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President's Message

Nikki Farrell

Dear Members & Friends,

During this time of year, I like to take a moment to step-back and reflect on what I'm truly thankful for. Family, health, and happiness are a few items that come to mind but what also comes to mind this year is all of you, our members! No, it's not a joke (I'll save that for April's newsletter) but without all of you, the AGA Trenton Chapter would be nothing. Without all of you, I wouldn't have tackled my fear of public speaking. Without all of you, I wouldn't be who I am today and for that I truly THANK YOU.

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President's Message

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This past month we had three events! On November 2, we had 10 members attend PCDI's Meadows Miler - one of which, Sue Kane, won 1st place for her age group! On November 13, we were honored to have Dr. Ben Dworkin speak at our dinner meeting where he gave his riveting take on the current political climate and most recent election outcomes. It's always a pleasure to have Dr. Dworkin present at our chapter. On November 20, we hosted an ethics webinar where we had 39 attendees!

December is a quiet month for our chapter but I'd like to propose a holiday challenge. Volunteer your time or donate goods to a charity, take a picture and send it to agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com to be featured in our December newsletter! Think about how you can give back to your community and have a lasting impact on someone. Maybe this year, you can be a reason they are thankful.

Wishing you all the best,
Nikki M. Farrell, CICA
AGA Trenton Chapter, President

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Upcoming Events

Webinar - Uniform Guidance (2 CPEs)

Date: January 8, 2020

Location: Roebling Building, 2nd Floor
Room 218

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

January Dinner Meeting

Date: January 8, 2020

Location: Tessara Restaurant,
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Topic: Annual Tax Update

Time: Social Hour begins at 5:30pm;
Dinner and presentation to follow.

March Dinner Meeting

Date: March 11, 2020

Location: Tessara Restaurant,
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Time: Social Hour begins at 5:30pm;
Dinner and presentation to follow.

Webinar - Cyber Security (2 CPEs)

Date: March 25, 2020

Location: Roebling Building, 2nd Floor
Room 218

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Webinar - Data Act (2 CPEs)

Date: April 22, 2020

Location: Roebling Building, 2nd Floor
Room 218

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Webinar - Fraud and Data Analytics (2 CPEs)

Date: May 13, 2020

Location: Roebling Building, 2nd Floor
Room 218

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Members' Spotlight Congratulations, Sue Kane!

For placing 1st in her age group at the PCDI Meadows Miler!



**Team AGA Trenton at the PCDI's Meadows Miler Fun Run
We are so proud of our Chapter runners and volunteers.**

AGA Training Scholarships, Member Recruitment and CGFM Certification

Training Scholarships

This year, AGA will award:

National Collegiate Leadership Program: AGA annually selects up to 10 full-time college students for the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Training (NLT). Deadline to apply for 2020 is Nov. 8, 2019; search "collegiate leadership" at www.agacgfm.org to apply.

Young Professionals PDT Scholarship: AGA annually selects up to five young professionals to attend AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT). Deadline to apply for YP PDT 2020 is March 12, 2020. Search "YP PDT" at www.agacgfm.org to apply.

Member Recruitment

As treasured members, we can influence the future of AGA by sharing our experiences with peers, colleagues, and others in our organizations with any interest in government financial management. Membership in AGA has many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, awards and scholarship programs, discounts for training, exclusive CPE opportunities and access to our resources, such as free utilization of the CGFM Online Library. Members join a local chapter through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experience. Start recruiting today. Provide the following information to our prospective members:

- Online application via website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>

- E-mail - agamembers@agacgfm.org

Telephone - (800)-AGA-7211 or (703)-684-6931



CGFM Certification

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.

To become a CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

- * *Ethics - read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics*
- * *Education - have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university*
- * *Examinations - pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations*
- * *Experience - have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.*

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



AGA Trenton Chapter's October 2019 Balance Sheet

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER OCTOBER 2019	
ASSETS	
Cash - Savings	\$ 12,186.20
Cash - Checking	\$ 10,593.34
Accts. Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	\$ 9,270.00
PrePaid Expenses	\$ 46.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 32,095.85
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Deferred Income	\$ 115.00
Fund Balance	\$ 31,980.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 32,095.85

WHAT'S NEW CORNER "CGFM LIBRARY"

Are you interested in taking the CGFM exams but are hesitant about the costs of study materials? The AGA Trenton Chapter may be able to help! Interested candidates can contact Nikki Farrell to learn more about our CGFM Library Pilot Program!

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 Spring Symposium – Co-chairs: Nikki Farrell/Chrissy Brennan + Spring Symposium Committee
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