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President's Message



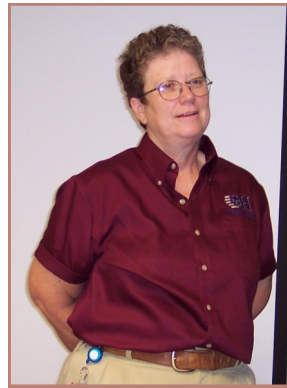
If anyone needs some rain I have a few barrels full to share. I hope the gardeners in the crowd have enjoyed the recent weather, those of us who golf, not so much.

Although my tomato plants look grand. Our chapter is something like a garden and we have planted some good seeds this Spring.

Our membership is up and we have an excellent slate of officers for next year. I feel very confident we are going to see some interesting and informative meetings in the coming months. Teresa Allen, our incoming President, has been discussing several ideas. She has prepared a budget and will be presenting it to the CEC at the up coming retreat.

For May 12th we are scheduled to have a 1.5 CPE audio conference at the Health Department classroom facilities. Please email me or give me a call to let me know you are coming and I will be sure to have printed material for you. Our topic is "The Future of Government Auditing". The cost will be ten dollars and you may bring your own lunch.

Also on May 19th I am trying to get a copy of an audio conference that was done recently regarding the GAO's role in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. GAO executives discussed the act's requirements and the need to coordinate with state



Deb Gillenwaters, CGFM

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and local financial managers. This is a hot topic and if at all possible we want to present it to our members. When this is a definite go you will hear about it via email.

I got to meet the IRS Taxpayer Advocate for our region at a recent meeting at MSU. Peggy Guinn spoke about a best kept secret and provided great information. While at the meeting I got to thank Dr Sandra Byrd in advance for being our speaker in June. Dr Byrd will be addressing issues the IRS is having with enforcing the tax code while we once again enjoy a meeting at the Tower Club. Look forward to seeing you there.



Chapter Executive Committee Minutes Apr 14, 2009

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA held the monthly CEC board meeting on April 14, 2009 during the lunch-hour in Deb Gillenwaters' office at Springfield-Greene Health department.

The items discussed were:

1. CEC reviewed and discussed the 2009-10 chapter's Budget
2. The Community Service Project is Weller School. The landscaping design is to have no maintenance and no rock. Students will assist in pulling weeds. Justin Hill, will coordinate the project.
3. The spring CEC retreat will be held at Linda Charles' residence on May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
4. The IMA, AGA and ASWA combined seminar will be on the day of the Stimulus Package audio conference by the National Office. Deb Gillenwaters suggested that the Ozarks Chapter purchase the audio presentation. Jerry Mitchell made a motion to hold two one & half-hour CPE sessions for the month of May 2009. The two audit programs will held on May 12th, Government Auditing, "What Direction Are We Going" and on May 19th the Stimulus Package audio conference from noon to 1:30 p.m. Deb Fraley seconded the motion. The motion passed. The cost will be \$10 and bring your own lunch.
5. Deb Gillenwaters will know by April 30th if Dr. Sandra Byrd can speak at the June 2009 meeting on the new fund balance standards. The other possible speakers are Penny Clayton, Drury University and Olin Greer, MSU.
6. The Ozarks Chapter members should be in line for obtaining the Gold Award for Chapter Recognition points.
7. Sally Payne, 2010 Membership chair, volunteered to call individuals who have not renewed their membership for the coming year. There are nine outstanding renewals. The Ozarks Chapter has 16 new members, due to the membership seminar. Sally will be the Ozarks Chapter representative during the Early Career telephone conferences, which are conducted monthly.
8. Jerry Mitchell made a motion to award Martha Mundt and Teresa Allen a stipend, not to exceed \$1,000 jointly, to attend New Orleans SLM convention. Bobs Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
9. Deb Gillenwaters inquired about Adobe converter to be used to save the Bylaws into a Word format.
10. Scholarships will be deferred. There was discussion on encouraging members to take advantage of these funds before they are offered elsewhere.

The slate of officers for 2010:

President	-	Teresa Allen
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Secretary	-	Julie Vaughan
Treasurer	-	Bob Wells
Webmaster	-	Linda Charles
Newsletter	-	Deb Fraley
Membership	-	Sally Payne
Education	-	Martha Mundt
Past President	-	Deb Gillenwaters

The board members present were Deb Gillenwaters, Teresa Allen, Julie Vaughn, Deb Fraley, Justin Hill, Bob Wells, Jerry Mitchell and Linda Charles.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Linda Charles, Secretary

The Ozarks Chapter of AGA

May Chapter Meeting Information

The Future of Government Auditing— What Direction(s) Are We Heading?

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule—the future of government auditing.

Auditing has evolved over the years with many different types of audits being developed— financial, performance, follow-up, managerial, operational, etc. Some believe auditors have become too cozy with the auditees and have sacrificed their independence for cooperation and expediency, while others view auditing from a “gotcha” mentality whereby it is the role of the auditor to find as many things wrong as necessary and catch the bad guys.

Listen as a group of experienced, audit executives from each level of government address specific questions regarding the direction auditing is taking and what the audit industry must do to maintain its credibility. Learn the differences—and similarities—in the perspectives these experts bring to the table.

To share their practical experiences in auditing and views towards the future of government auditing are **Jeanette M. Franzel, CGFM, CPA**, Director of Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Ac-

countability Office; **David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA**, Audit Director, Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York; and **Drummond Kahn, CGFM, CIA**, Director of Audit Services, City of Portland, Oregon.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic.

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Time: Noon to 1:30 pm CDT

Location: Spfd/Greene Co. Health Dept. 1st floor classroom

Learning Objectives: To learn how auditing has evolved and which direction(s) it’s heading

Prerequisite: Some familiarity with auditing

CPE: 1.5 hours

Field of Study: Auditing

Cost: \$10

Those who wish to bring their lunch may do so. Lunch will not be provided for this meeting, however, there will be snacks! The new Health Dept. classroom has very comfortable tiered seating. For your additional comfort please bring a sweater or jacket. Call or email Deb Gillenwaters to reserve a seat.

dgillenwaters@springfieldmo.gov

Phone: 864-1896

More information on the May 19 Audio Conference, **GAO's Role in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009** will be sent in a separate email.



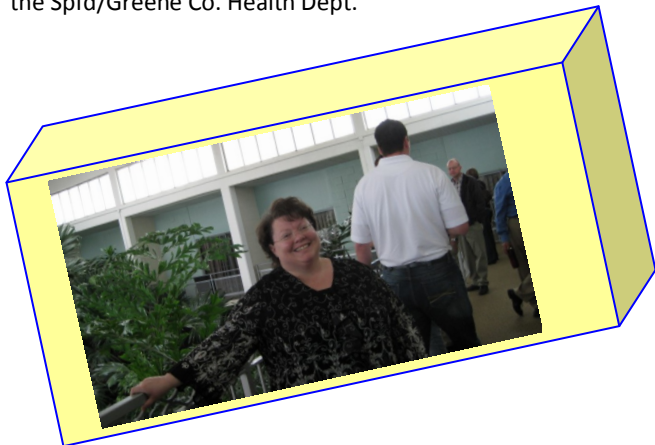
Future Ozarks Chapter Educational Events

Month	Date	Description	Location
May	05/12/2009	Audio Conference: The Future of Government Auditing—What Direction(s) Are We Heading? 1.5 hrs cpe	Springfield/Greene County Health Dept. first floor classroom, noon to 1:30 pm. Bring your lunch.
May	05/19/2009	Audio Conference: American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 1.5 hrs cpe	Springfield/Greene County Health Dept. first floor classroom, noon to 1:30 pm. Bring your lunch
June	06/09/2009	Dr. Sandra Byrd Missouri State University Tax Code Enforcement 1 hr cpe	The Tower Club Noon to @1:30 Lunch provided



Rick Helton and Terri Oldham from the Spfd/Greene Co. Health Dept.

IMA/AGA/ASWA April 22, 2009 PDC



Tammy Beeman, City of Spfd Workforce Development



AGA President Elect Teresa Allen, Spfd / Greene Co. Parks Dept.

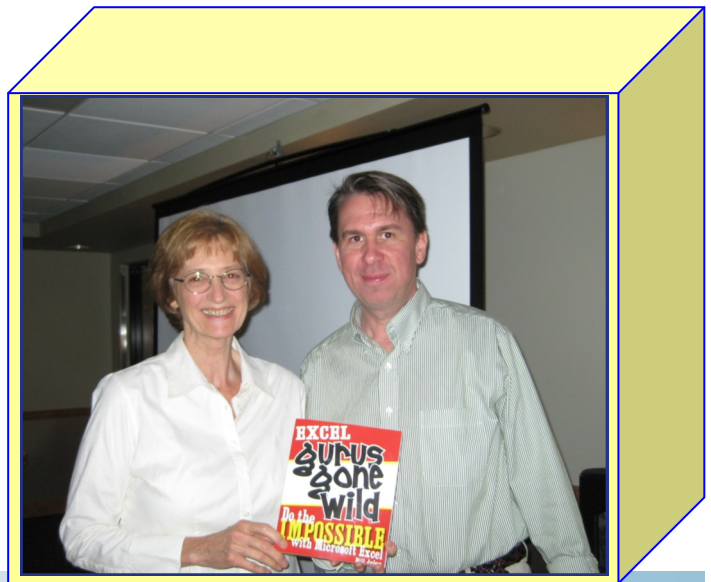


AGA member Tammy Beeman, City of Spfd Workforce Development with IMA Conference Coordinator Terry Jones

Mr. Excel, Bill Jelen, with AGA autograph seeker Deb Fraley



Thanks to Deb Gillenwaters for taking photos!





The Ozarks Chapter Community Service Project

Weller Elementary School “Landscaping can be fun!”



Justin Hill (above), the Ozarks Chapter Director of Membership & Chapter Recognition, and Teresa Allen (below right), Chapter President-Elect, with their helpers at Weller Elementary School landscaping project





Chapter Communicator Awards Announced

Website Contest Results

CONGRATULATIONS LINDA!!
Thanks for all you do for the Ozarks Chapter



Group E

First Place

Silicon Valley Chapter

Alex Guiang, CGFM
Webmaster

Honorable Mention

Ozarks Chapter

Linda M. Charles
Webmaster



Also, congratulations to Gary Smith, the new Communications Director in the St. Louis Chapter, for his award-winning newsletter!!!



Newsletter Contest Results

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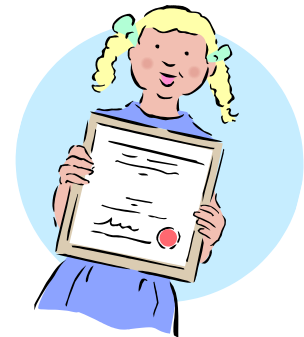
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CGFM Success for Northern Virginia Chapter



The CGFM Chair for the Northern Virginia Chapter set the bar high for himself this program year: **Jim Davis** wanted to sponsor the training courses, form a CGFM Study Group, increase recognition of the CGFM among area governments, and boost the number of CGFMs by 12.

Less than a year later, 11 Northern Virginia Chapter members and one member of both Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia Chapters can be proud of earning their CGFM. Among the group is **Northern Virginia Chapter President Dennis Green**. Davis himself has passed two of the three examinations, with plans to pass the third before the Professional Development Conference & Exposition in June. Green figured he should set an example. He thought, "If I'm going to be president, I'd better get the CGFM certificate," he said.

Take the CGFM Examinations Before the PDC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the annual Professional Development (PDC) in New Orleans. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, **June 18, 2009** and Friday, **June 19, 2009** and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on **June 20-21, 2009**. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA's website:

http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2009/cgfm_exams.htm

What to do if You Receive an IRS Notice

It's a moment many taxpayers dread. A letter arrives from the IRS — and it's not a refund check. Don't panic; many of these letters can be dealt with simply and painlessly.

Each year, the IRS sends millions of letters and notices to taxpayers to request payment of taxes, notify them of a change to their account or request additional information. The notice you receive normally covers a very specific issue about your account or tax return. Each letter and notice offers specific instructions on what you are asked to do to satisfy the inquiry.

If you receive a correction notice, you should review the correspondence and compare it with the information on your return.

- **Agree?** If you agree with the correction to your account, usually no reply is necessary unless a payment is due.
- **Disagree?** If you do not agree with the correction the IRS made, it is important that you respond as requested. Write to explain why you disagree. Include any documents and information you wish the IRS to consider, along with the bottom tear-off portion of the notice. Mail the information to the IRS address shown in the upper left-hand corner of the notice. Allow at least 30 days for a response.

Most correspondence can be handled without calling or visiting an IRS office. However, if you have questions, call the telephone number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice. Have a copy of your tax return and the correspondence available when you call to help us respond to your inquiry.

Be sure to keep copies of any correspondence with your records.

For more information about IRS notices and bills, see Publication 594, What You Should Know about the IRS Collection Process. Information about penalties and interest charges is available in Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax. Both publications are available at IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Links:

Publication 594, Understanding the Collection Process: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p594.pdf>

Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf>

Tax Topic 651, Notices — What to Do <http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc651.html>

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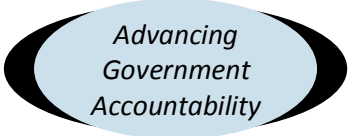
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*Happy Birthday
to all those
celebrating in
May*