

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends:

Welcome to the AGA Trenton Chapter 2015-2016 Year. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve again as Chapter President. I would like to thank last years' President, Guy Tassi for his outstanding service and leadership. I look forward to working with the Chapter Board, consisting of many longtime friends and a few new faces, to continue to meet the challenge of providing you with high quality educational events and the opportunity to participate in community service activities.

The Chapter has begun the process of confirming speakers for our Fall Seminar (October 30th, at Mercer County College Conference Center) and will be hosting the first of three dinner meetings, on September 16th, at Tessara's in Hamilton. Social Hour begins at 5:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Joe Hart, Fiscal Compliance Coordinator with the NJ Department of Human Services, Office of Finance. His topic will be Governmental, Audit, and Private Audit experiences.

Additionally, the Chapter will be hosting the first of seven (7) audio conferences. Please check the website and future newsletters for details.

I hope to see you at one of these events.

Sincerely,

*Audrey Tyndall-Hoyle
Trenton Chapter President*

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MEET THE SPEAKER: SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING



Joseph Hart, CFE

Fiscal Compliance Coordinator

NJ Department of Human Services
Office of Finance
222 South Warren Street, 5th Floor
Trenton, NJ 08625

Contact:

Work Phone: 609-984-6283
Email: joe.hart@dhs.state.nj.us

Topic:

Governmental, Audit, and Private Audit experiences.

Background

Joseph Hart, CFE currently works as Fiscal Compliance Coordinator for the Department of Human Service (DHS), Office of Finance. Joe's primary roles with the Department are ensuring compliance with State's Internal Control requirements and the implementation of the Department's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) which also includes follow ups on current and past audit findings. Prior to working as compliance coordinator, Joe worked as a Program Compliance Monitor for the (DHS).

Prior to his government service in New Jersey, Joe has had an extensive career in the audit and compliance industry working for the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control as a Senior Tax Auditor performing compliance and excise tax audits on Wine Distributors, Beer Distributors and Wineries throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Joe also spent 10 years in an audit function for a large private sector tobacco firm, performing the equivalent of compliance audits of retailers, chains and wholesalers throughout the northeast.

Education

Virginia Commonwealth University - School of Business
BS, Business Administration

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Graduate Business Administration

Certifications and Memberships

Certified Fraud Examiner since 2012
Member of Philadelphia Chapter of Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
Member of the Association of Government Accountants since 2014. Currently a member of the Trenton Chapter of AGA and previously a member of the Central Virginia Chapter.

Attention all CGFM applicants!

The Trenton AGA Chapter will be offering the CGFM Achievement Scholarship, an award for CGFM applicants that will reimburse the scholarship winner for the cost of study materials and exam fees for CGFM exams (maximum of \$250). Requirements for this scholarship are as follows:

- Must be an AGA Trenton Chapter member in good standing
- Must be a government employee
- Must have passed 2 of 3 parts prior to applying
- Must fill out application before taking the final exam in order to establish commitment from the Chapter for the scholarship
- Scholarship will be paid only if all 3 exams are passed within the timeline established by the AGA to achieve the certification

Please, see the next page for the application.

If you would like more information about this scholarship, please contact Margarita Stanislavskaya at mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org.

For more information on the CGFM certification, please visit <http://agacgfm.org/cgfm/>.





CGFM Achievement Award Application

Name _____

Member ID # _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone # _____

Email address _____

Current Employer: _____

Position/Title: _____

Did you pass 2 of 3 exams for the CGFM certification?
(Attach Proof)

Yes

No

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct.

Applicant _____
(Signature)

Date _____

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AGA-Trenton Board

Approval _____
(Authorized representative name and
signature)

Date _____

Please, complete this form and email to:

Margarita Stanislavskaya

mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org

AGA Important Dates

Meeting Date	Event Name	Location	CPEs
09/16/2015	<u>Dinner Meeting @ 5:30 pm</u> Topic: Governmental, Audit, and Private Audit experiences. Speaker: Joseph Hart, CFE	Tessara Restaurant 812 Rt.33 Hamilton, NJ 08619	1
Oct-2015	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: TBD	TBD	2
10/30/2015	<u>Fall Seminar</u> Topic: TBD	The Conference Center at Mercer County Community College 1200 Old Trenton Road West Windsor, NJ 08550	7
Nov-2015	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: TBD	TBD	2
11/11/2015	<u>Dinner Meeting @ 5:30 pm</u> Topic: TBD Speaker: Ben Dworkin	Tessara Restaurant 812 Rt.33 Hamilton, NJ 08619	1

IMPORTANT!!

Save this Date for the 2015 AGA Fall Conference:

October 30, 2015 - Located at The Conference Center at Mercer
(County Community College)

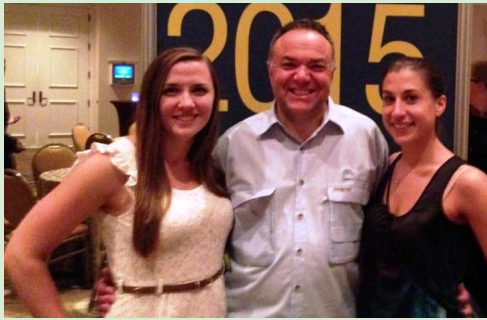
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AGA - September 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 	8	9	10	11	12
13 Rosh Hashanah 	14	15	16 Dinner Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22 Yom Kippur 	23 Autumnal Equinox 	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
Trenton AGA PO Box 536 Trenton, NJ 08603						

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Check for updates!



AGA - October 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day 	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 FALL SEMINAR	31 Halloween 
						

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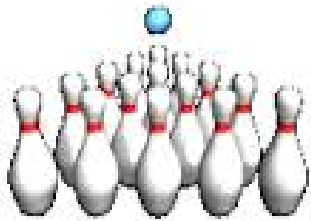
Check for updates!

AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet as of 6/30/15

ASSETS:	
Cash - Savings	\$2,175.62
Cash - Checking	18,758.79
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	375.00
PrePaid Expenses	<u>1,100.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$22,409.41

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Deferred Income	0.00
Fund Balance	<u>22,409.41</u>
TOTAL L&E	\$22,409.41

2nd Annual - AGA Bowling Event TBD - February 2016



Join us at this fun event!

About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



The Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund was established in 1998 shortly after the death of then Trenton Chapter President Paul Vidunas. During his lifetime, Paul was very involved in community service as an enthusiastic volunteer for various community based organizations. The establishment of a fund that would support a variety of community service groups seemed a fitting tribute to this memory.

Each year a different recipient is selected to receive funds collect throughout the Chapter's program year. The charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is the Sunshine Foundation. For information about the charity: <http://sunshinefoundation.org/>

The Trenton Chapter AGA holds drawings at monthly meetings and educational events to raise funds for the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund. For more information on how you can contribute to this worthy cause contact the AGA Trenton local chapter now at <http://www.agatrenton.com/contact.cfm>

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Whatever your role in government financial management, AGA offers a membership package tailored to meet your professional needs and interests.

AGA Member Types:

Full Government Member

This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management. \$90 national + 5 local/year

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This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives. \$150 + \$5 local/year

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This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience. \$45 + \$5 local/year

Student Member Student:

This class of membership is available to college/university students. \$30 + \$5 local/year

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Guy Tassi

Vice President of Admin/Finance/Program

William Challice

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Spring Symposium: Christine Muller

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Community Service: By Committee

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"A Report to Our Members"

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