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December



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## Message from the President

As I write this, I am preparing for our time off for the Thanksgiving break. I have asked each member of the CEC to tell me something that they are especially thankful for this year. Here are their responses: Greg Drake – Friends and family, Justin Hill – Indoor plumbing, Paul Essel – Promotion from Accountant to Senior Accountant/Analyst, Brandi Aldridge – All the people who rescue homeless dogs and cats, Rick Findley – His new granddaughter - Hagen Marie, Bob Wells – Two successful knee replacement operations this past year, Brandie Fisher – All of life’s little blessings received all year long, Debra Burling – Good health, my job, my family and friends, John Everest –The Cardinals making it to the World Series, and I am thankful for having both my children attending college.



Tina McManus

Our November tour of Spring Net (the underground facility owned by City Utilities) was very interesting. Regrettably, we had a very low turnout.

For Christmas, we will hold our annual holiday luncheon at Jimm’s Steak House on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. We will be exchanging White Elephant gifts so be on the lookout for the perfect gift!!! We suspect that there may be some regifting going on!!!! We are also requesting that members purchase toys for Toys for Tots during the Holiday season. Please go ahead and donate the toys to a collection point at a store – but report your contribution to Pat Monday so our chapter can receive our chapter recognition points.

In January, we will still be working on our membership drive. If you bring a guest to the meeting, they will receive a free meal, and you will receive a gift certificate from Starbucks. We are planning on a visit to RareBreed – an organization that provides assistance to homeless and needy teenagers. The date has been tentatively set for January 16<sup>th</sup>. (Our chapter has gathered toiletries to give to this organization in the past.)

March 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Spring Seminar to be held at the Executive Conference Center. A great agenda is being prepared.

*Tina McManus*

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## December Community Service Information

## Toys for Tots—Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

Major William L Hendricks founded Toys for Tots in 1947 and the United States Marine Corps Reserve has been carrying out this tradition ever since. What started in the City of Los Angeles has become one of the nations most recognized and hardworking foundations.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is to collect new, un-wrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

In the month of December, please donate toys, books, or games to Toys for Tots at your local Toys for Tots drop-off location—these are located outside of many of your major retailers, such as Wal-Mart. This is a little different than in the past where we have requested you bring toy to the Holiday Social, but hopefully this will be more convenient for everyone!

Did you know that Toys for Tots is a top rated charity? **97% of your donation goes to the mission of providing toys, books, and other gifts to less fortunate children.** The 3% spend on support principally covers fundraising expenses—not one dollar donated goes to pay for salaries or any other manpower costs.



Check out career opportunities on page 6!

## Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Jon Cummings, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



## Regional Training Opportunities

Web Conference—December 11th

2:00—3:50 2 CPE

Topic: Ethics



NLC: Strategic Innovation for Government Leaders

February 11, 2014—February 12, 2014

Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, DC

## December Social

December 19th, 2013

12:00—1:30

Topic: Member Social

Jimm's Steakhouse, Springfield MO

Lunch will be provided

Members: \$10

Non-Members: \$10

RSVP to Justin Hill by 5:00, on Tuesday the 16th

## Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2013		Summer Break	
July	2013		Summer Break	
August	2013		Summer Break	
September	2013	19th	NOAA National Weather Service Tour	Springfield Branson Regional Airport
October	2013	17th	Fall Seminar	Cooper Tennis
November	2013	14th	SpringNet Underground Tour	Springfield Underground
December	2013	19th	Holiday Social	Jimm's Steakhouse
January	2014	16th	Rare Breed	Rare Breed
February	2014	20th	Police-Fire Pension Update	TBD
March	2014	20th	Spring Seminar	Exec. Conf Ctr
April	2014	17th	TBD	TBD
May	2014	15th	TBD	TBD

**Association of Government Accountants  
Ozarks Chapter  
Fiscal Year 2014  
July 1, 2013 Through November 30, 2013**

Revenues:	FY14 Budget Revenue	FY14 Actual Revenue	Nov 2013 Revenue
Chapter Dues	320.00	\$ 78.75	\$ -
Monthly meetings	1,400.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 65.00
Seminars:			
Fall Seminar	1,260.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar	6,120.00	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Revenues:			
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	\$ 153.00	\$ -
Charity Fundraisers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	50.00	\$ 285.00	\$ -
Interest	25.00	\$ 1.55	\$ 0.34
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 10,325.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,828.30</b>	<b>\$ 65.34</b>

Expenses:	FY14 Budget Expense	FY14 Actual Expense	Nov 2013 Expense
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	1,000.00	\$ 214.07	\$ 100.90
Seminar Expenses:			
Fall Seminar	300.00	\$ 110.54	\$ -
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	3,240.00	\$ -	\$ -
Community Service Expense	350.00	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships:			
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	\$ -	\$ -
PDC (CEC)Travel Stipend	1,585.00	\$ 1,310.97	\$ -
Membership Drive Expense	150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	\$ 377.98	\$ -
Miscellaneous Expense	-	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,325.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,213.56</b>	<b>\$ 250.90</b>

Change in Fund Balance:	Projected	Actual	Actual
Beginning	6,686.47	6,686.47	\$ 6,486.77
Revenue	10,325.00	1,828.30	\$ 65.34
Expenses	(10,325.00)	(2,213.56)	\$ (250.90)
Net Change	-	(385.26)	\$ (185.56)
Ending	<b>\$ 6,686.47</b>	<b>\$ 6,301.21</b>	<b>\$ 6,301.21</b>



## CEC Minutes

**November 21, 2013 CEC Meeting**

**12:00 PM** – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor west conference room - Busch Building, 840 Boonville

**Attendance:**

Tina McManus, Bob Wells, Debra Burling, Teresa Allen, Brandie Fisher, Paul Essel, John Everest, Greg Drake, Justin Hill, and Brandi Aldridge

**Secretary-Brandi Aldridge:**

The minutes of the September 26, 2013 CEC meeting, presented by email, were passed.

**Treasurer-Greg Drake:**

Greg presented the financial report; Bob made a motion to pass, John seconded and the motion passed.

**Education-John Everest:**

The November member meeting was held at Spring Net Underground on November 14 but was poorly attended. The holiday luncheon will be held at Jim's Steakhouse on December 19 from 12-2pm. There will be a "white elephant" gift exchange for members. The next member meeting will be held January 16 at Rare Breed.

**Communication-Brandie Fisher:**

The newsletter will be sent out by the first Friday of each month. The chapter critique indicated that the newsletter needs to contain more information about the members.

**Community Service/Scholarships-Pat Monday:**

Pat was absent and Tina reported on her behalf. For the current year, three scholarships have been budgeted. Paul was asked to check with Julie to see if she still wants to serve on the scholarship committee. The community service event for December is Toys for Tots, members are asked to purchase a toy and place in the donation bins located at participating stores instead of bringing the toys to the luncheon. Also, members are asked to let Pat know if they made a toy donation so that she can track the points for our chapter. A blood drive is scheduled to be held in February.

**Early Career-Paul Essel:**

The early career corner is moving forward and is scheduled to appear in the March 2014 newsletter.

**Membership-Justin Hill:**

Justin will not be renewing his membership next year, which will make him ineligible for the CEC. A committee consisting of the past president, president, president elect, and treasurer will meet early next year to start recruitment efforts for open CEC positions. During the January member meeting, members who bring a nonmember will receive a gift card and the nonmember will receive a complimentary lunch.

**New Business:**

Bob announced that the Bank of Kansas City has pledged \$1,500 to sponsor the Spring Seminar and will have a one hour time slot to discuss the current economy. Teresa will be drafting a brochure for the seminar.

**Next CEC meeting:** January 9, 2014, 12pm, Combined December and January meetings

**Meeting adjourned.**

# Ozarks Chapter News

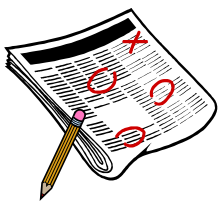
## Local Ozarks AGA News!



- The Ozarks AGA Annual Holiday Party will be December 19th from 12:00-2:00 at Jimm’s Steakhouse. Details to come later, but be planning your perfect white elephant gift!
- Congratulations to Greg Drake, Treasurer, for completing his CGFM Certification!
- Be sure to look for an “Early Career Corner” in future newsletters!

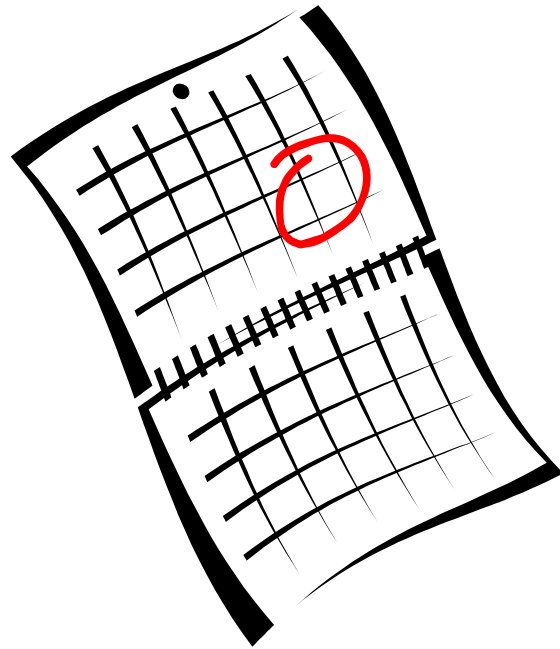
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Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks



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# Save the Date



Spring Seminar—March 20th

## **Proposed Topics:**

Lean Government

Ethics

Record Retention in the Digital Age

Internal Audit

Special Topic Featuring Bank of Kansas City

Local Government Update