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AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER PROGRAM YEAR 2022-2023

President's Message

Hello Members and Friends,

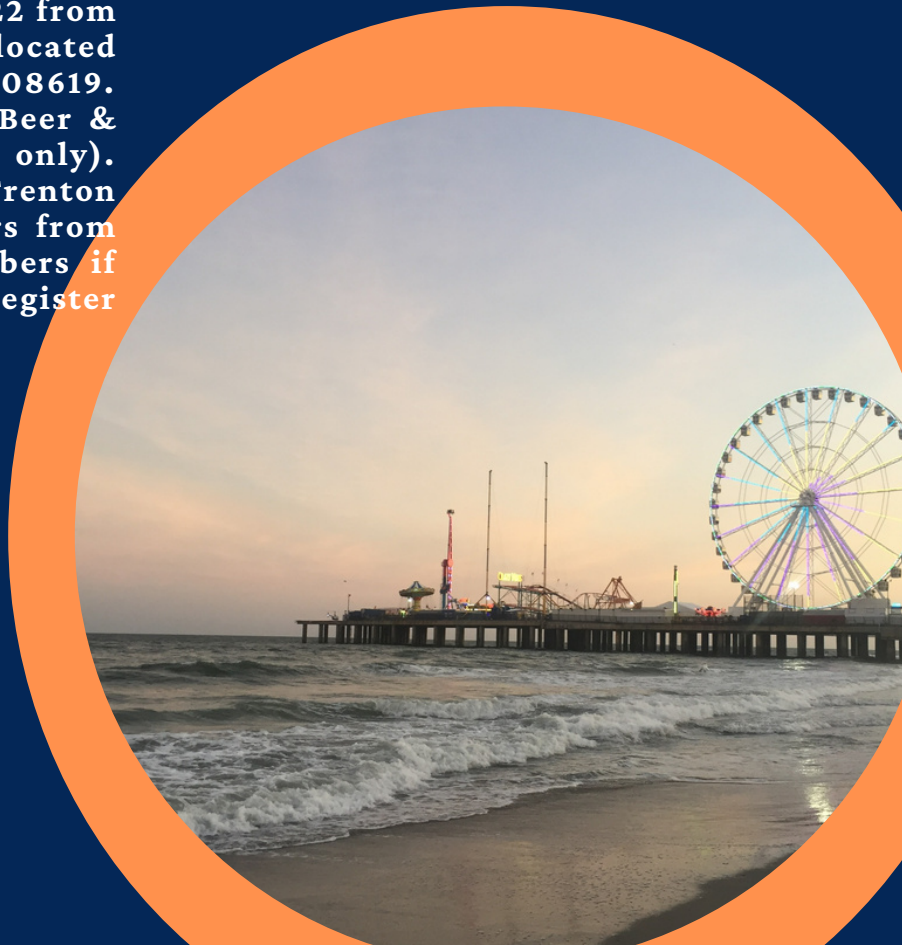
Hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Summer is winding down, kids are about to go back to school, and my cats are still crazy! With Fall soon approaching, we are finalizing our Fall Professional Development Training agenda! The Fall PDT Committee has been working hard and we think we have a tremendous program lined up. The Fall PDT will be held virtually on Thursday, October 27 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please stay tuned for details!

We have a couple of events coming up. First, we are having a "Kickoff the Chapter Year" Happy Hour on Friday, September 9, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Uno Pizzeria & Grill located at 25 Sloan Ave, Hamilton Township, NJ 08619. There will be appetizers and an Open Beer & Wine Bar (domestic beer & house wine only). This event will be FREE to AGA Trenton Chapter members, \$15 for AGA members from other chapters, and \$30 for non-members if you register by September 6th. You can register [here](#). We hope to see you there!

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JOIN US
OR
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Here's to another great year!

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President's Message

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There will also be a virtual 2 hour Communications Webinar on Wednesday, September 28 at 2 pm. This webinar will be FREE for members and \$10 for non-members. You can register [here](#). Space is limited and it will be first come, first serve.

I'm proud to announce that Interfaith Caregivers of Mercer County will be our Paul Vidunas charity for the Chapter Year. Their mission is dedicated to promoting the independence, dignity, and wellness of homebound elderly and people with disabilities by matching them with supportive and caring volunteers who assist with the tasks of everyday life. Please check out their website here and stay tuned for how you can donate to the Paul Vidunas fund.

We are also testing out Gmail for our email blasts to see if better meets the needs of our Chapter, so we'll be using agatrenton@gmail.com for the time being. If you have any issues or feedback, please let us know.

Also want to let everyone that maintenance is being currently performed on our website, so we are unable to update the website at the moment. Hopefully that will be resolved soon. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Take care,
Robert Rizzo
Trenton Chapter President



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Upcoming Chapter and National Events



2022 FRAUD
Internal Control &
Fraud Prevention Training

2022 INTERNAL CONTROL & FRAUD PREVENTION TRAINING

The Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training has a rich history of providing the latest and greatest developments in the field. Together we can find solutions and make a difference in our workplace and in the government finance profession. The training will take place on September 20-21, 2022 at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC.

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2022

September 7 Wednesday	Evidence-based Policymaking: Who's Doing it Right? – Free for AGA members! Webinar 1.5 CPE
September 20 Tuesday	Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training Washington, DC 14 CPE
September 28 Wednesday	Communications Webinar 2 CPE



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"KICKOFF THE CHAPTER YEAR"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

UNO PIZZERIA & GRILL

25 SLOAN AVENUE, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

NJ 08619

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MENTORING
program

The program is open to AGA members only. We all have a responsibility to leave this world better than we found it and to have a positive impact on the next generation of government leaders. Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support.



AGA Trenton Chapter is currently soliciting and accepting thoughtful articles on a wide range of government financial topics and may also publish articles relating to Tax, Practice Management, Financial Reporting, Audit, and Accounting. Chosen articles will be featured in the next newsletter and may qualify for CPE credits. For additional information, please contact:
agatrenton@gmail.com



**Paul Vidunas Charity For
The 2022-2023 Year:**

***Interfaith Caregivers of
Greater Mercer County***

AGA Trenton is pleased to have Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County as their Paul Vidunas Charity of the 2022-2023 Chapter Year.



**In Memoriam
Eugene "Gene" Elias**

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of our friend, Gene Elias, this past June. A longtime member and supporter of the Trenton Chapter, Gene was a friend to everyone he met.

You could tell when meeting him for the first time that you were, before, someone very special. Gene founded the Government Services Group at Mercadien, where for almost 30 years, he advised various major state, local, and federal government entities on budgetary, financial, and compliance issues.

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1994 with a "Faith in Action" grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For well over two decades, we have worked to improve the quality of life and help meet the concerns and special needs of the underserved, homebound elderly and adults with disabilities in Mercer County, New Jersey.

Their interdenominational coalition of 25 congregations and over 360 trained volunteers provide caregiving support and wellness program that enables seniors and adults with disabilities to age safely in their homes and communities. All services and programs are offered free-of-charge without proselytization or regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or income.



**AGA Trenton Chapter
congratulates Jessica
Donoher on the arrival of
her new baby with wishes
of health and happiness.**

CGFM CORNER

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Certified Government Financial Manager

WHAT IS CGFM?

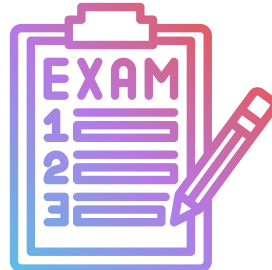
Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

WHAT IS THE CGFM CERTIFICATION PROCESS?

- Step 1 — Read AGA's Code of Ethics
- Step 2 — Apply for the CGFM Program
- Step 3 — Submit Required Degree Documentation
- Step 4 — Receive an Eligibility Letter
- Step 5 — Prepare for the CGFM Examinations
- Step 6 — Schedule the CGFM Examinations
- Step 7 — Take the CGFM Examinations
- Step 8 — Submit a Work Verification Form
- Step 9 — Receive CGFM Award Letter
- Step 10 — Receive Your CGFM Certificate and Maintain Your Certification



HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE EXAMS?

- Take AGA's Live, Virtual Courses
- AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal
- **In-person:** Individuals looking for scheduled classroom training can register for CGFM course 1, course 2 and course 3 held through Management Concepts.

SAMPLE AGA CGFM EXAM QUESTION

AGA CGFM Examinations Sample Questions

Governmental Environment Examination

1. According to the AGA Code of Ethics, a vendor using an agency contract monitor as a personal reference on a resume, would constitute
 - (A) fraud.
 - (B) professional incompetence.
 - (C) a conflict of interest.
 - (D) nepotism.

CGFM LIVE, VIRTUAL COURSES SCHEDULE

Course Schedule and Registration

- **Course 1** ("Governmental Environment")
 - October 5-6, 2022, 10:30am-2:30pm ET each day
 - \$325 per person
 - [Register](#)
 - Deadline to register or cancel - 9/28/22
- **Course 2** ("Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting")
 - September 13-16, 2022, 10:30am-3:30pm ET each day
 - \$725 per person
 - [Register](#)
 - Deadline to register or cancel - 9/6/22
- **Course 3** ("Governmental Financial Management and Control")
 - September 27-29, 2022, 10:30am-3:30pm ET each day
 - \$525 per person
 - [Register](#)
 - Deadline to register or cancel - 9/20/22

[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES](#)

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**AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S JULY 2022
BALANCE SHEET**

**AGA TRENTON CHAPTER
JULY 2022**

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Cash - Savings	\$ 24,191.77	Accounts Payable	\$ -
Cash - Checking	\$ 10,156.55	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ -		
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 253.75	Fund Balance	\$ 34,602.07
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 34,602.07	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 34,602.07

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