



Newsletter

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President's Message

Andrew Bishop, CPA / CGMA

Dear Members and Friends:

Welcome to the AGA Trenton Chapter 2017-2018 Program Year. I am honored to be selected to serve as Chapter President. First, I would like to thank all past presidents for their tireless efforts in making our chapter what it is today. Special thanks goes to last year's President, Kiersten Kokotajlo for her outstanding service and leadership. Kiersten, with the help of all of you, our members, has catapulted our chapter to platinum status recognition by National.

I look forward to working with the Chapter Board, consisting of many longtime friends and many new faces, to continue to meet the challenge of providing you with high quality educational events and the opportunity to participate in community service activities.

Our new program year kicks off with our chapter's 40th Anniversary Celebration on September 7, 2017 at Tavern on the Lake from 5:00 - 9:00 pm.

The chapter has begun the process of preparing for our Fall Seminar. This year's Fall Seminar will be Friday, October 27, 2017 at Mercer County Community College (MCCC). More details to follow.

We will be hosting the first of four dinner meetings, on Tuesday, September 19th, at Tessara's, in Hamilton. Our guest speaker will be Ken Kamen author of "Safeguarding Your Nest Egg". Happy Hour begins at 5:30 pm.

The chapter will continue to host the six audio conferences this upcoming program year. The first is scheduled on 09/13/2017 from 2:00 to 3:50 pm at the Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.

For the latest information regarding AGA Events please visit and register online:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Training-Events/Event-Calendar.aspx>

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook for updates as well as pictures from our events!

I am looking forward to a successful program year and seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Andrew (Andy) Bishop
Trenton Chapter President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AGA – TRENTON CHAPTER CELEBRATES IT'S 40TH BIRTHDAY!

A flyer for the AGA Trenton Chapter's 40th anniversary. The background is a textured brown paper with scattered yellow, white, and grey confetti. The text is centered and reads: "AGA Trenton Chapter is celebrating 40 years of service. Join us to celebrate Thursday, September 7th." Below this, it lists the location "Tavern on the Lake" at "101 N. Main Street, Hightstown, NJ 08520" from "5:00 - 9:00 PM". It also includes registration information: "Early-bird Registration by 8/24" with rates of "FREE" for Trenton AGA Members & Past Presidents, "\$40" for AGA Members (other chapters), and "\$60" for Non-Members. The registration website is "www.agacgfm.org/trenton".

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Tavern on the Lake
101 N. Main Street
Hightstown, NJ 08520
5:00 - 9:00 PM

Early-bird Registration by 8/24
Trenton AGA Members & Past Presidents - FREE
AGA Members (other chapters) - \$40
Non-Members - \$60

Register online at: www.agacgfm.org/trenton

**Thank you to all of our board members and members
for making our chapter what it is today!...Looking
forward to the next 40 years!**



Celebrating 40 Years!

Thank You!

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary we'd like to thank all our past presidents!!

Program Year	Name	Program Year	Name	Program Year	Name
2016-2017	Kiersten Kokotailo	2001-2002	Rose Todaro	1986-1987	Jean Mount
2015-2016	Audrey Hoyle	2000-2001	Carol Ann Marty	1985-1986	Stephen Krol
2014-2015	Guy Tassi	1999-2000	Joseph D. Guider	1984-1985	Richard L. Fair
2013-2014	Ann Marie Spagnola	1998-1999	Gilbert L. Johnson	1983-1984	Nuzio Masone Anthony
2012-2013	William Challice Margarita	1997-1998	Paul M. Vidunas	1982-1983	Sant'Angelo
2011-2012	Stanislayskaya	1996-1997	Donald S. Ryba	1981-1982	James Bedenko
2010-2011	Christine Muller	1995-1996	Francis C Gatti, Jr	1980-1981	Robert Alu
2009-2010	Audrey Hoyle	1994-1995	Diane M. Zompa	1979-1980	Paul Kurisko
2008-2009	Frank Defeo	1993-1994	Jane Coult	1978-1979	Scott Phillips
2007-2008	Andy Pantelides	1992-1993	Charles Muller	1977-1978	James J. Dolan
2006-2007	Jackie Shelly	1991-1992	Maria Salamandra		
2005-2006	Rose Todaro	1990-1991	Anthony J Moran		
2004-2005	Guy Tassi	1989-1990	Elwood Fell		
2003-2004	David J. Kaschak	1988-1989	Harry J. Collis		
2002-2003	Guy Tassi	1987-1988	Michael Mayo		



SAVE THIS DATE

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @ 5:30 pm

Event: Dinner Meeting (Topic - “Safeguarding Your Nest Egg”)

Speaker: Ken Kamen

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

[Click here to register now for this Dinner Meeting](#)

Introducing: Kenneth Kamen

September 19th Dinner Meeting Speaker



Kenneth Kamen is president of Mercadien Asset Management and Mercadien Securities, as well as the author of the highly-acclaimed book from Bloomberg Press, *Reclaim Your Nest Egg: Take Control of your Financial Future*. Mercadien Asset Management provides personal and business financial planning and asset management services to assist clients in reaching their wealth objectives. Mercadien Securities provides investment banking and consulting services to small and mid-sized businesses.

With nearly three decades of experience working in the securities and personal finance industries, Mr. Kamen is a nationally-recognized financial expert and advisor. He has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Finance and consulted on matters in his area of expertise with members of the U.S. House of Representatives Commerce and Ways and Means Committees.

Mr. Kamen has served as the chairman of a business advisory group to the U.S. House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Committee Oversight and Investigations Sub-Committee. The business advisory group's mission was to provide recommendations on possible accounting, auditing and financial practice reforms for congressional consideration in the wake of corporate governance and accounting abuses.

Ken is frequently called upon by the print and broadcast media as the go-to financial expert for comment on a wide range of financial topics. He is a frequent guest on Reuters Business News, CNBC, the Fox Business Channel, and Bloomberg TV, as well as many national radio and television programs. He is often quoted in publications such as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, and is a regular contributor to Forbes.com. He has been a guest lecturer at colleges, universities and many investment-banking and related forums.

Mr. Kamen was the founder and president of Princeton Securities Corporation, an NASD-licensed broker-dealer, purchased by Kirlin Holding Corporation in March 2000. He is a past chairman of the National Investment Banking Association, the preeminent national association of regional independent broker dealers and investment banking firms. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance from Hofstra University and resides in Yardley, PA.

**AGA—Trenton Chapter
Balance Sheet as of 8/30/17**

ASSETS:		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Cash (BOA)-Savings	12,180.87	Accounts Payable	-
Cash(BOA) Checking	8,649.63	Deferred Income	110.00
Accts. Rec. Symp/Mtg/Sem	115.00		
PrePaid Expenses	<u>4,314.62</u>	Fund Balance	<u>25,150.12</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>25,260.12</u></u>	TOTAL L&E	<u><u>25,260.12</u></u>



IMPORTANT!!

Save this Date for the 2017 AGA Fall Conference:

***October 27, 2017* - Located at The Conference Center at Mercer (Mercer County Community College)**

Address: 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, NJ 08550

Earn up to 7 CPEs!

For information: <http://www.agatrenton.com/events.html>

Congratulations!

to Anthony Glebocki for achieving
Lifetime Membership with the
Trenton Chapter of the Association of
Government Accountants!

Anthony is the fourth person to join the
prestigious rank of Lifetime Member.

Thank you for all you have done throughout the years and we are
looking forward to you enjoying many more with AGA!!





CGFM® Certification

CGFM Intensive Review Course & Exams

AGA's Intensive Review Course (IRC) with CGFM examinations *included* is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!

The next IRC, offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Alexandria, Va., Nov. 9-10, 2017. The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the course for qualified participants is as follows:

- \$375 for AGA members
- \$425 for non-AGA members

SPECIAL BONUS: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!

The CGFM examinations can be taken by appointment only at Pearson Professional Testing Centers from **Nov. 11, 2017 – Feb. 28, 2018**, using vouchers provided by AGA.

- ***What is the Intensive Review Course?*** It is a special, limited enrollment opportunity for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material. It is a review of the main topics covered on the CGFM examinations, led by a knowledgeable instructor.
- ***What it's NOT:*** It is not a shortcut. It is not an exam prep course with strategies on how to pass the exams. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the three AGA instructor-led training courses. It is usually not enough, by itself, to prepare for the CGFM examinations – advance preparation is strongly recommended.

Registration

To participate in this event, individuals must:

1. Apply and be accepted into the CGFM program (see CGFM Process for more information)
2. Pre-register for this event

register

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Registration.aspx?ID=251>

SEPTEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03	04 	05	06	07 AGA 40 th Celebration	08	09
10	11	12	13 Webinar 2:00pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



- 1)** Trenton's 40th Anniversary Celebration (from 5:00 to 9:00 PM)
Tavern on the Lake 101 N Main Street, Hightstown, NJ 08520
- 2)** Webinar (from 2:00 to 3:50PM) Office of the State Comptroller, 12th
Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625
Communication/Leadership Skills
- 3)** Dinner Meeting (Happy Hour starts at 5:30) Tessara Restaurant
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619 Author Ken Kamen Speaking on the financial
impat of recycling in NJ

OCTOBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09  Happy Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Fall Seminar	28
29	30	31 				

1) Fall Seminar - October 27, 2017 (Times and Agenda TBD) Mercer County Community College 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor Township, NJ 08550





Webinars (Fall 2017)

WEBINAR: Communications/Leadership Skills
September 13, 2017 (from 2:00 to 3:50 PM)

[Register Online](#)

Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter
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WEBINAR: Ethics Relating to Fraud
November 15, 2017 (from 2:00 to 3:50 PM)

[Register Online](#)

Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter
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WEBINAR: Best Practices for Auditing & Quality Assurance
December 6, 2017 (from 2:00 to 3:50 PM)

[Register Online](#)

Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

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Dinner Meetings (2017-2018)

September 2017 Dinner Meeting

September 19, 2017 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)

Tessara Restaurant
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter
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November 2017 Dinner Meeting

November 15, 2017 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)

Tessara Restaurant
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

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January 2018 Dinner Meeting

January 10, 2018 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)

Tessara Restaurant
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter
Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

March 2018 Dinner Meeting

March 7, 2018 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)

Tessara Restaurant
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter
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AGA Trenton Chapter in the National Spotlight!



PDT 2017 pics are ready to download

Want to relive the experience? Share with friends or your employer? View and download photos from educational sessions, the exhibit hall and more.

[learn more](#)



Chapter Spotlight

Trenton Chapter celebrated its 40th anniversary Sept. 1.

[learn more](#)

Chapter best practice: Trenton’s Membership Scholarship Program

Margarita Stanislavskaya initiated the Membership Scholarship Program to diversify the chapter’s board and attract new members. Through activity board, scholarship recipients work with other board members on projects integral to the chapter’s success. Being an active board member keeps these scholarship recipients in AGA by showing them the value of their membership.



[learn more](#)

About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



The Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund was established in 1998 shortly after the death of then Trenton Chapter President Paul Vidunas. During his lifetime, Paul was as an enthusiastic volunteer for various community based organizations. The establishment of a fund that would support a variety of community service groups seemed a fitting tribute to this memory.

Each year a different recipient is selected to receive funds collected throughout the program year. The local area charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is City of Angels. City of Angels NJ, Inc. offers many different services to the addiction community, all at no charge. Services include interventions, recovery support, Family Program, counseling services and more. COA is a non-denominational, independent organization and all services are open to everyone needing assistance. For information about the charity: <http://www.cityofangelsnj.org/about-coa/>

The Trenton Chapter AGA holds drawings at monthly meetings and educational events to raise funds for the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund. For more information on how you can contribute to this worthy cause contact the AGA Trenton local chapter now at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>

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The mission of the Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) is to serve the needs of Mercer County improving the quality of life for the residents by providing programs and services for the County, Municipalities, school and fire districts, and not-for-profits in the areas of financing, project management, redevelopment, solid waste and recycling.



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