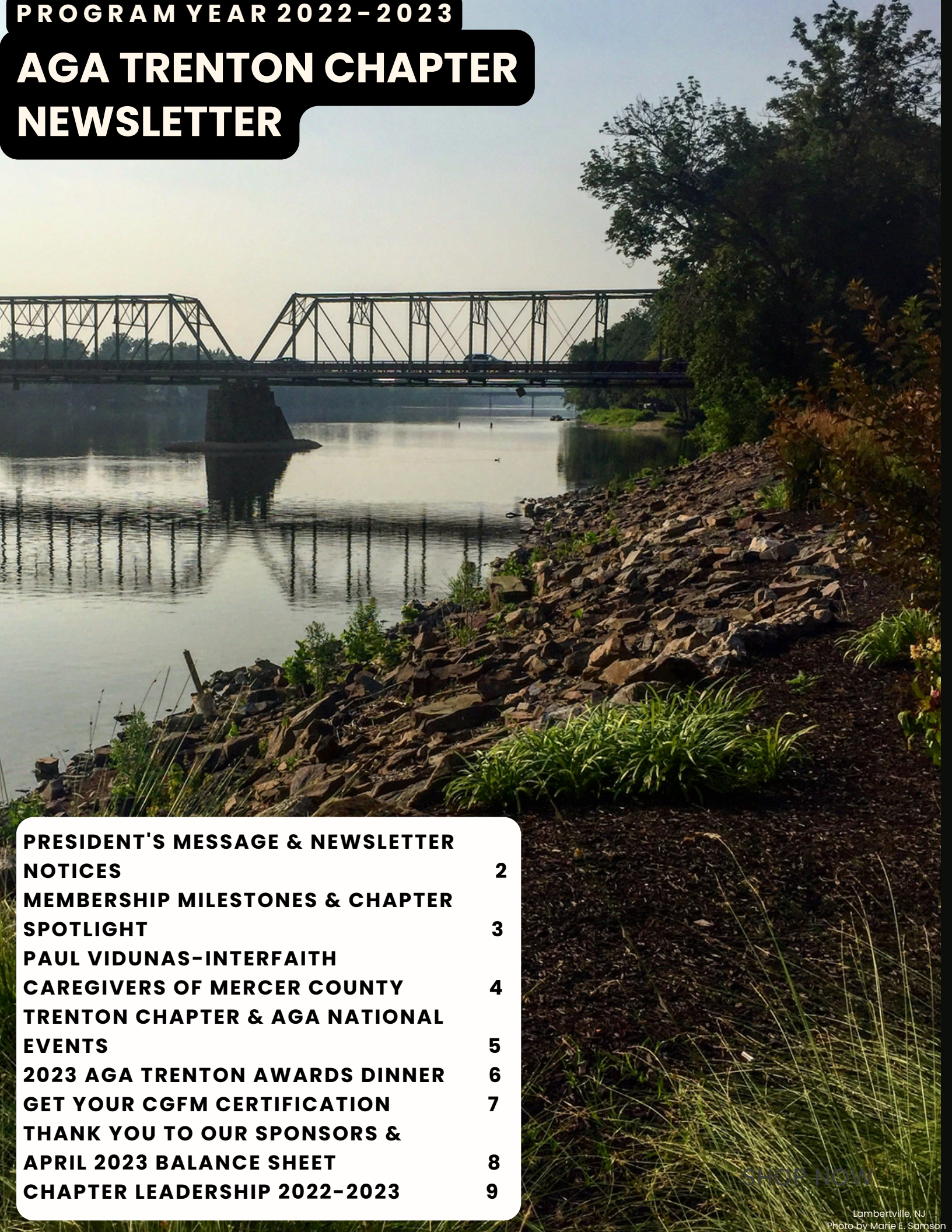


**PROGRAM YEAR 2022-2023**

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**SHOP NOW**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members and Friends

Time flies when you're having fun! This chapter year is almost over, which means so is my Presidency. It's been a pleasure being your President this past year and two of the last four years! I'm very proud of all we accomplished this year, including our first in-person PDT in over three years.

I'm proud to announce that our chapter has recently won several awards/achievements from National. They include 2022/2023 Achievements in Chapter Excellence Gold-Level Award, and a Citizen-Centric Reporting Recognition of Excellence for our 2021/2022 Citizen Centric Report.

I would like to thank those who volunteered to work with the Italian American War Veterans Post #2 on Saturday, May 13th, by placing American flags on Veterans' graves to honor their service to our country.

On May 19th, we held our Annual Awards Dinner to recognize and show our appreciation to those who made positive efforts and contributions to their profession and/or to the chapter over the past year. Congratulations to all our award recipients! At the dinner, we were also able to present our Paul Vidunas Community Service Memorial charity, Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County with a check of over \$1,100 from funds we have raised this past year. Thank you to all for our generous donations!

Speaking of the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County, they are having 3k walk or 1 mile walk event on Saturday June 3, 2023 at Veteran's Park in Hamilton. The walk begins at 10am. Their mission is dedicated to promoting the independence, dignity, and wellness of homebound elderly and people with disabilities by matching them with supportive and caring volunteers who assist with the tasks of everyday life. Our Chapter has created a team for the event. Our team name is AGA Trenton. If you are interested in signing up, please register [here](#).

Finally, I would like to thank the chapter board, speakers, sponsors, members, and friends for everything you have done this chapter year. I am forever grateful and appreciate all of your support. I would like to congratulate our incoming 2023/2024 Chapter President, Michael Salberta. Mike's going to be a great President and this Chapter is in good hands!

Take care,  
Robert Rizzo  
Trenton Chapter President



newsletter notices



The program is open to AGA members only.

We all have a responsibility to leave this world better than we found it and to have a positive impact on the next generation of government leaders. Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support.

Email AGA or contact a board member with any personal news you would like to share to the Chapter in future newsletters.

TOP

TIPS



AGA Trenton Chapter is currently soliciting and accepting thoughtful articles on a wide range of government financial topics, and may also publish articles relating to Tax, Practice Management, Financial Reporting, Audit, and Accounting. Chosen articles will be featured in the next newsletter and may qualify for CPE credits. For additional information, please contact: [agatrenton@gmail.com](mailto:agatrenton@gmail.com).

# Members' Milestones

AGA Trenton Chapter congratulates the following members celebrating 20 or more years of membership:

*20 Years*

Barbara E. Galager  
Peregrina S. Salamat  
Robert H. Davidson  
Christopher D. Soleau  
Warren Alan Broudy  
Margarita Stanislavskaya

*25 Years*

Claudine W. Zellman  
Jack H. Fein  
Gerald J. Miller  
Mark E. Talbot  
Susan Ward

*30 Years*

Guy L. Tassi  
Andrew C. Bishop

*25 Years*

Connie M. Mason  
James M. King  
Richard F. Keevey  
David J. Kaschak  
Donald J. Cammus  
Linda P. Maher

## Chapter Spotlight

On May 13, 2023, AGA Trenton Chapter members participated in placing American flags on veterans' graves, to honor their service to our country, at the Italian American War Veterans Post #2.



# Paul Vidunas Charity For The 2022-2023 Year: *Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County*

AGA Trenton Chapter is pleased to have Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County as their Paul Vidunas Charity of the 2022-2023 Chapter Year.



## JOIN A WALK FOR WELLNESS

**JUNE 3, 2023**

**9:00AM CHECK-IN / 10:00 AM START  
VETERAN'S PARK, HAMILTON, NJ**

We are pleased to announce that our Chapter is participating in the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County 3k walk or 1 mile walk event on Saturday June 3, 2023 at Veteran's Park in Hamilton. The walk begins at 10am. The Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County's mission is dedicated to promoting the independence, dignity, and wellness of homebound elderly and people with disabilities by matching them with supportive and caring volunteers who assist with the tasks of everyday life.

Our Chapter has created a team for the event. Our team name is **AGA Trenton**. Below is the link if you want to sign up to join our team or donate. Family and friends are welcome to join as well.

<https://givebutter.com/icgmc-a-walk-for-wellness>

**Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1994 with a "Faith in Action" grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For almost three decades, we have worked to improve the quality of life and help meet the concerns and special needs of the homebound elderly and adults with disabilities in Mercer County, New Jersey.**

**Their interdenominational coalition of 25 congregations and over 360 trained volunteers provide caregiving support and wellness program that enables seniors and adults with disabilities to age safely in their homes and communities. All services and programs are offered free-of-charge without proselytization or regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or income.**

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Trenton Chapter

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# Upcoming Events

## PDT 2023

From Imagination to Impact

July 23-26, 2023  
Orlando or Virtual

Join us for Professional Development Training (PDT) this July and gain valuable insights from leading government financial management professionals and industry experts. With over 3,000 attendees, PDT offers three and a half days of educational sessions designed to equip federal, state and local government, and private sector financial professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to enhance leadership, improve performance in cost-constrained environments, and address shared challenges using best practices.

AGA's premier training and networking event

July 23-26 | Orlando  
24 CPEs

### Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Jun. 23, 2023

	Online	All Other
<b>AGA Members</b>		
Early Bird	\$925	\$950
Standard	\$1,025	\$1,050
<b>Non-members</b>		
Early Bird	\$1,125	\$1,150
Standard	\$1,225	\$1,250

## AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

**June**  
**7**  
Wednesday  
Members-only Webinar – Free for AGA members!  
Webinar | 1.5 CPE

**June**  
**13**  
Tuesday  
CGFM Live, Virtual Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting  
Zoom | 21 CPE

**July**  
**17**  
Monday  
CGFM Live, Virtual Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control  
Zoom | 16 CPE

## AGA TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS

*Join us!*

**Renew Your Membership!**  
**You can also give the gift of Membership**



**Interfaith Caregivers of Mercer County - Walk of Wellness**  
**Join our team - AGA TRENTON**



# 2023 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER AWARDS DINNER PHOTOS





Certified Government Financial Manager

## WHAT IS CGFM?

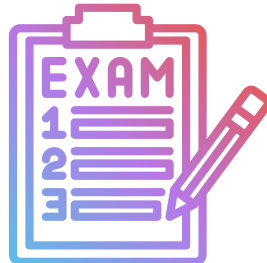
Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

## WHAT IS THE CGFM CERTIFICATION PROCESS?

- Step 1 — Read AGA's Code of Ethics
- Step 2 — Apply for the CGFM Program
- Step 3 — Submit Required Degree Documentation
- Step 4 — Receive an Eligibility Letter
- Step 5 — Prepare for the CGFM Examinations
- Step 6 — Schedule the CGFM Examinations
- Step 7 — Take the CGFM Examinations
- Step 8 — Submit a Work Verification Form
- Step 9 — Receive CGFM Award Letter
- Step 10 — Receive Your CGFM Certificate and Maintain Your Certification



## HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE EXAMS?

- Take AGA's Live, Virtual Courses
- AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal
- In-person: Individuals looking for scheduled classroom training can register for CGFM course 1, course 2 and course 3 held through Management Concepts.

## SAMPLE AGA CGFM EXAM QUESTION

### AGA CGFM Examinations Sample Questions

#### Governmental Environment Examination

1. According to the AGA Code of Ethics, a vendor using an agency contract monitor as a personal reference on a resume, would constitute
  - (A) fraud.
  - (B) professional incompetence.
  - (C) a conflict of interest.
  - (D) nepotism.

## CGFM LIVE, VIRTUAL COURSES SCHEDULE

### Course Schedule and Registration

- **Course 1 ("Governmental Environment")**
  - April 3-4, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. ET each day
  - \$325 per person
  - Registration is closed
  - Deadline to register or cancel — March 27, 2023
- **Course 2 ("Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting")**
  - June 13-16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ET each day
  - \$725 per person
  - Register
  - Deadline to register or cancel — June 6, 2023
- **Course 3 ("Governmental Financial Management and Control")**
  - July 17-19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ET each day
  - \$525 per person
  - Register
  - Deadline to register or cancel — July 10, 2023

[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES](#)

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## PLATINUM



## GOLD



## BRONZE



## AGA Trenton Chapter's April 2023 Balance Sheet

### AGA Trenton Chapter

### May 2023 Balance Sheet

<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Cash - Savings	\$ 24,193.61	Accounts Payable	\$ 502.97
Cash - Checking	\$ 13,960.37	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	Fund Balance	\$ 39,087.74
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,436.73		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 39,590.71</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 39,590.71</b>





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# AGA TRENTON CHAPTER 2022-2023 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM YEAR

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NJ Legislative Services - Office of the State Auditor

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