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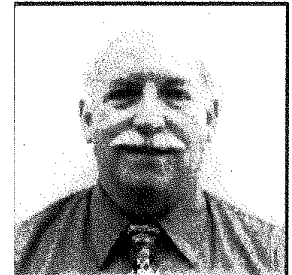
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Message from the President

The holiday season is a great time of year for me personally. Thanksgiving was spent with family and friends with a lot of good food (too much). I especially enjoyed taking two of my grandchildren to the Discovery Center and being a kid again for a while. I am looking forward to spending the Christmas holidays at home this year, also with family and friends (and more good food). We are blessed to live in the United States where we have the freedom to come and go as we please and enjoy the fruits of our labor. We are also presented with opportunities to share with others who are less fortunate.



Bob Wells

Ozarks AGA has an active community service program under the direction of Pat Monday. We donated canned goods that were brought to the fall seminar and are now providing toys and contributions to Toys for Tots for Christmas. Donations from the two Sunday gift wrapping sessions at Bass Pro will benefit our cancer drive. Our 2013 scholarship program will begin with applications going out to area high schools next month. Thanks to members who volunteered to serve on the scholarship committee. A special thank you goes to two members of that committee who volunteered in answer to a previous call for first time involvement in chapter activities.

The Chapter Executive Committee discussed at our meeting last week if there is a need to review and possibly update our Chapter Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual. Tina McManus, President Elect, volunteered to start a review of the Policy and Procedures Manual and suggest revisions necessary to bring this manual in line with current practice or visa versa.

It will soon be time to start thinking about next year. Nominating committee will be contacting members to determine who will be interested in serving. Consider serving as a leader for our AGA Chapter. There are many avenues for service. The CEC meets monthly and is comprised of dedicated professionals who are a lot of fun and easy to work with. A regional training event for chapter leaders will be held January 26 at the Embassy Suites in the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City. Also attending will be AGA leaders from other chapters in our region. This will be a very worthwhile opportunity to learn more about AGA. During this daylong event much information will be presented on chapter management practices and maximizing the AGA membership experience. We are putting together transportation and reservations for this event. Please consider attending if you are interested in leadership. Enjoy the holidays!

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opportunities on page 7!

December Community Service Project

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.

Please donate toys, books, or games to Toys for Tots at our December Social. Donations in the form of checks should be made payable to U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Donations in the form of Cash will be consolidated and AGA Ozarks Chapter will send a check.

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.



Interested in becoming a member of AGA?

Ozarks Chapter AGA Dues are \$5.00 Plus

Full Government Member—\$90/year

Private Sector Member—\$150/year

Early Career Member—\$45/year
-Fewer than three years professional experience.

Student Membership—\$30/year
-full time college/university students not gainfully employed.

Retired Member—\$30/year

Contact [Justin Hill](#) for more information!

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact [Jon Cummings](#), CGFM Chair,
to
inquire about opportunities in our
area.



Regional Training Opportunities

AGA Audio Conferences

December 12th—Just Ethics!

January 9th— Financial Management Priorities
for the Second Obama Administration.

Each Audio Conference is 2 CPE

AGA Kansas City Chapter

Is Leadership on Your Radar Screen

December 19th, 11:30—1 hour long

1 CPE

Click [here](#) for more information

December Holiday Social

December 11th, 2012

5:00—7:00

Springfield Brewing Company
305 S. Market

\$10 per person—bring a guest!

Appetizers will be provided and cash bar will be available.

Please do not forget to bring your Toys for Tots donation in conjunction with our December Community Service Project! See page 2 for details.

Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Year	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
June	2012		Summer Break	
July	2012		Summer Break	
August	2012	21st	Ryan Nichols/Tour	Public Safety Center
September	2012	11th	CU Water Conservation	CU Training Ctr
October	2012	9th	Prevailing Wages	Mo Career Ctr
November	2012	13th	Fall Seminar	Cooper Tennis Complex
December	2012	11th	Members Social	Springfield Brew Co.
January	2013	TBD	TBD	TBD
February	2013	TBD	TBD	TBD
March	2013	TBD	Spring Seminar	Exec Conf Ctr
April	2012	10th	Operations of the Fed-Med!	Federal Medical Prison
May	2012	16th	Behind The Scenes Look At Economic Development	Midtown Library



SLMR Meeting

Saturday, January 26, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites - Plaza

220 West 43rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

***All Current Chapter Executive Committee members,
Chapter Subcommittee chairs and Regional Team
members are encouraged to attend.***

Cost:

\$30 per person, includes lunch

RSVP Deadline: December 31, 2012

Please RSVP to Marti Leisinger at mleisinger@ksbor.org,
include your name, Chapter, and position

If you desire to stay at the hotel the evening before or after the meeting, you may make reservations by calling the Embassy Suites - Plaza at 816.756-1720. The Embassy Suites is offering discounted government rates, but is limited to availability.

Payment will be required prior to or on the date of the meeting. Make checks payable to Topeka AGA.

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2012-2013 Statement of Operations

		11/30/2012
	2012-13 Budget	FYTD Actual Revenue
Revenues:		
Chapter Dues	\$ 350.00	124.60
Monthly meetings	1,750.00	585.00
Seminars:		
Fall Seminar	1,800.00	-
Spring Membership Seminar	7,500.00	-
Spring Seminar Sponsorships	1,000.00	
Other Revenues:		
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	150.00
Charity Fundraiser	-	-
Misc Revenue	50.00	-
Interest income	50.00	12.23
Total Revenues	\$ 12,650.00	\$ 871.83
	Projected Expenses	FYTD Actual Expense
Expenses:		
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	\$ 1,500.00	391.74
Seminar Expenses:		
Fall Seminar	500.00	-
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,700.00	95.00
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	4,750.00	-
Community Service Expense	600.00	-
Scholarships:		
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	4,000.00	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-
PDC - CEC Travel Stipend	1,875.00	-
Membership Drive Expense	150.00	35.00
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	-
Misc Expense	300.00	-
Total Expenses	\$ 16,075.00	\$ 521.74
Change In Fund Balance:		
Beginning	8,515.85	8,515.85
Revenue	12,650.00	871.83
Expended	(16,075.00)	(521.74)
Projected Reduction in Fund Balance	(3,425.00)	28.05
Ending	\$5,090.85	\$8,865.94

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Ozarks Chapter News

Scenes from Fall Seminar



The Fall Seminar was attended by 17 attendees as well as 4 speakers. All speakers had high reviews from the audience. It was a great seminar and we are looking forward to planning the Spring Seminar in March—look for details in upcoming newsletters!

Ozarks AGA website is back up and running and up to date.
Visit us at: www.ozarksaga.org

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Brandie Fisher, Editor
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Accounting Career Opportunities in the Ozarks



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[Missouri State University](#)
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Accountant I

[City of Joplin](#)
Assistant Finance Director