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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members and Friends,

Spring has already sprung and summer is quickly approaching. The end of my term as chapter president is also on the horizon.

The chapter held its annual Spring PDT last week at Mercer County Community College. I would like to thank all those who contributed to the event's success. I would also like to thank all of those who attended. See pictures of the PDT within this newsletter. Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle prizes and thank you to all who purchased tickets or donated money to our chapter's charity. Interfaith Caregivers of Mercer County. The chapter was able to raise over \$700 for the Paul Vidunas fund!

The chapter is sponsoring a Fraud/Data Analytics webinar on Wednesday, May 8th, from 2 pm to 3:50 pm. There is no cost to attend this webinar for members and the cost to nonmembers is only \$10. Two CPEs will be awarded for this webinar and attendance is limited to 30 people. If you are interested in attending this webinar, please register <u>here</u>.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the chapter's Awards Dinner will be held on May 9th at Villa Mannino. For all of those who are planning to attend, it will be a night of fun and celebration as we recognize chapter members and others in government service for their great work throughout the year. It will also be our official "passing of the gavel" as the President's gavel is passed to our incoming Chapter President, Douglass MacArthur.

Every year, we honor those who have served in the military by placing flags on the graves of veterans. This year's flag placement event will take place on Saturday, May 11th at 9:30 am at Lady of Lourdes Cemetery (address: 400 Woolsey St, Hamilton Township, NJ 08610). The rain date for this event will be Sunday, May 19th . Please join us for this event as we recognize those who have served our country.

Lastly, there will be a free, members only webinar from AGA National on Wednesday, May 15th from 2 pm to 3:15 pm. The title of the webinar is: "A peek into the federal budget process and what's in it this year". There will be 1.5 CPEs awarded for this webinar. Members who are interested in attending this webinar can register <u>here</u>.

As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please let us know.





#### AGA Mentoring Program

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.



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: <u>agatrenton@gmail.com</u>.



Take care, Michael Salberta Trenton Chapter President

# Members' Milestones CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LIFETIME MEMBERS

Anthony L. Manno Terence P. Sharkey Rose M. Todaro Anthony J. Glebocki Robert J. Alu Janet E. Gregorovic Betty Jane Eddowes Richard Grahovac Steven J. Csogi Michael L. Einhorn Paul R. Baron Thomas Troutman Michael P. Fabian, William G. Shannon

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

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Barbara E. Galag Robert H. Davidson Christopher D. Soleau Warren Alan Broudy Margarita Stanislavskaya Claudine W. Zellman Jack H. Fein Gerald J. Miller Mark E. Talbot

Susan Ward

Gu<mark>y</mark> L. Tassi Andrew C. Bishop Connie M. Mason James M. King Richard F. Keevey David J. Kaschak Donald J. Cammus Linda P. Maher

### Paul Vidunas Charity For The 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Chapter Year.



Contact Interfaith Caregivers to learn about becoming a volunteer

## A WALK FOR WELLNESS

JUNE 1, 2024 VETERAN'S PARK, HAMILTON, NJ

Our Chapter team, **AGA Trenton**, will participate in the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County 3K walk on June 1, 2024. Proudly representing our chapter in 2023 were Chris Fuccello, Robert Rizzo, and Rose Todaro.



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.



# **Upcoming** Events

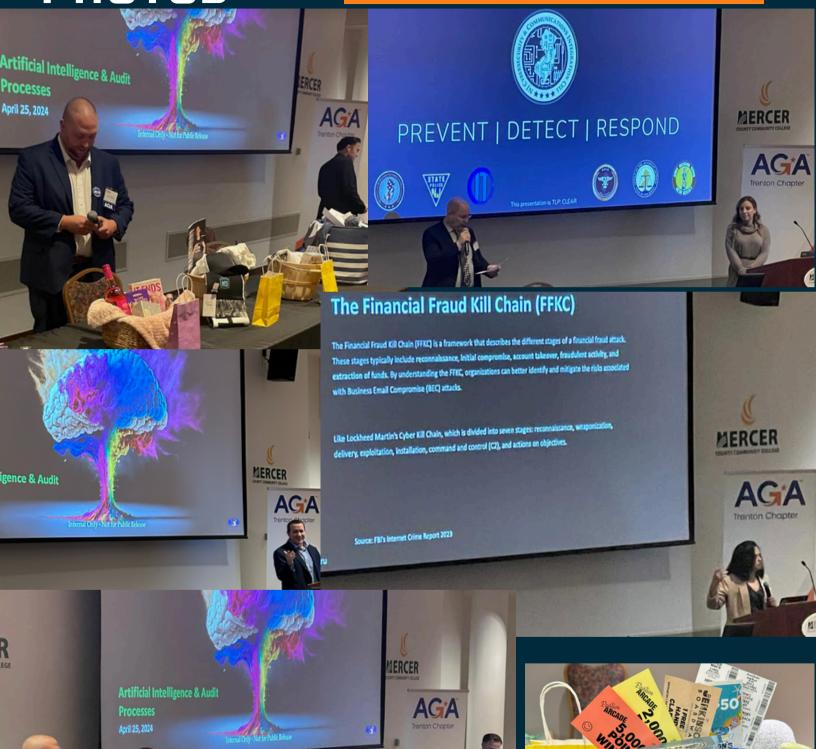


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# \*\*\* AGA TRENTON SPRING 2024 PDT PHOTOS



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Jersey Shore Basket \$120 val

# Celebrating **30** Years



### CGFM Turns 30!

The New Year brings reason to celebrate – 30 years of CGFM®! AGA created the Certified Government Financial Manager<sup>®</sup> (CGFM) program in 1994 to fill a need in the government financial management community. Through preparation and exams encompassing governmental accounting, auditing, internal controls, budgeting, and financial reporting at all levels of government, CGFMs become well versed in the knowledge and skills needed for the rigors and complexities of their duties. Furthermore, coverage of federal, state and local government financial management allows CGFMs to expand their career opportunities throughout the United States.





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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

- 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
  - professional incompetence. (B) (C) a conflict of interest.
  - (D) nepotism.

#### CGFM Examinations Requirement

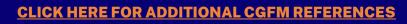
The three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program are:

- ation 1: Governmental Environment (GE)
- Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting (GAFRB)
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### AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S MARCH 2024 BALANCE SHEET

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#### ASSETS

#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Cash - Savings	\$ 24,195.85	Accounts Payable	\$ 560.65
Cash - Checking	\$ 12,563.05	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 25.00		
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 2,437.78		
Other Assets	\$ 100.50	Fund Balance	\$ 38,761.53
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 39,322.18	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 39,322.18



# Hello. Nice to Meet You!



#### CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2023-2024

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Spring PDT/Technical Coordinator Co-chairs: Michael Salberta and Meghan Ellis, and Spring PDT Committee

