CPA, CGFM
- President Elect – Marlene Dorenkamp, CPA
- Past-President – Michael W. Sparks, CGFM
- Secretary/Treasurer – Angela D. James, CPA
- CGFM – Ron E. Lacey, CPA, CGFM
- Chapter Recognition – Michelle Wendel, CPA
- Historian – Judy Vander Linden, CPA, CGFM
- Member Recognition – Susan Battani, CPA, CGFM
- Membership - Cheryl D. Mather, CPA, CGFM
- Programs / Education – Andrew E. Nielsen, CPA, CGFM
- Publications – Janice A. Jensen, CPA, CGFM
- Early Careers and Community Service – Janice Evans, CPA, CGFM

Monthly Meetings (9 hours CPE Offered):

- September 2, 2003 at the Lucas State Office Building, State Auditor's Office Training Room. Michael Ralston, Director of the Iowa Department of Revenue spoke on "The Reinstated Department of Revenue". (1 hour CPE)
- October 7, 2003 at the Lucas State Office Building, State Auditor's Office Training Room. Ken Brickman, Iowa Lottery spoke on "The Iowa Lottery". (1 hour CPE)
- November 4, 2003 at the Lucas State Office Building, State Auditor's Office Training Room. Cynthia Eisenhauer, Director of the Iowa Department of Management, spoke on "Performance Measures and Accountability". A \$500 scholarship was also presented to a Grandview College Student. (1 hour CPE)
- December 2, 2003 at the Lucas State Office Building, State Auditor's Office Training Room. Kevin Concannon, Director of the Department of Human Services, spoke on "Challenges in the Human Services Arena". (1 hour CPE)
- January 6, 2004, at the Cub Club. Michael Tramontina, Director of the Iowa Finance Authority, spoke on "The ABC's of the Iowa Finance Authority". (1 hour CPE)
- February 4, 2004, at the Cub Club. Alex Moon, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, spoke on "Solid Waste Disposal Issues in Iowa". (1 hour CPE)
- March 2, 2004 at the Cub Club. Charles Janzen, Safety Specialist at Liberty Mutual spoke on "Risk Management: Setting Priorities". (1 hour CPE)
- April 6, 2004 at the Cub Club. Mollie Anderson, Director Department of Administrative Services spoke on "Everything You Wanted to Know About DAS". (1 hour CPE)
- May 4, 2004 at the Cub Club. Colin Adams, City of Polk City, spoke on "England and United States Accounting Differences". Awards were also presented to Chapter members. (1 hour CPE)

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Educational Seminars (8 hours CPE Offered):

- December 17, 2003 at the Iowa State Historical Building. This educational event titled **Government Financial Reporting and the SEA Requirements** provided 4 hours of CPE and was a joint venture between the Des Moines AGA Chapter and the Office of the Auditor of State.
- May 6, 2004, at the Iowa State Historical Building. This educational event titled **Improving Performance Reporting for Government** provided 4 hours of CPE and was a joint venture between the Des Moines AGA Chapter and the Office of the Auditor of State. This seminar led by Jay Fountain, presented the “state of the art” regarding Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) reporting to citizens, investors, creditors, and elected officials. It also included a GASB update.

Community Service Events:

- November 23, 2003 – Volunteered at Jolly Holiday Lights, a fund raiser for the Make a Wish Foundation, held in Des Moines Water Works Park. This event features over 70 light displays of leaping deer, skating penguins, and much more. Chapter members volunteered at Santa’s Village, and sold hot chocolate, coffee, frosted Christmas cookies, kettle corn, and various merchandise items, took pictures of Santa, and directed traffic to the parking lot or exit of the park.
- February 3, 2004 and March 2, 2004 – Collected donations for the food bank. We also had a “change jar at our meetings for food bank donations throughout the year.

Early Careers Events:

- November 4, 2003 – Presented a \$500 scholarship to Jennifer Johnson was also presented to a Grandview College Accounting Student.
- Provided information on National Scholarship opportunities to chapter members and the Accounting Advisor at Grand View College in Des Moines.

Membership:

- Members of the Year – Janice Jensen and Cheryl Mather
- Membership =
- Checked membership lists and contacted suspended members to encourage them to renew.
- Sent invitations to those non-members that attended our seminars to invite them to our meetings, or to join.

Other Facts:

- Chapter Recognition Points achieved = Over 10,000 points - Received the Gold Chapter Designation for sixth consecutive year with over 10,000 points.
- Recognized long-time members in December. Five have been members for 25 years and 1 has been a member for 20 years.
- Member of the Year was awarded to Angie James in May. Marlene Dorenkamp, President, tied in points, but the President is ineligible for the award.
- **CGFM:** The chapter budgeted up to \$500 as an exam fee reimbursement for members who successfully complete the CGFM exam. Chapter officers met with officials in the State Department of Administrative Services to explore CGFM certification as a substitution for “experience” relating to minimum position qualifications in State service.