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*\$10 Early Sign-up Special
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Stanley Collender,
Managing Director, Qorvis Communications
December 10th, 2008

We're honored to have Stanley Collender, Managing Director, Qorvis Communications as our luncheon speaker on December 10th.

Mr. Collender is one of the leading experts on federal fiscal and monetary policies, Congress, and Wall Street's response to Washington tax and spending policies. Mr. Collender will discuss the Federal Budget and federal fiscal issues at this upcoming meeting.

The luncheon will be held on December 10th, 2008,
11:30-1:30 at the Army Navy Club.

Announcements

Audio Conference - Free for AGA-DC Members!

"21st Century Financial Managers: A New Mix of Skills and Education Levels"

Wednesday, December 10 • 2:00 to 3:50 p.m.
2 hours of CPE issued by the AGA National Office

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Registration ends on December 5.

Save The Date: Spring Conference

The Association of Government Accountants Washington, DC Chapter will be hosting its annual spring conference on May 12 and 13, 2009. This 2-day conference will address emerging issues related to federal financial management and systems.

Dates: Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13, 2009
Time: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Location: Ronald Reagan Building
Continuing Education: 15 CPE

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Note From the Editor

by *Leon Fleischer, Editor*

I hope everyone enjoyed our previous October issue. This November edition is being issued during a busy and important month. November 4th is Election Day which will determine our new President who will lead this wonderful country. It is crucial that everyone exercise their right to vote. There are also two very important holidays/festivals that fall during this month. November 11th, is Veteran's Day, a holiday on which we honor all those, living and dead, who served with the U.S. armed forces. November 27th, is the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. I wish everyone a happy and thankful Thanksgiving. It is an important time to get together with family and be thankful (not to mention watching football and eating turkey).



Furthermore, November in addition to the holidays listed above is a very important time for government accountants. November 15th is the deadline for the issuance of agencies' PARS/AFRs, and Financial Statements. This is a crucial milestone that reflects the government goals of financial accountability and transparency. This November newsletter issue while in the midst of all these important events, however, promises to contain much information of events for the year including the monthly luncheons, education events, member services, early careers, etc. I hope that everyone can take a deep breath (and relax from the year-end work) and take a minute to read the newsletter and find out what is going in with AGA in the near future.

This newsletter is only made possible because of the contribution of articles from the chapter's members. Thank you for all who submitted articles-these articles reflected the depth of knowledge and experience in this group, and the newsletter team is fortunate enough to review and publish these articles. We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and find it helpful for keeping up to date on events in the chapter and in AGA. Our team strives to produce a high quality newsletter notifying AGA D.C. members of Chapter and National events and services. And, if you are not already a member, we encourage you to join the AGA D.C. Chapter and enjoy the many benefits it offer, in particular the high quality luncheon series, learning opportunities, and conferences.

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see printed? Have you developed a time-saving process or procedure on the job? 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 roll-outs of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission. Your articles, comments, and ideas are what make this newsletter go and we welcome all input!

The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the December 2008 issue is November 21, 2008. Please send your comments and contributions to Leon Fleischer, the newsletter editor at leon.fleischer@sba.gov, or to Eric Irizarry, the newsletter assistant at eric.irizarry@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

Leon Fleischer

**Leon Fleischer,
AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Editor**



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President's Message



by **Ann Davis**



Greetings Everyone,

We promised you the best in events in that DC has to offer. And, so far, we have delivered. Our events have been reaching record attendance! So, don't miss out on our great opportunities to learn, network, volunteer and dine with the best. Mark your calendars and register early for an impressive lineup of distinguished speakers at our monthly luncheons and Spring Conference, entertaining and educational Early Career networking events, community events to tap into your spirit of giving, FREE audio conferences and CGFM training, and adventure-filled Member Services activities. See our website for details and registration.

I look forward to seeing you!

CHAPTER LUNCHEONS - 1 CPE per luncheon meeting

Last month, we exceeded capacity. So, be sure to register in advance. All luncheons are from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

12/10/2008 • 1/22/2009 • 2/18/2009 • 3/19/2009 • 4/21/2009
5/20/2009 • 6/16/2009

TRAINING

Free Audio Conferences - 2 CPE per session

Each audio conference includes discussion by subject matter experts and a question-and-answer session. All audio conferences are from 2 to 4 PM.

December 10 - 21st Century Financial Managers: New Mix of Skills and Education Levels

January 21 - How XBRL Can Enable Improved Financial and Performance Reporting

April 8 - Auditing

Spring Conference - May 12-13, 2009 - 15 CPE

Our 2-day conference addresses emerging issues related to federal financial management and systems. See the website for increasing detail as the date approaches.

One-Day Training - January 15, 2009 - 8 CPE

Internal Controls in the Federal Government-Understanding A-123

EARLY CAREERS

November 18 - Happy Hour Kickoff - ESPN Zone - 6:30 PM

January 20, 2009 - Happy Hour - Buffalo Billiards - 6:30 PM

February - Lucky Strikes and Explore DC Series

March 10 - Luncheon Speaker Series - GAO Building

March 18 - Happy Hour - Chef Geoff's, Metro Center

April 10 & 17 - White House Tour

May 10 - US Capitol Tour

May 19 - Happy Hour - Bar Louie - Chinatown

June 4 - Explore DC - Kennedy Center Millennium Stage

MEMBERSHIP/MEMBER SERVICES

November - Opera Night at Café Mozart

December - Holiday Get Together

February 25, 2009 - Wizards Game

March - Post Financial Management Conference Happy Hour
and Smithsonian Jazz Café

April - Virginia Vineyards Tour



May - Botanical Gardens

June - National Game and Tailgate

COMMUNITY SERVICES

November 14, 2008 - Food2Feed Thanksgiving Donation

December 10 - Toys for Tots - Please bring new toys to our December luncheon.

January 22, 2009 - Make-A-Wish Foundation - Please contribute spare change, cash and checks in a fishbowl that will be at the January luncheon community service table

February - Volunteer Tax Assistance - Members will participate in the VITA program.

March 19- Dress for Success Suit Drive - provides women's clothes for low income

women who are trying to make the transition to work.

April - DC Habitat for Humanity - Members of the AGA team in partnership with Montgomery County/ Prince George's will work with DC Habitat on the construction of a new home.

May 20 - Cell Phones/ Eyeglasses Donation - bring in used Cell Phones and eyeglasses to support victims of domestic violence

June 16 - SOME (So Others Might Eat) - provides the poor and homeless of our nation's capital with food, clothing, and health care.

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Request for Newsletter Submissions, Comments, or Suggestions

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Stanley Collender



Experience

Stan Collender's financial and public affairs communications experience is extensive. During his more than two decades in communications, he has designed and implemented award-winning communications efforts for financial companies, associations, federal

agencies, and trade associations. Prior to joining Qorvis, Collender worked as a managing director and general manager of Financial Dynamics Business Communications, where he rapidly built their corporate and public affairs client base in DC, directed FD's efforts to establish a public affairs practice in the United States and significantly enhanced the agency's global public affairs offering.

Before joining Financial Dynamics, Collender was the national director of public affairs for Fleishman Hillard, and a senior vice president at Burson-Marsteller. He has also served as a director of federal budget policy for two major international accounting firms—Price Waterhouse and Touche Ross—and as president of the Budget Research Group, a private Washington-based consulting organization.

Pertinent Background & Relationships

- One of the leading experts on federal fiscal and monetary policies, Congress, and Wall Street's response to Washington tax and spending policies.
- Writes the very popular column, "Budget Battles," which has been published weekly by nationaljournal.com for more than ten years. He is also the author of *The Guide to the Federal Budget*, one of the most assigned texts on the subject.
- Speaks to more than fifty business and other groups across the United States each year. He also appears frequently on radio and television news programs and is often quoted by the major newspapers and magazines and by all of the primary wire services.
- Appointed by President Clinton to the presidential commission chaired by Jon Corzine that studied whether the U.S. should have a capital budget.
- Received two of the public relations industries highest awards—a Silver Sabre and the PR Week Award. He has also received the Howard Award for lifetime achievement in federal budgeting from the American Society for Public Administration.

Education

Collender holds a master's degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley, and a B.A. from New York University.

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Want to Make a Difference?

Consider a Career in Government Financial Management

Are you, or someone from your chapter planning to attend a career fair, or an event for college students? AGA now has an eye-catching brochure that offers information about government financial management careers and answers questions for aspiring government financial managers regarding the qualifications and skills needed to get started. It also includes a bookmark for students that directs them to the Tomorrow's Professionals website for more information. To order free copies of the brochure, please submit the collateral order form found in the Members Only section or contact Jessica Jones.

AGADC Member Happenings: Luncheon at the Army Navy Club

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AGADC Member Happenings: C&O Canal Boat Ride

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AGADC Member Happenings: ALS Walk 4 Life 2008

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Who is Jennifer Sanchez Funk?



Name: Jennifer Sanchez Funk

AGA Position: DC Chapter Liaison

Company: U.S. Department of Transportation

Title: Program Manager, Internal Controls

Background: I currently work

for the Department of Transportation in the Office of Financial Management where I manage the Department's Internal Control Program. Included in the Program is the implementation of OMB's Circular A-123, Management's Responsibility for Internal Control and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA).

Before working at Transportation, my entire government career was spent at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia; Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland; and NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC. Most of my responsibilities have been in the financial management arena although I began working in research publishing and visual and printing services.

As an avid lover of horses, I also serve on the Board of Directors for the Potomac Valley Dressage Association (PVDA) and currently serve as the Schooling Show Treasurer. PVDA is the second oldest dressage club in the United States.

How long have you been a member of AGA?

I have been a member since 2003 and became a Chapter Liaison for my Department in 2006.

How has AGA helped you with your career?

AGA has personally helped me in many ways including providing me with a vast amount of networking opportunities. In particular, I always look forward to attending the annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) where I reconnect with former colleagues. In addition, the AGA provides me with updates on current Financial Management issues through newsletters, chapter meetings, and electronic publications.

What advice do you have for someone thinking of joining the AGA?

AGA is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in government financial management where you will have a chance to meet individuals from all areas of Government. You can also participate in certification programs such as the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

What is the best thing about working in government service?

I have been working for the Federal Government since 1990 and am very proud to be a part of this workforce. There have been occasions in my career that have reminded me that my accomplishments have strengthened my organization's purpose. In my current role, I have a fundamental responsibility to maintain effective internal control. The proper stewardship of Federal resources is an essential responsibility of all Federal employees and we must ensure that Federal programs operate and Federal resources are used efficiently and effectively to achieve desired objectives. I feel that I can make a difference by helping my Department's program and financial managers achieve results and safeguard the integrity of their programs.

What has been the biggest obstacle in getting where you are today?

There have been periods of my career where I have encountered major changes to financial systems, business processes and organizational structure. Always having been an integral part of these changes, I have experienced many obstacles such as poor planning, lack of strategy, and too stringent of timeframes. Thinking back on those barriers, I truly understand the importance of effective leadership and the significance of communication. It takes a distinct set of skills and confidence to motivate others and communicate well with them to build a successful business strategy that allows them to perform to the best of their abilities.

What is your favorite hobby or outside activity?

I love spending time with my family - I have been married to my husband, Paul since 2001 and have a 20 month old son, Samuel; a Great Dane, Zeus; and a lovely horse, Daizy. I enjoy riding her every chance I get and take pleasure in competing with her in lower level Dressage.

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

Right now I would have to say Baskin Robbins Jamoca® Oreo®.

Anything else that you would like to highlight?

I am currently participating in the Department of Transportation's Financial Management Business Transformation (FMBT) which is a multi-year initiative to standardize business processes, collectively develop and define requirements for future financial management system upgrades and establish a strategic plan to standardize the financial management business model in accordance with OMB's Lines of Business Initiatives.

Jennifer Funk

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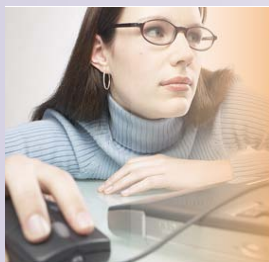
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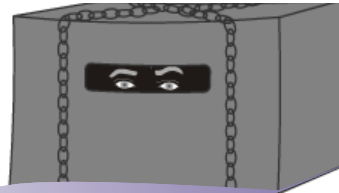
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Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA



New Fiduciary Equity Accounts

Background

It's no secret that most federal trust funds are actually earmarks. There are no assets set aside to support them; just a reduction in the federal debt (by some calculations).

FASAB stepped in with Statement 31 Accounting for Fiduciary Activities and required that the term "fiduciary" only be used when non-federal entities contribute funds which are controlled by a federal agency on their behalf (i.e., the beneficiaries must have an ownership interest in the funds). The fiduciary activity and balances must not be included on the financial statements themselves, they should instead be disclosed in a footnote. The Standard General Ledger (SGL) Board has created new accounts for fiduciary funds. The statement and new posting logic takes effect FY2009, and earlier implementations are not permitted.

New Logic

The three main types of activities within a fiduciary fund are contributions, withdrawals, and operations.

Contributions by beneficiaries go straight to equity and are treated like capital contributed by a partner in a private-sector company. These are recorded by a debit to the asset contributed and a credit to the new account 3410 Contributions to Fiduciary Net Assets (entry H100). Similarly, withdrawals or benefit payments are recorded by a credit to the asset withdrawn (or liability established) and a debit to the new account 3420 Withdrawals or Distributions of Fiduciary Net Assets (H200).

Operations, such as earning interest on investments or paying salaries, post the normal revenue and expense accounts. At the end of the year, these, together with 3410 and 3420, close to 3400 Fiduciary Net Assets (H300-H312) instead of 3310 Cumulative Results of Operations. This requires the accounting system to close to two separate accounts based on the type of fund.

While excluded from the financial statements, the fiduciary balances in the proprietary accounts are reported in FACTS I. Since the asset and liability accounts are the same as used by non-fiduciary funds, care must be taken to keep them off the Balance Sheet. Similarly, fiduciary fund revenues, expenses, gains and losses must be kept

off the Net Cost Statement and Changes in Net Position.

Pseudo-Fiduciary Activity

There are many more examples of contributions of funds by non-federal entities that a federal entity controls. FASAB explicitly lists several, saying that there is no true ownership interest and so they use liability accounts and not the new accounting and reporting model. Examples include payroll withholdings (use 2211-2215), unearned revenue (uses 2310), and seized property (uses 2400 or 2990). I would also add appropriations, which are technically contributions by the taxpayers and also post to an equity account, though it is 3101 not 3410.

Conclusion

Most agencies will not be affected by Statement 31. If your agency does manage a fiduciary fund, make certain that the fund is segregated from all other types of funds. If it is not currently segregated, move the balances to a new internal fund designator or use some other data element to isolate this fund's balances and activity, so they can be excluded from the financial statements. Also check that your annual close logic can handle two different closing accounts. If it can't, add a step to your annual close checklist to manually close the fiduciary activity to 3400.

Simcha Kuritzky

Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com, and not to the AGA.

This column is provided as part of a free exchange of ideas in federal accounting, and is not reviewed substantively before publication.

Federal News Article

Budget observers predict crunch on spending

By Humberto Sanchez CongressDaily October 8, 2008

A growing budget deficit, combined with the financial crisis and its likely responses, will force the next president to rein in spending initiatives, budget observers said Wednesday. "Both candidates are going to have to limit their initiatives dramatically," Leon Panetta, former OMB director under President Bill Clinton, said at a meeting on budget issues convened by the Committee for a Responsible Budget.

Proposals under Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois or Republican nominee Sen. John McCain of Arizona would add about \$400 billion to the deficit, he added. He recommended the next president lay out a five-year strategy that would deal with the financial crisis in the short-term but lead to deficit restraint over the longer term, such as reform of entitlement programs and enforcement of pay/go. Panetta's comments come after CBO estimated Tuesday that the federal budget deficit was about \$438 billion in fiscal 2008 -- \$276 billion more than the shortfall recorded in 2007. The fiscal year ended Sept. 30.

For the short term, many experts believe that another stimulus package will be needed. "I think we do need a short-run stimulus package," despite the fact that it would require issuing more debt to pay for it with the hope the foreign investors will continue to buy it, said Alice Rivlin, a fellow at the Brookings Institution and former director of the CBO. "We have borrowed a lot. But ... if we let our economy fall into depression we would be in even worse trouble, so we have to take the chance that we can borrow some more and get out of this recession."

After failing to get the second stimulus package, which cost \$61 billion, signed into law before breaking for the

year, House Democratic leaders discussed the possibility of a new stimulus plan during a conference call Tuesday, according to senior aides. Exact details of the new package and when it may be brought to the floor for a vote remain unclear, but sources said an announcement from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., about the package is possible by early next week. Democratic leaders have discussed returning to session this month to vote on economic legislation before the November election. A Pelosi spokesman said no decision has been made on the matter.

Another Democratic House leadership aide suggested that party leaders do not want to raise the markets' hopes by getting a stimulus package only through the House and not the Senate -- an indication that such legislation might make more sense next year with a new Congress and president.

Rudolph Penner, a fellow at the Urban Institute and a former CBO director, said the growing budget deficit and surging issuance of federal debt should preclude any short-term stimulus. But David Walker, president of the Peterson Institute for International Economics and a former chief of GAO, said that more details of the package need to be known before it can be judged.

"Not all economic stimulus plans are of equal merit and have equal impact," Walker said. It really depends to a great extent on what is the size, what is the nature of it, and what is the likely impact going to be." Walker also recommended that a bipartisan commission be established to take on the entitlement reform, as well as tax reform, while Rivlin countered that the commission could not come up with a grand solution for all those issues. Instead, she recommended Social Security reform first as a way to build confidence toward overhauling other programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and tax reform.

Christian Bourge contributed to this story.

From The Government Executive.com.

(<http://www.governmentexecutive.com/>), October 9,

2008. Reprinted with permission.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Thuy Lynch from the Research & Innovative Technology Administration on being this month's winner at the AGA DC luncheon of free tickets to a Washington National's game! There will be a drawing at every monthly luncheon for 2 free tickets to a Washington National's game. Another great incentive to attend the monthly meetings!



Community Service

Thanks again to everyone who helped make our annual ALS walk a success. The ALS Association DC/MD/VA Chapter's walk is part of a national effort in support of local patient services and nationally directed research to find a cure for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease." <http://www.alsinfo.org>

The DC Chapter of the AGA has participated in this event for a number of years. Special thanks to Andy Kilgore (who assists in the organization this event) Karl Boettcher and Judy Ochs who participate in this event faithfully every year. We would also like to acknowledge the participation of new attendee Kim Farrington and other long standing attendees Tonya Allen Shaw and family, Lloyd Farmer and family and several friends of Andy Kilgore.

Last year we raised \$1,600 for ALS. We are hoping to double our participation and contribution for this year. Even if you didn't walk you can still donate! Contact Lloyd Farmer 703-294-4473 if you wish to donate to this worthy cause.

Our November Community Service project is going to be supporting WHUR's Food2Feed event. WHUR 96.3 FM-Howard University in partnership with Bread for the City will sponsor Food2Feed, a 12-hour fundraiser at the Old Post Office Pavilion to help feed needy families for Thanksgiving.

The Food2Feed broadcast seeks to collect monetary and non-perishable food items that will be turned over to Bread for the City, a private, non-profit organization that provides vulnerable Washington residents with comprehensive services including food, clothing, medical care, legal, and social services. Bread for the City will use the donations to purchase and package Thanksgiving baskets for needy families, consisting of a turkey and all the trimmings.

Donations to help feed needy families for Thanksgiving can be made by contacting Lloyd A. Farmer 703-294-4473, Tonya Allen Shaw 202-720-5026 or AnnMarie Walker 202 273-5549.

Member Services

On October 4th, Member Services put on a great event which included lunch at Chadwick's on the waterfront in Georgetown followed by a boat tour of the C&O Canal. We were very pleased with the large amount of interest and participation in the event. We had 25 members and guests attend and it was the perfect day for an event like this! Thanks to all of those who attended. Hopefully this is an event that we can continue to do in future years.

On Thursday, October 23 a group of 15 AGA DC members and friends gathered for the Most Haunted Houses Tour of DC. We sipped hot cider while our guide took us through the Nation's Capitol and told us ghost stories about some of the most prominent and well-known buildings in the city. We had a beautiful night for the tour and our guide did a wonderful job. The event was the perfect thing to get everyone ready for Halloween. We would like to thank everyone who participated and hope to see everyone at our next event.



In November, we are excited to bring back the popular Opera Night event at Cafe Mozart. We are waiting for Cafe Mozart to set the date and will let you know as soon as they do. We hope to see you there!

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support of AGA as their sponsorship enables us to bring you these events. Thanks to the following organizations: Diamond Sponsors- Savantage, E & Y; Platinum Sponsors- Deloitte, Delta Solutions, Grant Thornton, Kearney, KPMG, MIL Corp, PwC, ThomsonReuters, Watkins Meegan Govt Svcs., and Management Concepts.

Education

The Washington, DC Chapter of AGA is Sponsoring 2 Hours of Free CPE for its Members!

The Chapter will participate in an audio conference, hosted by AGA National, on Wednesday, December 10 from 2:00 to 3:50 p.m. entitled, "21st Century Financial Managers: A New Mix of Skills and Education Levels."

The audio conference will be held at 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420. Space is limited, so please register online at www.agadc.org **BY COB FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5**. A confirmation will be emailed to each registered participant. (Please note: In order to participate, you must attend in person.)

For further questions, please contact Rose Gaines at RoseM.Gaines@va.gov or 202-461-6104.

21st Century Financial Managers: A New Mix of Skills and Education Levels

Is there a talent crisis looming in government financial management? Do government agencies now require, or will they require, a financial work force with a new set and mix of competencies to work effectively in the 21st century? Is there increased demand for people with more analytical and decision-support capabilities? Learn about the results of an AGA-sponsored research study and what colleges are doing to prepare students for the work force of the future. Hear about the ongoing challenges of recruitment and retention at all levels of government and how inadequate work force planning can negatively impact an operation. Learn what the drivers are of these work force changes.

To share their practical and educational experiences is **John J. Radford, CGFM, CIA, CFE**, Controller, State of Oregon, Member of the AGA National Executive Committee; **Kenneth Smith, Ph.D.**, Professor, Arkinson Graduate of Management, Willamette University; and **John D. Webster, CGFM, CPA**, Former Chief Financial Officer, Library of Congress, Chair of the AGA Audit Committee.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes for Q & A so that the participants can ask the speakers questions and share their own experiences.

Learning Objectives:	To understand the need for a new mix of skills and competencies in the government financial management work force arena
Prerequisite:	Some familiarity with work force issues
Advance Prep:	None required
CPE:	Two credits
Field of Study:	Human Resource Management

Montgomery County AGA Events

11/18/08

October Dinner Meeting

Event Description:

Description: Our chapter is pleased to announce social hours specifically geared to our Early Career members on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Location of Event: ESPN Zone at 555 12th St NW, Washington, DC

Time: The event begins at 5:30 p.m.

Contact: AnLih Tung or Daniel Long

Phone: 301-931-2050 or 301-443-7093

For More Information: Early Careers Social Hour

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November Dinner Meeting

Event Description:

Presentation: "Challenges Facing Today's Local Government CFO/Finance Director" by Jennifer Barrett, Montgomery County Director of Finance.

CPEs: You will receive 1 CPE for attending this dinner meeting.

Community Service Activity: Please bring new or used toys to be provided to the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.

Reception: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and Speaker: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (approximate ending time)

Location: Hilton Hotel (formerly the Double Tree Inn) at 1750 Rockville Pike

Cost: \$30 per person - Checks made payable to "AGA".

RSVP: Please RSVP no later than COB on Monday, November 17th.

Metro and Parking: The Doubletree Hotel is located across the street from the Twinbrook Metro Station (Red Line). Self-Parking is complimentary in the hotel garage. Metered parking is available behind and on either side of the hotel.

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Calendar of Events — 2008/2009 Program Year

Month	Luncheons	Community Service	Member Service	Education	Early Careers	Membership	Awards	CEC Meetings
August			17-Aug-2008 Washington Nationals Game: Pre-game Tailgate: 11:30 AM at RFK Stadium 1st Pitch: 1:35 PM	20-Aug-2008 Audio Conference: Everything You Wanted to Know About Performance Management and Reporting But Were Afraid to Ask Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2				6-Aug-2008 Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800-767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
	17-Sep-2008	17-Sept-2008		3-5 Sept-2008 10-12 Sept 2008	19-Sep-2008			3 Sep 2008
September	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker: Danny Werfel, OMB Location: D'Acqua Restaurant CPE: 1	American Cancer Society (Raffle) during the Luncheon			"Explore DC Series" Jazz Location: Sculpture Garden Time: 5:30pm			Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800-767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
				10-Sep-2008 Audio Conference: Fraud Prevention and Detection Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2				
October	14-Oct-2008	12-Oct-2008	4-Oct-2008	15-Oct-2008	Date: TBD	22-Oct-2008		8-Oct-2008
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker: Doug Webster Location: Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Walk to D'Feet ALS® Constitution Gardens	C&O Canal Tour and Lunch	Audio Conference: Results of AGA's Research on Performance Based Management Reporting Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2	Luncheon Speaker Series Location: GAO Building	Fall Membership Liaison Luncheon: The Value of Certifications Location: Veterans Administration		Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800-767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
			23-Oct-2008		23-Oct-2008			
			Haunted Tour of DC Location: 17th and I Exit of the Farragut West Metro Station Time: 7:30pm		Early Careers Happy Hour Location: Chef Geoff's, Washington, DC Time: 5:30pm			
November		14-Nov-2008	Date: TBD		18-Nov-2008			5-Nov-2008
		DC Chapter AGA's Food2Feed Thanksgiving Donation Old Post Office Pavilion, Washington, DC **Collection of donations are accepted until Nov. 14th**	Opera Night at Café Mozart		Happy Hour Kickoff Location: ESPN Zone Time: 6:30pm			Veterans Administration Teleconference #: 1-800-767-1750 Access code: 71805 12:00 - 1:00 PM
December	10-Dec-2008	pm 10-Dec-2008	Date: TBD	10-Dec-2008				
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Mr. Stan Collender, Managing Director, Qorvis Communications @ Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Toys for Tots during the Luncheon	Holiday Get Together Location: TBD	Audio Conference: 21st Century Managers: New Mix of Skills and Education Levels Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2				

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January	22-Jan-2008	22-Jan-2009	Date: TBD	15-Jan-2009	20-Jan-2009			
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Ken Carfine, Treasury Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Make-a-Wish Foundation during the Luncheon	Chinese New Year	Training: Internal Controls in the Federal Government-- Understanding A-123 Location: Ernst & Young, Washington DC Time: 8AM - 4:30PM CPEs: 8	Happy Hour Location: Buffalo Billiards Dupont Time: 6:30 PM			
				21-Jan-2009				
				Audio Conference: How XBRL Can Enable Improved Financial and Performance Reporting Location: Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2				
February	18-Feb-2009	Date: TBD	25-Feb-2009		Date: TBD			
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Volunteer Tax Assistance Program - (Throughout the Month of February)	Wizards Game - Wizards vs. Philadelphia 76ers Location: Verizon Center, Washington, DC Time: 7pm		Lucky Strikes Event ***** Explore DC Series			
March	19-Mar-2009	19-March-2009	Dates: TBD		10-Mar-2009			
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Dress for Success Suit Drive during the Luncheon	Post Financial Management Conference Happy Hour ***** Smithsonian Jazz Cafe		Luncheon Speaker Series Location: GAO Building			
					18-Mar-2009			
					Happy Hour Location: Chef Geoff's, Metro Center			
April	21-Apr-2009	Date: TBD	Date: TBD	8-Apr-2009	10-April-2008 17-April-2008			
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Clydes CPE: 1	DC Habitat for Humanity	Virginia Vineyards Tour (new vineyards)	Audio Conference: Auditing Time: 2-4 PM CPEs: 2	White House Tour			
May	20-May-2009	20-May-2009	Date: TBD	12 thru 13-May-2009	10-May-2009			
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: Army Navy Club CPE: 1	Cell Phones/Eyeglass Donation during the Luncheon	Botanical Gardens	Training: Annual Spring Conference Time: 8-4:30 PM CPEs: 15	US Capital Tour			
					19-May-2009			
					Happy Hour Location: Bar Louie, Chinatown			
June	16-Jun-2009	16-Jun-2009	Date: TBD		4-Jun-2009		6-Jun-2009	
	Luncheon Time: 11:45 - 1:45 Speaker and Location: TBD CPE: 1	So Others Might Eat (SOME) during the Luncheon	Nationals Game and Tailgate		Explore DC Location: Kennedy Center Millenium Stage		Awards Dinner Location: Hyatt Hotel, WDC Time: TBD	

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