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President's Message

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August, the last unofficial month of summer, before Labor Day, school and football is upon us. Go Chiefs (and take the Royals with you). Just kidding, I love the Chiefs. Ozarks AGA will take a bit of a break this month and will not be providing a regular luncheon meeting. There is still an opportunity to earn CPE. You're invited to join the American Society of Women Accountants (yes, men can go to these meetings) for their monthly meeting.



Teresa Allen, CGFM

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ASWA will meet Thursday, August 13th at University Plaza. Their speaker is Charles Morgan with the Department of Labor. He is an investigator with the Wage and Hour Division and we will be going over the Fair Labor Standards Act and the common pitfalls/issues he finds during audits. Lunch is at 11:45, the program begins at Noon. The cost is \$30 for non-members. Please contact Amy Beckett at amy@highlandsprings.com to make a reservation.

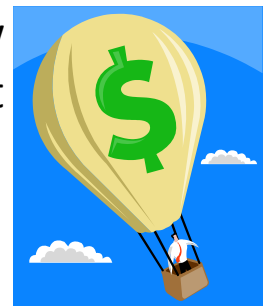
Please join us back at the Midtown Carnegie Library Tuesday, September 15th beginning at 11:00 for 2 hours of CPE.

We will hear from area government financial leaders as they discuss the economic recession and the impact on their budget, employees and the community. The cost is only \$10 for September's meeting and lunch will be provided. Don't forget to mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 13th for the 4 hour Fall Scholarship Seminar at Cooper Tennis Complex.

See you then.
Teresa Allen



The 2009-10 Ozarks Chapter budget is now available on our website, visit us at www.ozarksaga.org



ARRA Seminar - Kansas City

AGA Training Event

A Dialogue on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Aug. 17, 2009 | 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | 4 CPE Hours

Embassy Suites Hotel Kansas City - International Airport
7640 Northwest Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City, MO

AGA is hosting a unique opportunity to hear selected federal and state government officials discuss various implementation issues surrounding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The invited officials, from the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Education, Transportation and Energy, will also host breakout sessions during which attendees can ask questions about the implementation issues that are most vexing to them.

The discussion will take place 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Kansas City - International Airport - 7640 Northwest Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City, MO. The government rate at the Embassy is \$107. All attendees will receive lunch and be awarded 4 CPE hours at the conclusion of the session.

Register now!

Keeping Track of the Recovery Act

A new online resource, updated daily, listing information related to the federal stimulus plan.

NEW! Two FREE ARRA Dialogue Seminars - Aug. 17, Kansas City, MO and Sept. 1, Boston, MA

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<http://www.agacgfm.org/intergovernmental/recovery.aspx>



Ozarks Chapter Has Award-Winning Year

The Ozarks Chapter deserves a pat on the back! We received several nationally recognized awards from AGA in June:

We received the **Community Service Award** for group E. Under the direction of Jerry Mitchell, who organized the golf tournament fundraiser for Weller Elementary, \$2,500 was raised for Weller's Math Advantage curriculum. Thanks also to Justin Hill for his community service efforts and landscaping the entrance at Weller Elementary this past spring.

We received the **Education Award** for Group E under the direction of

Deb Gillenwaters and Martha Mundt. Ozarks AGA offered a very successful spring membership seminar as well as many continuing professional education opportunities for government accounting professionals.

The Ozarks chapter received the **Silver Award** for the **Chapter Recognition Program** as well as **honorable mention for the website** contest. Thanks to Justin Hill and Linda Charles for their work to earn this recognition.

Martha Mundt and Teresa Allen (pictured above) were able to pick up the awards in person from the 2009-10 National AGA President, Billy Morehead, at the Professional Development Conference in New Orleans.



Volunteer opportunity available



The Community Service Director position with the Ozarks Chapter is currently open. This is a great opportunity to get involved, stretch your leadership legs and work with a great bunch of people. This position will lead the organization in an

easy fall fundraiser for a good cause, as well as an activity in the spring, and lead the scholarship committee in awarding student and member scholarships. If you want to do a good thing for the community and get involved in AGA, then contact me at: tallen@springfieldmo.gov
Teresa Allen

CPE Online from the Journal



Readers of AGA's *Journal of Government Financial Management* can earn up to **12 CPE** hours per year by reading the quarterly Journal and taking a 25-question open-book quiz on the content for \$109 (AGA Members)/\$179 (Nonmembers).

What could be easier or more affordable?

This program is completely automated—from registration to CPE certificate.

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cpeonline/>

Future Ozarks Chapter Educational Events

Month	Date	Description	Location
Aug	08/13/09	ASWA Joint Meeting Speaker: Charles Morgan, Dept. of Labor Topic: Fair Labor Standards Act For reservations contact Amy Beckett at amy@highlandsprings.com	University Plaza Time - 11:45 PM Cost: \$30 for non-members
Aug	08/18/09	IMA Joint Meeting Speaker - TBD For reservations contact Terry Jones at terryj@custom-metalcraft.com	Twin Oaks Country Club Time - 5:30 PM Cost: \$25 for non-members
Sept	09/15/09	Panel discussion-The current economy and its effect on local government entities. Dr. Penny Clayton, moderator For reservations contact: tallen@springfieldmo.gov	Midtown Library Lunch provided 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - 2 CPE Cost: \$10
Oct	10/13/09	Ozarks Chapter Fall Scholarship Seminar Featured guests will speak on topics that include IRS Tax Payer Advocacy, GASB Update-(GASB 54) Change in Funds, Effects of the Recovery Act on Single Audits, and a technology update	Cooper Tennis Complex 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM - 4 CPE Cost: TBD

AGA Releases Report to Our Members

AGA's 2008-2009 *Citizen-Centric Report to Our Members* is available [online](#). This succinct, four-page report describes the progress of our Association over the 2009 program year, and the challenges AGA faces in meeting the needs of our members.

Successes include:

- Free training events on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Six new chapters
- Seven radio shows on WFED AM 1500.
- A new Certificate of Excellence Awards program for Citizen-Centric Reports

Record number of performance reports received from state and local governments

Certificate of Excellence Awards
program for Citizen-Centric Reports

Let us know what you think. We need your feedback to ensure that future reports are even more useful. Send comments to [Susan Fritzen](#).

To meet our responsibility to provide full accountability to our members and other stakeholders, [AGA's audited financial statements](#) are also available online.

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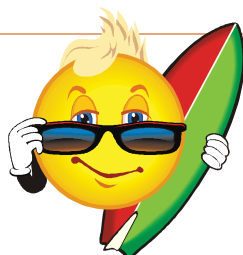
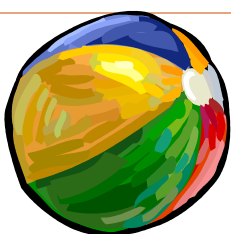
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Deadline for articles: Monday-eight days prior to meeting date

*Send articles to: **dfraley@springfieldmo.gov***



*Happy Birthday to all
those celebrating in
August and Happy
Summer!!*

