

Happy CGFM Month!



March
2012

Done forget about our
Spring Seminar on
March 15th!

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Message from the President

I hope everyone is planning to attend the Spring seminar March 15th. If not consider that the seminar cost includes your annual dues to AGA, what a bargain! Your AGA leadership team has been working to fill the chapter chair positions for next year—I think we are close, but still do need 3 more volunteers for some great positions. Please let us know if you are interested or would like to nominate someone. I do hope you appreciate all of their hard work.



Rick Findley

One of the perks for the leadership team is that several will attend the Sectional leadership meeting. It is a great chance to network with people from all over. Last year I visited with an accountant from Japan. Oh, this meeting is in Las Vegas—just another good reason to be one of those volunteers!

If you are not attending the Spring seminar you can renew your AGA membership online. Hope you will not only continue to be a part of AGA, but also encourage others to join. The educational opportunities alone are well worth the price of membership. We are always looking for those just entering the accounting field to be a part of the organization also. If you know any of those high school or college students that need to make the good connections encourage them also.

Again thanks for everything you do. Keep up the good work.

Rick Findley (rickfindley@yahoo.com)

Interested in the CGFM?

Contact Julie Vaughan, CGFM Chair, to inquire about opportunities in our area.



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Government's Underappreciated Resource

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Public servants, constantly juggling the demands of efficiency, innovation, fairness and responsiveness, usually are focused on ways to manage their traditional resources: government employees, contractors, infrastructure, technology. Too often overlooked is how a public leader can incorporate the most plentiful human resource--the citizen. If you work in government, you know what it means to be overextended. But when Laurel Creech, local radio personality in Nashville started work on May 1, 2010, as the [city's first chief service officer](#), she was already deep underwater.

The Cumberland River and its tributaries were beginning [a historic flooding](#), a disaster that ultimately killed 10 people and damaged or destroyed more than 11,000 homes. After the waters receded, property losses were estimated at \$2.5 billion -- including \$120 million in public infrastructure. Nashville's response to the flooding illustrates the strength of government when it is adaptable -- and the strength of community when it is mobilized. As the floodwaters rose (more than 13 inches of rain fell in 36 hours), Mayor Karl Dean and his staff sprang into action. Laurel Creech's first days on the job were spent helping the emergency management team and first responders with whatever needed to be done.

One immediate need was coping with the collapse of utilities, which cut off residents of the hardest-hit neighborhoods not only from electricity and other essential services but also from critical information flows. The city quickly assembled five impromptu neighborhood Disaster Information Centers, where emergency management staff could keep residents informed, distribute critical supplies to them and give them access to phones and computers. But the heart of the city's response was an unprecedented outpouring of volunteerism. More than 27,000 people would eventually offer up more than 370,000 hours of their time to help Nashvilleans in need, and an important component of the Disaster Information Centers' success was their effective deployment of almost 1,800 of those volunteers.

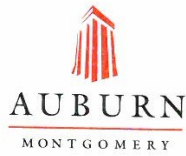
As the waters receded, Dean built on the successful Disaster Information Center model by establishing "[Rebuild Clinics](#)" in the hardest-hit neighborhoods. Volunteers again played a powerful role, not only providing free architectural, engineering, accounting and counseling services but also clearing tons of debris and helping to clean and restore more than 500 waterlogged homes. To mitigate future flooding, volunteers cleaned miles of waterways, planted trees and built rain gardens. Civic pride and service is a potent force in all communities, of course, but Nashville has a particularly strong tradition. From 2006 to 2008, one in every four adult residents volunteered. Just eight months prior to the flooding, Dean had joined dozens of mayors who are part of [the Cities of Service movement](#) -- a commitment to further community engagement and to connect volunteer service in ways that maximize its impact.

Creech is not the first public official to witness the powerful effect of this kind of community spirit. In my nine years as chair of [the Corporation for National and Community Service](#) (CNCS), I saw the tangible benefits that flow from one citizen helping another. In 2010, for example, CNCS reported that almost 63 million adults volunteered more than eight billion hours -- services valued at more than \$170 billion.

Our research at CNCS also showed that the benefits of volunteering extend not only to those being served but also to the volunteers themselves. Youth from disadvantaged circumstances who volunteer their own services, for example, demonstrate more positive civic behaviors than those who do not. Volunteer work appears to increase both their prospects for future employment and the number who go on to earn at least an associate's degree.

Inside government, volunteers are sometimes thought to be a nice but not essential asset that can require more in organization and monitoring than an official with other responsibilities can handle. But as effective leaders who govern by network know, good deeds and community spirit can provide a surge of helping hands and human capital, with minimal added expense and red tape. It can take a lot of work to deploy that resource most effectively, but it's worth the effort. Whether in a time of crisis or part of the day-to-day activities of a city, citizen engagement definitely produces better and cheaper results.

Check out career
opportunities on page 7!



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Call for 2011 National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, etc.? If so, consider applying for an AGA National Academic Scholarship today!

Each year, AGA National awards:

- Up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members
- Up to two \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members
- One \$3,000 community service scholarship

The deadline for receipt of applications is Thursday, **March 31, 2011**. Apply now and take full advantage of your AGA membership!

[High School Applicants](#)

[Undergraduate Applicants](#)

[Graduate Applicants](#)

Contact [Louise Kapelewski](#) with questions.

Why Earn the CGFM?

- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow 18% between 2006 and 2016, which is faster than the average of all occupations. Accountants and auditors that hold a college degree or any other certification will have the best job prospects.
- The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers.
- According to [AGA's 2010 Compensation Survey](#)—Those who hold the CGFM designation reported a 55% higher average salary than those who do not hold any certification.

Regional Training Opportunities

CGFM Review Course #3

Place: Jefferson City, Mo

Date: March 27-28th, 2012

Cost: \$300 Members/\$375 Non Members

For More Info: <http://www.afadsm.org>

American Society of Women Accountants

Financial & Retirement Planning

When: 3/28/2012 @11:45 a.m.

Cost: \$15 Members/\$30 Non Members

Where: 425 West Walnut, 425 Downtown

Ozarks AGA Membership Seminar

Thursday, March 15, 2012!

Don't miss out on the 2012 Ozarks AGA Membership Seminar!

Back by popular demand: Your 2012 membership dues are *included* in the price of the seminar, so register today for a terrific value and 8 hours of great CPE.



Future Ozarks Chapter Professional Development

Month	Date	Topic/Speaker	Location
December	13th	Member Appreciation Luncheon	Jimm's Steakhouse
January	10th	Joint Meeting with IMA/ASWA	TBD
February	14th	An Introduction to the Missouri	SPS Kraft Administration
March	15th	8 Hour Membership Seminar	910 Ballroom
April	10th	Operations of the Fed-Med!	Federal Medical Prison

FIELD TRIP MEETING – FEDERAL MEDICAL PRISON

Our "field trip" meeting this year will be a tour and talk at the Federal Medical Prison on Tuesday, April 10th from 1PM-3PM. Don't miss this chance for two interesting hours of CPE about the operations of Fed-Med! ONLY 20 people can go on the tour and the registration deadline is EARLY (because they will have to run a background check on those registered).

Contact Justin Hill at jrhill@greencountymo.org by Friday March 9th. The first 20 will be registered and you will be contacted later with/for additional information. Meeting cost is the same, \$10.00 for members; \$15.00 for non-members. Lunch will not be provided so please plan accordingly.

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**OZARKS CHAPTER OF AGA
2011-2012 Statement of Operations**

	Projected Revenue	FYTD Actual Revenue
Revenues:		
Chapter Dues	\$ 600.00	604.65
Monthly meetings	1,000.00	555.00
Seminars:		
Fall Seminar	2,000.00	1,420.00
Spring Membership Seminar	9,000.00	3,870.00
Other Revenues:		
Recruiting stipend from National AGA	150.00	150.00
Charity Fundraiser	500.00	
Misc Revenue	50.00	20.00
Interest income	100.00	49.76
Total Revenues	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 6,669.41
	Projected Expenses	FYTD Actual Expense
Expenses:		
Monthly Meeting Expenses:	\$ 1,200.00	540.69
Seminar Expenses:		
Fall Seminar	500.00	132.43
Spring Membership Seminar-Expenses	1,600.00	711.00
Spring Membership Seminar-Dues	5,300.00	2,085.00
Community Service Expense	600.00	-
Scholarships:		
Educational (Post Secondary Ed) Scholarships	2,000.00	-
CGFM (Member) scholarships	400.00	-
PDC Travel Stipend	1,000.00	-
Membership Drive Expense	200.00	50.00
Replenish speaker gifts	300.00	317.87
Misc Expense	300.00	217.00
Total Expenses	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 4,053.99
Fund Balance: Beginning		8,077.87
Revenue		\$ 6,669.41
Expended		\$ (4,053.99)
Ending		<u>10,693.29</u>

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Amazon to Begin Collecting Virginia Sales Taxes

Amazon.com Inc. will begin collecting sales taxes from customers in Virginia as part of a deal with the state's governor. **The Washington Post** reported that Amazon operates a distribution center in northern Virginia and will open two more in the Richmond area this fall, and it has faced criticism from state officials and Virginia bricks-and-mortar retailers. The tax issue has been a recurring one for Amazon, as the company has negotiated separate tax-collection agreements - or in some cases exemptions - with various states including California. In December, the company's deals with South Carolina and Tennessee were questioned by legal experts who said they might be unconstitutional because they granted Amazon an exemption that left other online retailers at a disadvantage. In the midst of all the piecemeal legislation passed by states, Amazon has been lobbying for bipartisan federal legislation enabling states to require online retailers to collect sales tax in some cases. --*Puget Sound Business Journal*



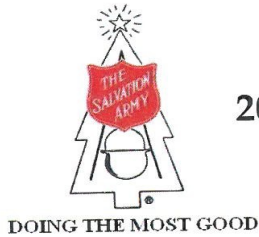
Ozarks Chapter AGA—Community Service Corner



Next up is fund raising for the annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Relay will be inside at the E-Plex this year on June 1st. It is a fun time to do something for your community and get to know your fellow AGA members better.

We start raising money with a silent auction at the Spring Membership Meeting. Watch for information on the auction items and plan to bring your money or checkbook to the meeting. Last year we had seven team members and raised \$3,670.41. We had some extraordinary givers and did some bake sale fundraisers before the event at our workplaces. We also did a balloon pop for the little kids at our booth during the walk. Frankly, that did not raise a lot of money but we have a lot of the supplies to use again this year and we had a lot of fun doing it. We "camp out" until about 11:30. It is awesome to be a part of the walk and root and whistle for the survivors walk. It is also touching to see the luminary walk.

If you are interested in joining or helping us in some way please contact me at 841-3346. If you know someone that wants to promote his or hers company there is a sponsorship level that would include their name and small logo on all the walker's tee shirts. Thanks, Nancy



The Salvation Army Ozark Area Coordination 2011 Tree of Lights Christmas Campaign

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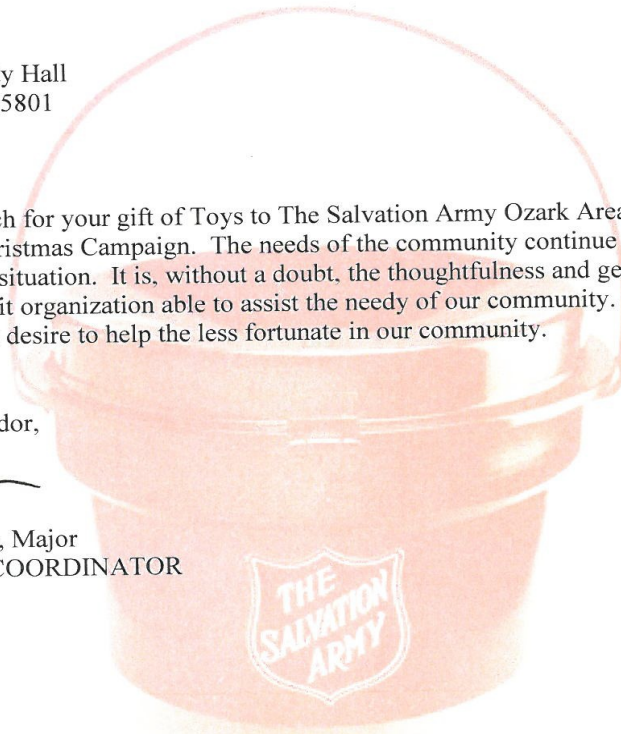
Dear Ms. Allen:

Thank you so much for your gift of Toys to The Salvation Army Ozark Area Coordination's Tree of Lights Christmas Campaign. The needs of the community continue to be great in our current economic situation. It is, without a doubt, the thoughtfulness and generosity of many that keep our non-profit organization able to assist the needy of our community. May God richly bless you for your desire to help the less fortunate in our community.

Christ's Ambassador,

Norman Grainger, Major
OZARK AREA COORDINATOR

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