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Luncheon Series



Gene Dodaro Comptroller General of the

United States and Head of U.S. Government Accountability Office

Thursday, September 12, 2013 11:30am - 1:00pm

Clyde's of Gallery Place 707 7th Street, NW Washington DC 20001 **SEE LOCATION ON MAP**

Perspectives on Fiscal and Performance Challenges Facing Government

Governments at all levels continue to face a wide range of management challenges made greater by the combination of slow economic growth and constrained resources. The Comptroller General will discuss a number of these financial, management and fiscal challenges and what GAO's work has suggested for moving forward.

September

Save the Date

Early Career 3rd Annual Famous Dave's BBQ Picnic



September 14, 2013 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Haines Point

972 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, DC 20002

SEE LOCATION ON MAP

Click here for more information on this event.







JAMES R. DALKIN

President's Message



welcome you to a new year at the AGA DC Chapter. For this coming year I am focused on one goal: GETTING EVERYONE INVOLVED!

We offer numerous committees, events and educational programs for you to become involved with during the year. It is a great chance to meet people and network.

We will continue to build on the successes from previous years and the leadership team has developed a superb 2013-14 program to serve its members. Here is a mention of some of our plans:

- Social Media Enhanced use of social media to communicate with you.
 We will soon appoint a Director of Social Media and AGA-DC will be "Tweeting" in the near future.
- Social and Networking Opportunities This year we will offer a number of activities to promote networking and mentorship including our early careers committee.
- Educational Opportunities While continuing professional education budgets for many of our members remain tight, the AGA DC Chapter is committed to providing low cost education and training. You will find we are a cost effective way to maintain your education credits.
- Lunch Series and other Programs Whether it be our signature lunch series and other programs you will enjoy some great offerings. This year we will kick off our program with a visit from the Comptroller General.
- Community Service I am often questioned how to become involved in community service. This year we will expand our activities. This is a great way to contribute back to our community.

Many thanks too all those who make this possible including our corporate sponsors. Again, get involved and enrich your career I look forward to serving this year.

Regards,

James R. Dalkin President Washington DC Chapter





SARAH CHOI

Note from the Editor



Welcome back AGA DC Chapter! It is my honor to join the leadership team this year as newsletter editor. Also joining me is a talented design duo—Sheri Beauregard and Michael James from The DesignPond. We have worked to bring you a fresh look to The Washington Connection. We hope this new design and layout is visually appealing as well as easy to navigate. As for the content, we strive to bring you informative and meaningful articles. We want this newsletter to be an effective tool for bringing together our extremely talented, experienced, and diverse membership community.

We have an exciting year ahead of us and as our new president, Jim Dalkin has stated, this is the year to get involved! So use this newsletter to voice your thoughts, share your suggestions, start a conversation! Thank you for taking the time to read The Washington Connection.

Best regards,

Sarah Choi

Editor

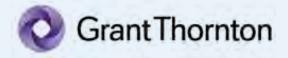
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WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER SUBMITS

Winning AGA Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) logo!

he Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) Initiative held a contest over the past few months for all AGA chapters nationwide to see who could develop a new and creative logo. The Accountability Outreach Committee (AOC) solicited graphics from DC Chapter members. An average of twelve logos were submitted and forwarded to the National Performance Reporting Director (Evie Barry). The winning logo was unveiled at the AGA Professional Development Conference in Dallas, Texas on July 14, 2013. Grant Thornton Global Public Sector (GPS) graphics specialist, Jason Charter developed the winning logo while adhering to the competition guidelines.

AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA believes that government financial information should be provided to citizens in forms that are clear and understandable, updated regularly and often, delivered to all, easy to locate, honest in breadth and technically accurate in detail.

The winning logo, shown here, was selected by the Accountability Working Group, led by Bill Miller, National President-elect. The other chapter finalists include the Virginia Peninsula and San Antonio Chapters. Congratulations to Jason and the AGA Washington, DC Chapter for their winning submission! The Washington DC Chapter as the winning chapter has received one free registration and lodging for a conference of choice.

"A little competition gets everyone excited which is why we received 68 different logos from chapters representing each region. The winning logo will be the face (brand) of the CCR program. Over time, we look for the logo to appear on each CCR that is prepared. Congratulations to the DC Chapter on its winning submission!"

— Relmond Van Daniker, AGA Executive Director

Washington, DC Chapter Accountability and Outreach Committee members (Wendy Morton-Huddleston, Eric Ernst, and Armando Mieles) thank you for your submissions.



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Upcoming Audio Conference

The AGA DC Chapter will host the AGA September Audio Conference – GPRA at 20: You're Not a Teenager Any More at the Smithsonian Institution Castle building at 1000 Jefferson Drive, Washington DC (National Mall) in the Board of Regents room from 2:00 to 3:50pm. Attendees will earn 2 hours of CPE credit.

The Government Performance and Results Act turned 20 years old this year. Has it delivered on its vision of a performance-and-results oriented culture in government? John Kamensky, who helped draft the original statute, will provide an historical context as to how government has changed; and Elizabeth Curda, who leads GAO's oversight of the implementation of the law, will describe challenges agencies face in truly embracing the vision of a new culture. Together, their insights will provide a roadmap useful to results-oriented managers at all levels of government.

Speakers: John M. Kamensky, senior fellow, IBM Center for the Business of Government and Elizabeth Curda, assistant director, U.S. Government Accountability Office.

RSVP: Interested parties should register with **Norma Myers** by September 23.

For more information, please visit the **AGA National web site** or contact **Salim Mawani**.



Location and Time

Smithsonian Institution Castle 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW Board of Regents Room 358 Washington, DC

September 25, 2013 2:00pm – 3:50pm





CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER (CGFM) COMMITTEE

News and Upcoming Events



Director Karl Payne

am pleased to start another program year as your CGFM Committee Director. As we all prepare for a new year, I would like to highlight some of the exciting new activities that we have planned for our Chapter members, as well as other items of interest. If you have questions about the CGFM Program, please feel free to contact me at kpayne@kpmg.com.

Upcoming Events (more info to follow on each of these in the next issue):

- CGFM Classes The DC Chapter will again host a free training for all three modules of the CGFM Exam. This class will take place in March. These have proven to be very popular classes. Last year, this class was filled to capacity.
- Study Groups For the first time, we will be holding CGFM study groups in late fall and winter – dates and more details will be in the next issue.
- Essay Contest We plan to hold an essay contest in late fall (November/December) with the chance to win exam reimbursements.

DC Chapter Awarded the Chapter CGFM Award for the fourth year in a row

Each year, AGA recognizes chapters that have done an outstanding job in promoting the CGFM Program to its members, other accountability professionals and to the community. Last year, the 2012 – 2013 program year, the DC Chapter received the award for Group A (Large Chapter). The DC Chapter also received this award for the 2011 – 2012, 2010 – 2011 and 2009 – 2010 program years. These awards reflect the Chapter's willingness and dedication to furthering

the recognition of the CGFM Program, and to providing our members with several opportunities and resources to help achieve their certification goals.

AGA's CGFM Modules 2 and 3 study guides are now on-line

You can now access CGFM Study Guides 2 and 3 on the go! Read, search and review the study guide content on your laptop, tablet or phone — a convenient way to prepare for the CGFM Examinations. Upon purchasing the online version, you'll have immediate access to the entire publication for a period of 12 months. In addition, if a newer version of this study guide is published within this period, you'll also have access to the new version! An on-line version of module 1 will be available soon. As always, you may also purchase print copies of the CGFM study guides. Study guides may be purchased through the AGA website. To learn more, visit the national AGA website.

Have you checked off what you need to do to reach your CGFM goal?

So, you recognize the many benefits of becoming CGFM certified. Now, do you know all of the steps you need take to reach your goal? Are you aware of all of the National and Chapter level resources available to assist you in meeting your goal? Your Chapter CGFM committee is your local resource for information on requirements, available study and classroom opportunities, advice and general certification information. Another great resource is the National AGA website. Check out the AGA National's **CGFM Certification Directory**. You will find a wealth of valuable information that will help you along your path to attaining certification. Just some of the topics you will find covered on the website are: Why Earn the CGFM, Where Do I Start, What Do Exams Cover, How Do I Prepare, How Do I Purchase Exams, and How Do I Maintain a CGFM. And, of course, I am available at a Chapter level to answer any of your questions or concerns – Please feel free to reach out anytime.





MEETINGS COMMITTEE

News and Upcoming Events

The Meetings Committee would like to welcome everybody back from Summer break. We hope that it didn't go by too quickly! We will resume the Monthly Luncheon tradition at Clyde's Restaurant this year, with the first luncheon to be held on Thursday, September 12th. We would like to invite all of you to join us as we have prepared an excellent line up of speakers for this year's luncheons. Please ensure to sign up early, as we expect another early sell-out. Also, make sure you get to Clyde's on time to enjoy the three-course meal that is offered. Click here to register for this event.

We hope to see you in attendance on September 12th at Clyde's – Gallery Place/Chinatown.

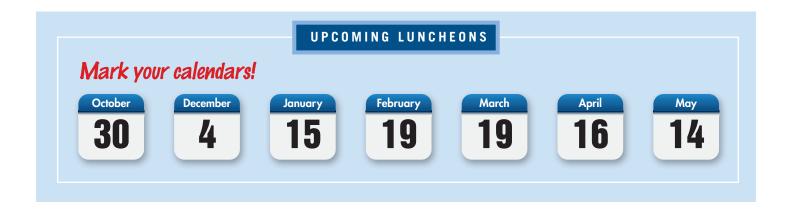


Assistant Director Eric Schaefer



Assistant Director Mark Kandra

See you there!







GENE L. DODARO

LUNCHEON SPEAKER



ene L. Dodaro became the eighth Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on December 22, 2010, when he was confirmed by the United States Senate. He was nominated by President Obama in September of 2010 from a list of candidates selected by a bipartisan, bicameral congressional

commission. He had been serving as Acting Comptroller General since March of 2008.

Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress dozens of times on important national issues, including the nation's long term fiscal outlook, efforts to reduce and eliminate overlap and duplication across the federal government and GAO's "High Risk List" that focuses on specific challenges from reducing improper payments under Medicare and Medicaid to improving the Pentagon's business practices.

In addition Mr. Dodaro has led efforts to fulfill GAO's new audit responsibilities under the Dodd- Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—the stimulus legislation designed to combat the economic downturn, and under the TARP program to help stabilize financial markets and institutions.

As Comptroller General, Mr. Dodaro helps oversee the development and issuance of hundreds of reports and testimonies each year to various committees and individual Members of Congress. These and other GAO products have led to hearings and legislation, billions of dollars in taxpayer savings, and improvements to a wide range of government programs and services.

In a GAO career dating back more than 30 years, Mr. Dodaro has held a number of key executive posts. For 9 years, Mr. Dodaro served as the Chief Operating Officer, the number

two leadership position at the agency, assisting the Comptroller General in providing direction and vision for GAO's diverse, multidisciplinary workforce. Mr. Dodaro led the development of GAO's strategic plans for serving Congress and improving government in the 21st Century. He also played a key role in guiding the agency's efforts to highlight current and emerging issues that warrant attention from policymakers.

Until 1999, Mr. Dodaro headed GAO's Accounting and Information Management Division, the agency's largest unit, which specialized in financial management, computer technology, and budget issues. While there, he directed the first-ever audit of the comprehensive financial statements covering all federal departments and agencies. Mr. Dodaro also helped conceive GAO's strategy for strengthening computer security governmentwide and led the updating of standards for internal controls in the federal government.

Mr. Dodaro worked closely with the Congress and several administrations on major management reform initiatives, including the 1994 Government Management Reform Act, which expanded the Chief Financial Officers Act; the revised 1995 Paperwork Reduction Act and the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996, which require agencies to implement modern management practices for information technology management; and the 1996 refinements to the Single Audit Act, which outlines requirements for audits of federal assistance to state and local governments. Mr. Dodaro also led management reviews of the Department of Justice, the Internal Revenue Service, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of Personnel Management and has extensive experience working with state and local government officials.

Mr. Dodaro, who holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Association of Government Accountants. Mr. Dodaro has received many of GAO's top honors as well as recognition from outside organizations, including the American Society for Public Administration, the Institute for Internal Auditors, and Federal Computer Week. These include:





- The 2009 Roger W. Jones Award from American University for outstanding executive leadership in the federal government.
- The 2008 Association of Government Accountants' National President's Award in recognition of outstanding vision in leading GAO through a major transition and for partnering with AGA to improve government financial management.
- The 2006 Association of Government Accountants' Elmer B. Staats Award for improving government performance and government accountability.
- The 2003 American Society for Public Administration's and the National Academy of Public Administration's National Public Service Award recognizing outstanding practitioners in public service.

- The 2001 Association of Government Accountants' Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award for sustained outstanding leadership in financial management.
- The 2000 Institute of Internal Auditor's (D.C. Chapter)
 Person of the Year for leadership in addressing the Year
 2000 computing challenge.
- The 1999 Federal Computer Week's Information Technology Top 100 Award.
- The 1989 Arthur S. Flemming Award for outstanding individual performance in government.

Mr. Dodaro is married to the former Joan McCabe and has three adult children.

Luncheon Series (50) 50 of Gallery Place Monaco Thursday, September 12, 2013 NW 11:30am - 1:00pm Clyde's of Gallery Place 707 7th Street, NW Washington DC 20001 Federal Triangle Metro 202-349-3700





COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Upcoming Events

Welcome back everyone! The DC Chapter Community Service Committee is very excited to kick off the 2013/2014 program year. We have planned a multitude of extremely worthwhile community service projects and events.

We have two upcoming events we want to communicate.



September is **National School Success Month**. We have selected The Fishing School (TFS) as the chapter's community service project for this month. Through afterschool and summer programming, TFS works with

elementary and middle school students to increase academic performance, school success, and life skills. Their programs also engage and support parents to further bolster student success. Each year, TFS serves more than 350 families throughout D.C. TFS's mission is to provide a safe haven and academic support to underserved youth and their families in Washington, D.C.

The primary goal of the TFS community service program is to collect new school supplies and monetary donations for the

students attending TFS afterschool programs in the upcoming year. We will be requesting chapter members to help TFS in supporting these students by bringing **new school supplies or monetary donations** to our September luncheon, on September 12th at Clyde's Restaurant. Examples of useful supplies include: pencils, pens, calculators, notepads, highlighters, rulers, and tape.

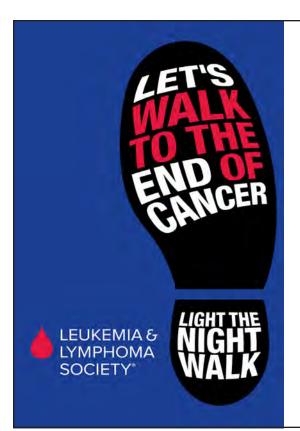
We would like to send an enormous THANK YOU to our members in advance for their participation in the TFS community service program and all of the other planned programs this year! Through your generosity and continued support, we will be able to directly influence the lives of many groups in our community!

For questions, please contact:

Jennifer Nielsen at jennnielsen@deloitte.com Darien Thall at dthall@kpmg.com

Sincerely,

The DC Chapter Community Service Committee



JOIN THE AGA 2013 LIGHT THE NIGHT TEAM!

Light The Night is The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual evening fundraising Walk to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by blood cancer. Every Fall, more than 200 communities across North America come together for this inspirational and memorable walk.

Walk with the AGA 2013 Team: Washington, DC – Freedom Plaza

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Check-in: 5:00 p.m. • Walk begins: 7:00 p.m.

SUPPORT US TODAY

Register for the AGA Team or support us by donating at http://pages.lightthenight.org/nca/WashDC13/TeamAGA2013



Register by scanning the QR code and go directly to our Team AGA 2013 Light The Night Team Page!

For more information on joining the AGA 2013 Light The Night Team, contact Jennifer Nielsen, Community Service Director, at

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MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

Mentorship Program

Start this year off with a new MENTOR to help achieve your career enhancing goals! Are you looking for someone to challenge you or need someone from outside of your agency or company to get valuable feedback from? If so, the Mentorship Program is for you!!!



Become or request to be a mentor and starting building a career-long relationship today. The Mentorship Program is designed to connect mentees with a career mentor. Through events such as Happy Hours, training luncheons, and networking functions, we plan to provide all the tools you need to form a solid mentoring relationship.

If you wish to join the Mentorship Program or have any questions, please reach out to Sharnell Montgomery at **montgomery.sharnel@dol.gov** or by phone at 202-693-6854.

Stay tuned for details about upcoming events.





Snapsh ts

The 2013 AGA DC Chapter Awards Gala was held at the beautiful and historic Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC on June 8, 2013. DC Chapter members had a wonderful evening recognizing our award winners and mingling with fellow chapter members. The 2013 awards were given to the following individuals, many of whom went on to win AGA National awards at the Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Dallas, Texas.

Distinguished Leadership Award, David M. Zavada, CPA

Distinguished Service to the Financial Management Community Award, Dr. William R. Baber, PhD, CPA

Achievement of the Year Award, Michael Canton

International Achievement Award, David M. Nummy, CPA

Einhorn-Gary Award, Eva J. Williams, CGFM

Educator Award, Mitch Laine, CGFM, CPA

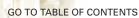
James W. Saylor Award, Karl L. Boettcher, CGFM

Emerging Leader Award, Sarah Choi

Regional Coordinator Award, Tyrone Allmond

Lifetime Appreciation Award, Gerald Murphy, CPA









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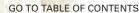
















Request for Newsletter Submissions, Comments, or Suggestions

o you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see in print? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local members, including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on rollouts of new systems; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission.

The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the October 2013 issue is **September 21, 2013**. Please send your comments and contributions to Sarah Choi, the newsletter editor for the 2013-2014 program year, at **chois@sec.gov**.









MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

News and Upcoming Events

The 2013-2014 membership committee is thrilled for the opportunity to help the AGA DC Chapter continue to grow and thrive. Our main purpose is to continue building membership and attracting interest in all DC Chapter offerings, including continuing professional education and networking opportunities. Our directors are:

Planned Highlights

Recruitment Contest: The membership committee will continue to run its successful and popular recruitment contest. The first 20-30 members of the DC Chapter to recruit/sponsor a new member, and attend a chapter luncheon with the new member, will receive a \$50 Visa or Master Gift card. The new member will also receive a \$50 Visa or Master Gift card and their first luncheon free. What a terrific incentive! There will also be additional opportunities to participate in the contest during recruitment happy hours. Stay tuned for further details.

Happy Hours: The membership committee is planning on hosting at least two happy hours during the upcoming year. Stay tuned for further details.

Publishing Names of New Members: The team will continue to publish names of all new members in the monthly Newsletter and start sending a DC Chapter new member welcome letter.

Photos of New Members and Sponsors at the Monthly Luncheons: The team will continue to provide a monthly newsletter article with photos/names of new members and/or sponsors recognized at the monthly Chapter luncheons.

If you have any questions and/or interested in learning more about our team, please contact:

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Co-Director Hakeem Khwaja



Co-Director Faith Kim







Welcome New Members!

Members New to AGA DC Chapter (June - July 2013)

Name	Company/Organization	Name	Company/Organization
Walid Ahmed	Becker Professional Education	Kelsey Shultz	Deloitte
Phillip Ashworth	Chortek LLP	Christopher Smith	CGI Federal
Latasha Austin	Deloitte	Carlos Thomas	eConsultants Inc.
Tyler Baggerly	Deloitte	Raymond Urias-Rivera	KPMG LLP
Steven Benjamin	Management Concepts	Wendy Wallace	Deloitte
Terry Black	USDA	Charles Wert	Deloitte
Tyler Broome	Deloitte	Keith Willingham	OPM
Peter Cataldi	Deloitte	Timothy Winkelvoss	Deloitte
Min-Li Chung	HUD	Bradley Womack	Veterans Affairs
Emily Clonts	Deloitte	Ronald Barry	SAP
Jaleesa Dandridge	Veterans Health Administration	Linda Beinsu	_
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Janett Depaz	IBM	Katherine Bigelow	CliftonLarsonAllen
Christina Girardi	Addx Corp	Joseph Bossi	US Courts
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Colleen Graham	Department of the Treasury	Taquisha Cherry	Deloitte
Gregory Hale	PricewaterhouseCoopers	Tim Coulson	Savantage Solutions Inc.
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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Upcoming Events

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Clyde's of Gallery Place 11:30am – 1:00pm



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October

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Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Annual Light the Night Walk

Freedom Plaza Check-in at 5:00pm



October

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October Monthly Luncheon

Clyde's of Gallery Place 11:30am – 1:00pm





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