

#### Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

Quarterly Luncheon Date: January 27, 2016 Location: City Club Time: 11:00 - 3:00 pm Cost: Members \$40; Non-Members \$55

Annual Professional <u>Development Training</u> Date: April 21, 2016 Location: City Club Time: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm Cost: TBD

Spring Luncheon Date: May 2016 Location: TBD Time: TBD Cost: Members Free; Non-members TBD

For more information, visit us at www.agadallas.org.

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# December 2015

# **President's Message**

Members of the Accountability Community:

I have a holiday wish list that I would like to share with you.

On January 27, 2016 I hope many of you will be able to attend our quarterly luncheon and learn about the future, specifically the "Internet of Things," and how it will affect auditors and financial managers. We will also be presenting "Tomorrow Never Dies: Ethics and Fraud in the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century."

Then, in April 2016, I hope we all turn out for our annual all day Professional Development Training (PDT). I know we all have favorite topics we want to hear about and so I ask you to email me or one of the board members any topic suggestions that you might have and we will do our best to find a speaker on that topic. After all, this is your AGA.

In May 2016, I hope to see you at our Spring Luncheon to celebrate our accomplishments, plan for the 2016-17 program year, and announce the board vacancies that so many of you will want to apply to.

Finally, I will send out a survey to gauge interest in registering for Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) training that will be held by the Houston AGA Chapter. Local alternatives will be explored for those who cannot travel to Houston. If you have always wanted to be a CGFM but never had the opportunity to do so, then together we can make it happen.

Happy Holidays.

Ron Salo AGA Dallas Chapter President

### QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2016

#### Location:

City Club (69th floor) Bank of America Plaza 1500 Main Street Dallas, TX 75202

#### **Time:** 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Cost:** Members \$40; Non-Members \$55

#### Parking:

\$6 at Texas Club Garage (across from Bank of America Plaza)

To reserve a seat, please **REGISTER** by 12:00 PM on Monday, January 25, 2016.

Topic: "Internet of Things" Time: 11:50 AM - 1:20 PM **CPE:** 1.5

**Speaker:** Jay Demmler

**Bio**: Jay Demmler is a graduate student of engineering at the Lyle School of Engineering at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Jay previously received his BS from The University of Akron in



Ohio. He then moved to Texas to work for Lockheed Martin on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter project where he worked on designing and implementing enterprise systems for parts and services subcontractors. After a 2 year deployment abroad working on defense projects in Kuwait and Afghanistan, Jay moved back to the Dallas area to work for Dell Computer's services division (formerly Perot Systems). There he worked on a range of

projects in the healthcare industry focusing on designing enterprise class systems in healthcare finance for Medicaid. Medicare, payer. and the revenue cycle industries. Jay is a frequent speaker and guest lecturer in the Dallas area where he often speaks to Systems Development Life Cycle, data center security and best practices, and IT transformation. His current research interests are STEM success rates at the Community College level, the use of asymmetrical learning tools in higher education, and efficiency and best practice development for enterprise class systems. Jay lives in Allen, TX with his lovely wife and two very large cats.

**Topic:** "Tomorrow Never Dies: Ethics and Fraud in the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century" Time: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM **CPE:** 1.5

**Speaker:** John Trubey, U.S. Government Accountability Office

Bio: John E. Trubey, aka "JET", lives in Bonham, Texas and is employed as an AIC at the U.S. Govern-



ment Accountability Office (GAO). He has broad educational and professional experience and holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Oklahoma and a Masters degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College. His experience includes 12 years at GAO, prior employment in public accounting at a CPA firm, and in private accounting at a Fortune 500 company. He is a Past President of AGA's

Dallas chapter and a former Research Chair of AGA's Seattle Chapter. He has taught accounting at a major university and been a guest lecturer for the U.S. Naval War college on the topic of Risk Management. Prior to entry into the accounting and oversight arena, he performed as a drummer and actor. He was involved in competitive sports participation growing up including alpine skiing, baseball, football, and running. He performed in his high school's marching band and with the U.S. Navy.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The AGA Dallas Chapter collected canned food, toys, and cash donations at the Holiday Luncheon held at the West End Spaghetti Warehouse on December 9, 2015 for the charities below. The event was a great success thanks to everyone who attended and donated to make Christmas brighter for children of the DFW area.



Thanks to Joetta Obot for bringing dessert — the assortment of cookies and brownies were great!

### St. Jude Children's Hospital

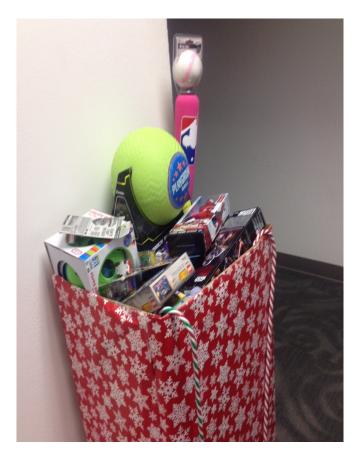
A total of \$220 was collected for St Jude's from proceeds of the raffle. Special thanks to Trish Wheeler for her generous contribution.





### **Toys For Tots**

Approximately 300 toys were collected for Toys for Tots.



### **North Dallas Food Pantry**

Approximately 325 pounds of food was collected for the food pantry.

## FEATURED ARTICLE



# Habits of Highly Effective Auditors

by Mamatha Sparks, City of Dallas Assistant Auditor IV

As auditors we either inherently possess or have over the course of our professional training acquired many good habits that make us highly effective auditors. We often forget

that these same habits are equally effective when practiced beyond the boundaries of professional world. As you are going through the holiday season and preparing again for another year, here is a reminder of some of those habits to help you maintain balance, and perspective (adapted from the books: The Happiest Advantage; How to Win Friends and Influence People; 7 Highly Effective Habits).

- 1. Actively express your thankfulness.
- 2. Give. Give without wanting a reward.
- 3. Ask questions and listen actively.
- 4. Don't seek attention.
- 5. Be consistent.
- 6. Use positive body language.
- 7. Greet people by name.
- 8. Smile.
- 9. Work within your circle of influence.
- 10. Put away your phones and minimize other distractions.



## MEMBER NEWS



# **Membership Anniversaries**

## 20 years

C. Joel Welch, CGFM Jennifer G. Miller, CGFM, CFE

# **New Members**

Christina X. Hale

### WELCOME



#### Board Members Still Needed!

Please consider volunteering to serve our chapter! We still need:

- Newsletter Editor
- Community Outreach Director
- Early Careers Director
- Certified Government Financial Manager Director
- Program Director
- Education Director
- Accountability Outreach Coordinator

It is a great opportunity to use your leadership skills. If you don't think you can do everything a position requires recruit a cochair! Contact us at <u>membership@agadallas.org</u> for



# CHAPTER FINANCIALS

### Dallas Chapter Statement of Account\* As of October 31, 2015

#### Total: \$ 21,719.96

Share Checking Account	
Beginning Balance Plus: Deposits Plus: Transfers Less: Expenses Ending Balance	\$ 16,567.44 735.00 - (289.00) \$ 17,013.44
Share Savings Account	
Beginning Balance Plus: Dividend Plus: Deposit Less: Transfer Ending Balance	\$ 3,596.62 - 109.90 - \$ 3,706.52
PayPal Account	
Beginning Balance Plus: Deposits Plus: Dividend Less: Fees Less: Expenses Less: Transfer Ending Balance	\$ 1,000.00 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

\* Unaudited

# CHAPTER FINANCIALS

### Dallas Chapter Statement of Account\* As of November 30, 2015

#### Total: \$ 21,694.72

Share Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 17,013.44
Plus: Deposits	-
Plus: Transfers	-
Less: Expenses	(25.24)
Ending Balance	\$ 16,988.20
Share Savings Account	
-	
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,706.52
Plus: Dividend	-
Plus: Deposit	-
Less: Transfer	-
Ending Balance	\$ 3,706.52
PayPal Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,000.00
Plus: Deposits	109.90
Plus: Dividend	-
Less: Fees	-
Less: Expenses	-
Less: Transfer	(109.90)
Ending Balance	\$ 1,000.00

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