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Check out career
opportunities on page 6!



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CGFM

University of Auburn—Montgomery is offering online courses to prepare for the CGFM. Earn college credit as you study for the CGFM! For more information visit the [website!](#)

Tax Receipts Buoy State-Local Government Employment Trend

Bloomberg—April 3, 2012—Steve Matthews, William Selway

While the Federal Reserve cut interest rates to record lows and President Barack Obama's \$831 billion stimulus poured money into the economy, including funds that saved public-sector jobs, officials in state capitols and city halls were forced to balance their budgets when the recession dealt a hit to their tax collections. With the economy accelerating, tax revenues are on the rise, which is helping to ease some of the fiscal strains.

"We are at the cusp where the drag from the government sector is effectively going to be zero," said Joseph Lavorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. in New York, who tracks tax receipts in developing his forecasts.

State and local tax revenue rose 4.5 percent last year, the biggest gain since 2006, and property taxes have increased for two consecutive quarters, Census data showed March 22. Since 2009, state and city cutbacks **have restrained the economy's growth more than any time since the early 1940s**, according to Commerce Department data.

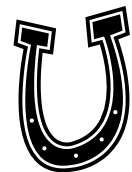
To read the article in its entirety, click above on the tile of the article.

Scholarship Announcement

Scholarship applications are being tabulated. Watch for presentations at our May, 2012 Chapter Meeting.



Good Luck to all of our applicants!



Regional Training Opportunities

American Society of Women Accountants
Springfield, Missouri Chapter 98

Ethics Spring Seminar
4/26/2012

11:30 @ 425 Downtown (W Walnut)
\$20 Members, \$30 Non-Members

Audio Conferences:

5/9/2012—Carlo Ponzi or Bernard Madoff—Who Was the Bigger Villain?

5/23/2012 – Ethical Dilemas—Recognizing, Analyzing and Resolving Situations Where There Are Two Right Choices.

For More information [Click Here](#)

AGA Des Moines Chapter

Spring Ethics Conference
7 CPE Hours

May 24, 2012

Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center,
Johnston, IA

Regular Rate:

Members—\$80

Non-Members—\$95

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2012	TBD		
July	2012	TBD		
August	2012	TBD		
September	2012	TBD		
October	2012	TBD		
November	2012	TBD		
December	2012	TBD		
January	2013	TBD		
February	2013	TBD		
March	2013	TBD		
April	2012	10th	Operations of the Fed-Med!	Federal Medical Prison
May	2012	16th	Behind The Scenes Look At Economic Development	Midtown Library

Advancing Government Accountability.

**OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA
2011-2012 Statement of Operations**

		3/31/2012
	Projected Revenue	FYTD Actual Revenue
Revenues:		
Chapter Dues	\$ 600.00	604.65
Monthly meetings	1,000.00	555.00
Seminars:		
Fall Seminar	2,000.00	1,420.00
Spring Membership Seminar	9,000.00	6,120.00
Other Revenues:		
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	150.00
Charity Fundraiser	500.00	
Misc Revenue	50.00	20.00
Interest income	100.00	57.52
Total Revenues	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 8,927.17
	Projected Expenses	FYTD Actual Expense
Expenses:		
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	\$ 1,200.00	816.82
Seminar Expenses:		
Fall Seminar	500.00	132.43
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,600.00	1,106.45
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	5,300.00	3,610.00
Community Service Expense	600.00	152.43
Scholarships:		
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	2,000.00	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-
PDC Travel Stipend	1,000.00	-
Membership Drive Expense	200.00	50.00
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	317.87
Misc Expense	300.00	217.00
Total Expenses	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 6,403.00
Fund Balance:	Beginning	8,077.87
	Revenue	\$ 8,927.17
	Expended	\$ (6,403.00)
	Ending	<u>10,602.04</u>

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Ozarks Chapter AGA—Community Service Corner

Come join the fun! Go to www.relayforlife.com, find the Springfield event (June 1 -2, 2012) and click button to join or donate to team “AGA Adds Up”. For every \$1 we collect the Ozarks AGA Chapter will match up to \$500 AND National AGA Chapter will match that—Wow! Where else can you leverage your donation from \$1 to \$4?



What happens at a Relay event?

There are many moments that create the Relay experience. Specific details vary by event, but the key moments that all events share in common are listed below:



1.) Survivors Lap

Relay starts with a Survivors Lap—an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories we’ve achieved over cancer. We also recognize and celebrate caregivers at Relay for Life. These individuals give their time, love, and support to friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers who face cancer.



2.) Luminaria Ceremony

After dark, we honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony. Candles are lit inside bags filled with sand, each one bearing the name of a person touched by cancer, and participants often walk a lap in silence.



3.) Fight Back Ceremony

Last, there is a Fight Back Ceremony, where we make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer. That personal commitment may be to do something as simple as getting a screening test, quitting smoking, or talking to elected officials about cancer. By taking action, people are personally taking steps to save lives and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

Scenes From Spring Seminar



Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.

Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

The Ozarks Ledger is a publication of the Ozarks Chapter of The Association of Government Accountants

Brandie Fisher, Editor

Deadline for articles: 30th of each month

Send articles to: bfisher@springfieldmo.gov

Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks

[Ozarks Technical College](#)

Various Accountant Positions

[Evangel University](#)

Reconciliation and Billing Assistant—PT

[Springfield Public Schools](#)

Internal Auditor

Payroll Analyst





Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Kansas City, Mid Missouri, Ozark and St. Louis chapters of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) are professional organizations that are part of an association that has a network of 15,000 members in 99 chapters in the United States and around the world; and these Missouri chapters have approximately 520 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, AGA Kansas City, Mid Missouri, Ozark and St. Louis Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Missouri by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and each CGFM holder is required to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 2012 to be

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 27th day of February, 2012.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State

