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President's Message

Greetings AGA members,

I can't believe this program year is coming to an end. We have had many positive networking, community service, and education events headed by dedicated and enthusiastic individuals. A few of my personal highlights include horseback riding with my family, learning and networking at the local PDCs, and watching our committees interact and collaborate to develop successful events. The experience and expertise of our committee chairs and members were critical to our achievements. We set big goals in July, realized them and in some cases exceeded them. We offered opportunities to earn up to 32 CPEs, gained new leaders as committee chairs, and increased membership by 16%!

We partnered with our sister chapter, Central Indiana Chapter, to sponsor and assist a new Indiana University Student Chapter, based in Bloomington. Members of our chapter visited Bloomington to network with students and to share the benefits of being an AGA member.

Our chapter again earned the coveted Platinum status, which will be presented at the Professional Development Training in Nashville. The Platinum Award is the highest award given to AGA Chapters based on activities and accomplishments. To me this means the Indianapolis Chapter is an action-oriented, charitable, and innovative chapter.

We'll be closing out this program year on a high note. On June 25th we'll hold an AGA luncheon where Mr. Greg Schmalfeldt will be our final speaker, and we will hold a short awards program. That evening we will meet back together at George's Neighborhood Grill to celebrate our accomplishments for the year. This will be a FREE social gathering for you and a guest. The Celebration will begin at 5:30pm with an appetizer buffet beginning at 6:00pm. I'll see you there!

Next year, I look forward to building on our past successes and supporting our new president, Mrs. Cindy Garcia. Thank you again for your support to make this year great!

Art Caraballo
President, AGA Indianapolis Chapter



Gleaners Food Bank



The Community Service Committee would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all those who participated in the Gleaners Food Bank event.

In approximately 3 hours, our team of 15 helped put together 840 CSFP boxes which are supplement food boxes for the elderly that included items such as juice, milk, cereal, fruit, canned meat, dry beans, rice, etc. It was a fulfilling event and the team members left smiling knowing they had made a difference.



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MEMBERS PAGE!

This page is dedicated to our members. Any articles you would like to write and have posted are welcome.

Early Careers Breakfast and Job Shadow Event:

The spring Early Careers Breakfast and Job Shadow event was another huge success! During the fall breakfast we had 26 individuals attend (a record high). This spring we came very close to matching our record with 22 individuals attending the breakfast/information session to learn about the job shadow program. Of the 22 people who attended, 73% expressed interest in learning about and possibly joining our AGA chapter. Two of those individuals completed the registration to become new members!

After the informational breakfast, the Early Career's committee worked individually with the seven participants to learn more about their interests and who they would like to shadow. With this information the committee was able to match each individual with a manager in their desired business area for a four hour shadow. At the end of the shadowing experience, members were asked to fill out a brief report helping our committee better meet the needs of AGA members in the future. Some of the feedback received included:

"This program exceeded my expectations by leaps and bounds."

"I was unaware before how the higher levels of leadership worked within DFAS and getting to see it hands-on was an eye opener."

"I became aware of the ways in which leadership and team members share many of the same goals in terms of serving our customers."

"What I most enjoyed about the program was being able to sit in on meetings that I would otherwise not be privy to..."

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ryan Busby, Mike Leist, Shawn McCracken, Sally McManus, Mary Jevlev, Phyllis Rudisill, and Sean Wuethrich for volunteering to share their very busy schedule with AGA Members! Your partnership and input is what makes this event a success year after year.

If you or someone you know would like to participate as a manager in the shadowing program please contact POCs below for more information.

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AGA ASMC Federal Fitness 5K

The 5th Annual AGA ASMC Federal Fitness festival took place on Saturday, May 30th at beautiful Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park.

35 - 40 AGA / ASMC and their friends and families attended the event, which promoted living a healthy active lifestyle.



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Please check out AGA's new and improved Website!

Thank you to **Melissa Melton** for making our page relevant and interesting!

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Spring 2015 Joint AGA/ASMC Professional Development Conference

The Bi-Annual Joint AGA/ASMC Professional Development took place on May 14, 2015 at the Garrison Hotel and Conference Center. Over 200 attendees participated as speakers from diverse backgrounds took front and center, presenting a myriad of topics. Some of the highlights included Dr. Byron Ernest, the Head of Schools at Hoosier Academy. After providing "homework" to the audience prior to the conference, he proceeded to go through a Mt. Everest Case Study hitting on key points. The study provided the key lessons such as the importance of preparedness and having assigned roles to increase team cohesion.



The keynote speaker was Keith Floyd, an ex-NCAA college football coach who preached the message of having a planned positive attitude. One piece of his message included goal-setting and the significance of having short, midrange, and long-

term goals to stay motivated. "It's never too late for you to set goals," exclaimed Floyd, "This is true in all aspects of your life; personally, spiritually, and professionally."

In summary, the PDC was an overwhelming success with the other notable topics presented being social media, audit readiness, and public sector accounting and finance hiring trends. Most people commenting that the day was filled with a good mix of DFAS speakers and those external to DFAS presenting on such a wide variety of topics. At the end of the day, everyone could agree that the food, the eight CPEs, and the day away from the office were amazing.





Chapter Recognition

The Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) is a noncompetitive program recognizing a chapter's performance in relation to a standard or benchmark linked to AGA's mission. The objective of the CRP is to support, encourage and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission, and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter.

Our Chapter has received the **Platinum Status**. This means we have attained between 19,501 and 22,000 credits for the year in categories such as training, certification, volunteer service hours, communications, and membership to name a few.

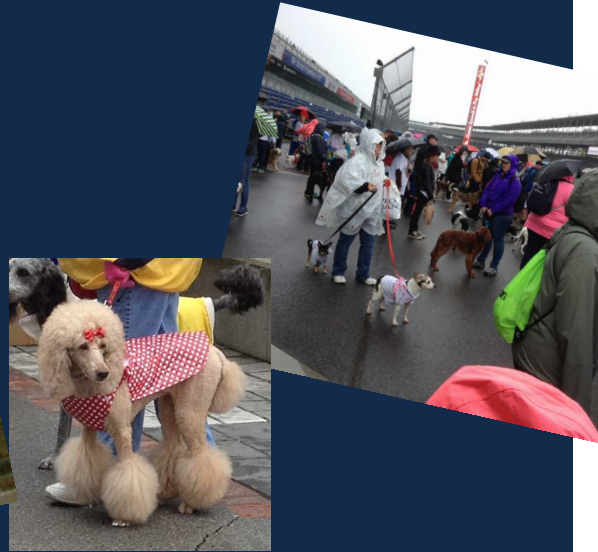
Our AGA Chapter will be recognized with a plaque at the 2015 AGA PDC to be held in Nashville, TN.

Thank you for all your hard work! Our Chapter would not be as successful without the help of our Members.

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AGA at the Mutt Strutt

On April 25th several AGA members and their families braved the weather to show support for their favorite pooches. Each year the Indianapolis Humane Society hosts the Mutt Strut at the Indianapolis Speedway where attendees can bring their pets and walk around the track. The AGA Cent Sniffers raised \$275.00 towards this worthy cause. Funds are used for medical and dental expenses, to spay/neuter, microchip, feed, and provide adoption counseling to provide an animal with its forever home. Thank you to all those who participated!! We'll see you again next year!



OPM Security Breach

WASHINGTON (AP) — As many as 14 million current and former civilian U.S. government employees had their personal information exposed to hackers, according to two people who were briefed on the investigation, a far higher figure than the 4 million the Obama administration initially disclosed.

The newer estimates put the number of compromised records at between 9 million and 14 million going back to the 1980s, said one congressional official and one former US official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because information disclosed in the confidential briefings includes classified details of the investigation.

To read more follow the link:

<http://www.federalnewsradio.com/1379/3874502/Estimate-grows-on-number-of-feds-exposed-in-data-breach>

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