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ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER



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"Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness."

- Thomas Carlyle



### LUNCHEON SERIES

# **Dr. Mary Sally Matiella**

### **Assistant Secretary of the Army**

**Financial Manager and Comptroller** 

"The Army's Financial Management Transformation"

Wednesday, December 5, 2012
•11:30am - 1:30pm • Clyde's of Gallery Place



# Toys for Tots Campaign

Please bring a new unwrapped toy, cash or check payable to "Toys for Tots" to our December Luncheon. The AGA National Office will match our DC Chapter total donations!!



Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place/Chinatown

Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

See the "Community Service" article for more details on this event and setting up a toy collection location at your individual offices.

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# President's Message





by Eileen Parlow

When natural disasters such as Hurricane Sandy strike, we look with renewed focus at all that we hold most dear: the life and safety of our family and friends, our colleagues, and those to whom we can reach out with a helping hand. My thoughts and best wishes go out to all of our members as we recover from the effects of this historic storm.

The Chapter's October 31st luncheon will be remembered as "the luncheon that almost wasn't." The DC area's roads and rails resumed normal operations just in time for a soldout crowd to hear David D. Ostermeyer, the Chief Financial Officer at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), tell us about the agency's initiatives in providing much-needed aid in the most effective possible way – partnering with other nations and the local governments to provide for sustainable results. Our Early Careers Director,

Stephen Wills, also welcomed some special guests at the luncheon: Howard University Professor Ms. Jean Wells-Jessup and two of her top students, Ms. Alyssa Howard and Ms. Danielle DaCosta. Our Membership Director, Boris Lyubovitsky, recognized winners for the Chapter's ever-popular member recruitment contest, presenting \$50 Visa gifts cards to nine new members and their sponsors.

A notable October achievement for the Chapter was the posting of draft bylaws on the Chapter's website for a 30-day comment period that will end on November 30, 2012. The draft bylaws follow guidelines provided by AGA's national office, and we hope will make it easier for those of you who would like to be more active in the Chapter by serving as a Chapter officer or director. The Bylaws will include information on the timing and the development of the Chapter's leadership roster. Please take a look at our new bylaws page, under "About." Are there areas in the draft bylaws that you feel are unclear, or that could be improved? Please let us know – we want the bylaws to be as useful and informative as possible, and we would love to hear from you.

As in past years, there will not be November Chapter luncheon due to many competing events, including deadlines for agencies' audited financial statements and the Thanksgiving holiday. At the December luncheon on December 5th our speaker will be the Honorable Dr. Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, who will share her insights on the Army's financial management transformation.

As the department stores and shopping malls put up their ever-earlier holiday decorations, I hope that you will consider thinking ahead for the holidays and picking up an extra toy for a needy child. We are planning to host representatives from the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation at our December 5th Chapter luncheon. You can participate by bringing an unwrapped new toy or a check payable to the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation to the luncheon. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, making your gift tax deductible. (AGA National will also provide a matching donation for all checks collected by the Chapter at this event.)

Sincerely,

Eileen Parlow

**Eileen Parlow** President Washington DC Chapter

### Note From the Editor



by Jorge Asef-Sargent, **Editor** 

Welcome to the November edition of the Washington Connection!

This newsletter is only made possible because of the contribution of articles

from the chapter's members. Thank you for all who submitted articles-these articles reflected the depth of knowledge and experience in this group, and the newsletter team is fortunate enough to review and publish these articles. We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and find it helpful for keeping up to date on events in the chapter and in AGA. Our team strives to produce a high-quality newsletter notifying AGA D.C. members of Chapter and National events and services. And, if you are not already a member, we encourage you to join the AGA D.C. Chapter and enjoy the many benefits it offers, in particular the high-quality luncheon series, learning opportunities, and conferences.

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see printed? Have you developed a time-saving process or procedure on the job? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local members, including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on roll-outs of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission. Your articles, comments, and ideas are what make this newsletter go and we welcome all input!

Sincerely,

Jorge Asef-Sargent

Jorge Asef-Sargent, CPA, CGFM AGA D.C. Chapter Newsletter Editor

# Newsletter Team

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# Welcome, New Members!

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# **Early Careers Corner**

On Wednesday, October 31, at the AGA DC luncheon, Early Careers invited Ms. Jean Wells, Accounting Chair of Howard University along with two of her students to partake in the lunch. They enjoyed the luncheon and meeting all AGA accountants. As part of mission of Early Careers to interface with local universities, we have reached out to various institutions to promote the AGA brand and expose collegiates to becoming governmental accountants. So, by reaching out to Howard University, Early Careers solidified its ties to a very good local university.

We hope to see you at an event soon! Questions/comments can be directed to Director Stephen Wills at sqwillsusa@yahoo.com and Assistant Director Nathan Alston at nathanalston@gmail.com.

Stephen Wills & Nathan Alston

Stephen Wills, Nathan Alston **DC Early Careers Committee** 

# **CGFM** News and Upcoming Events



### By Karl Payne and Leon Fleischer

### Welcome to a New Year of CGFM Opportunities and News

Greetings! Leon and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the exciting opportunities that we have planned for our Chapter members, as well as other items of interest. If you have questions, or interest in CGFM, please feel free to contact Leon or myself at kpayne@kpmq.com and fleischerl@sec.gov.



### **January and March CGFM Training:**

- The DC Chapter will again be hosting free training for all three modules of the CGFM Exam. This class will take place in March. These have proven to be very popular classes. Last year, this class was filled to capacity.
- For the first time, we will be offering an intensive review class, planned for January.
- Look for more info on each of these in the December issue.

### There is still time to participate in the DC Chapter's CGFM Essay Contest.

This is a great opportunity for our GGFM candidates to share their thoughts on the personal and professional benefits of CGFM certification, combined with the chance to win free CGFM testing. The contest asks participants to submit their own, original essays describing the benefits that led them to pursue the CGFM. The Chapter will select one essay to be published in the January 2013 Issue of the Chapter Newsletter and the author will receive exam testing vouchers for all three of the CGFM exams. Contest information is included below. To participate in the Essay contest, authors must be DC Chapter members at time of essay submission.



- 1. **Essay title:** How CGFM Certification Will Enhance My Personal and Professional Growth.
- 2. Title page must include: essay title, author's name, organization.
- 3. Essay is to be 1-2 pages (250-500 words) length, double-spaced, Arial 12 point font.
- 4. Essay contest begins October 15.
- 5. Essay contest ends November 15 at midnight (all submission must be received by that deadline)
- 6. Essays will be evaluated by a panel comprised of the DC Chapter President and at least two other Chapter Leaders. The evaluation criteria will be:
  - Form (30 points) This is the structural part of the essay--the "bones" upon which the rest hangs.
    - Grammar (10 points) (spelling, punctuation, etc.)
    - Organization (20 points) Organization of an essay means the pattern of ideas expressed in the essay.
  - Content (60 points) This is the essential part of the essay. Students are challenged to be as substantive as possible.
    - Benefits Statement(s) (30 points) It is essential that concrete benefits be specified. Benefits should be clearly articulated and understood.
    - Relevance Statements (40 points) It is essential to clearly articulate the relevance of the benefit statements to the author's personal and professional development.

# CGFM News and Upcoming Events (cont'd)

7. Essays are to be emailed to Karl Payne at <a href="mailto:kpayne@kpmg.com">kpayne@kpmg.com</a> and Leon Fleischer at fleischerl@sec.gov. And, please contact myself and Leon for any other questions regarding this essay contest.

### Have you checked off what you need to do to reach your CGFM goal?

So, you've realized the many benefits of becoming CGFM certified. Do you know all of the steps you need take to reach your goal? Are you aware of all of the National and Chapter level resources available to assist you in meeting your goal? Your Chapter CGFM committee is your local resource for information on requirements, available study and classroom opportunities, advice and general certification information. Another great resource is the National AGA website. Have you visited the CGFM Certification Directory on the AGA national website? If not, make sure to check it out at www. agacgfm.org/cgfm. You will find a wealth of valuable information that will help you along your path to attaining certification. Just some of the topics you will find covered on the website are: Why Earn the CGFM, Where Do I Start, What Do Exams Cover,

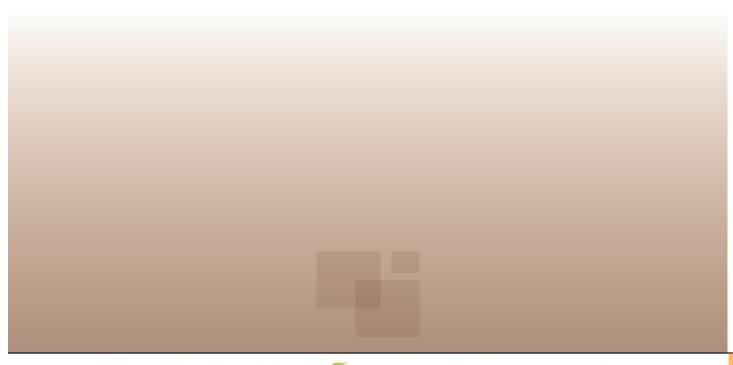
How Do I Prepare, How Do I Purchase Exams, and How Do I Maintain a CGFM. And, of course, Leon and I are available at a Chapter level to answer any of your question or concerns.

Please feel free to reach out anytime.

### **Proudly Display your CGFM Designation** at Chapter Luncheons

Do you attend the DC Chapter's monthly luncheons? I hope you do – it is a terrific opportunity to network, socialize, hear interesting speakers and gain CPE's. And, when you pick up your name tag at the luncheon registration table,

make sure to let the attendant know that you are a CGFM and they will give you a CGFM sticker. Proudly display it on your name tag, and let all of your colleagues know that you have attained a highly valued and recognized certification of your professionalism and competence.





### Want to Make a Difference?

Consider a Career in Government Financial Management

Are you, or someone from your chapter planning to attend a career fair, or an event for college students? AGA now has an eye-catching brochure that offers information about government financial management careers and answers questions for aspiring government financial managers regarding the qualifications and skills needed to get started. It also includes a bookmark for students that directs them to the Tomorrow's Professionals website for more information. To order free copies of the brochure, please submit the collateral order form found in the Members Only section on the AGA national website www.agacgfm.org or contact Jessica Jones at <a href="mailto:JJones@agacgfm.org">JJones@agacgfm.org</a>.

# Mentorship

# **WANT TO HELP?**

If you're interested in being a liason or joining the mentor program, as either a mentor or mentee, please contact Sharnel Montgomery: Montgomery.Sharnel@dol.gov.

# Connect to the World of Government Accountability



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# Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Mary Sally Matiella



Dr. Mary Sally Matiella, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller (ASA FM&C), advises the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff, on all matters related to Army financial management. She oversees the development, formulation, and implementation of policies, procedures and programs for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of overall resources in the Department of the Army. She is also responsible for the formulation and submission of the Army budget to Congress and the American people.

On November 23, 2009, President Barack H. Obama nominated Dr. Matiella as Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, and she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on February 11, 2010. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Matiella served as Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Accounting for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She was responsible for the payment of over \$40 billion in annual grants,

loans and subsidies, and the consolidation and submission of quarterly and annual financial statements to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). She ensured HUD was in full compliance with government legislation, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and other governmental budget and accounting standards. Under her leadership, HUD earned 'unqualified' audit opinions each fiscal year and received all 'green' ratings from OMB for its accounting practices.

In December 2001, Dr. Matiella entered the Senior Executive Service (SES) and served as the Chief Financial Officer for the USDA Forest Service. She oversaw the formulation and execution of a \$4 billion annual budget, which funded the management of 200 million acres of national forest and grasslands. Under her leadership, the Forest Service received its first ever 'clean' audit opinion in FY 2002 and the GAO, April 2003 report, recognized the Forest Service for "Significant Improvement in Financial Reporting."

# **Community Service**

### **Toys for Tots at December Luncheon**

The Toys for Tots Foundation has been chosen by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Washington DC Chapter as the community service project for the month of December.

The primary goal of the Toys for Tots program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children throughout the Washington DC metropolitan area. To support this worthy cause, we need each of our members to donate new unwrapped toys or money at our December luncheon which will be held Wednesday, December 05, 2012 at Clyde's of Gallery Place.

We also encourage our members to have a toy collection location at their individual offices. All you need to get started is a large box for toy drop-offs, a sign stating "Toys for Tots", and a willingness to help needy children experience the joy of Christmas. If you cannot have toy collections at your office, you can still bring an unwrapped toy, cash or check payable to "Toys for Tots" to our December luncheon.

Another great reason to participate is that the AGA National Office will match our DC Chapter total donations!!

Let's make this another successful year and help those children in need have a wonderful holiday.

Please contact Jennifer Nielsen 571-318-2897, Rufus Johnson 856-470-6857 or Tonya Allen Shaw 202-720-5026 for any questions about this program.



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### **Member Services**

### **Membership News and Upcoming Events**

The 2012-2013 membership committee is thrilled for the opportunity to help the AGA DC Chapter continue to grow and thrive. Our main purpose is to continue building membership and attracting interest in all DC Chapter offerings, including continuing professional education and networking opportunities. Our team consists of a diverse group of talented people from government and private sector.

### The members are:



Boris Lvubovitsky



Lena Lewis Co-Director



Sal P. Ercolano, Jr. **Assistant Director** 



Mimi Goodwin Assistant Director

### **Planned Highlights:**

- Recruitment Contest: The membership committee will continue to run its successful and popular recruitment contest. The first 20-30 members of the DC Chapter to recruit/sponsor a new member, and attend a chapter luncheon with the new member, will receive a \$50 Visa or Master Gift card. The new member will also receive a \$50 Visa or Master Gift card and their first luncheon free. What a terrific incentive! There will also be additional opportunities to participate in the contest during recruitment happy hours. Stay tuned for further details.
- Publishing Names of New Members: The team will continue to publish names of all new members in the monthly Newsletter and start sending a DC chapter new member welcome letter.
- Photos of New Members and Sponsors at the Monthly Luncheons: The team will continue to provide a monthly newsletter article with photos/names of new members and/or sponsors recognized at the monthly Chapter luncheons.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in learning more about our team, please contact:

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# Member Services (cont'd)

### **Memership Recruitment Contest**

Here is your chance again to win BIG dollars! The Membership Committee is holding the ever-popular recruitment contest which was a huge success last year. The First 30 DC Chapter members to recruit/sponsor a new member and come with that new member to a chapter luncheon will receive a \$50 Visa or Master Gift card. The new member will also receive a \$50 Visa or Master Gift card and the luncheon for free!!!

The Membership Committee has added a new twist to recruitment this year. We will be hosting recruitment happy hours and the first one is slated for early December. Stay tuned for further details!

Get started recruiting now!! After completing the new member online registration form, please send an e-mail to blyubovitsky@gmail.com and lena.lewis@hq.dhs.gov with the sponsor/new member names. We will announce and recognize our winners beginning with the October Luncheon. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity. Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!!!















# Awards Committee Update

### **AGA/DC Needs Your Help!**

The National Leadership Awards are just around the corner. Each year, AGA recognizes professionals of Visionary Leadership, Innovative Management, and Educational Commitment to our profession and AGA! We need your assistance in identifying outstanding individuals who exemplify the characteristics described below:

### **Federal**

- Distinguished Federal Leadership Award--An elected or presidential-appointed federal official in either the legislative or executive branch who has made outstanding contributions to enhancing government financial management.
- Elmer Staats Award—A federal professional who throughout their career served as a role model for others and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.
- Andy Barr Award—A private sector individual who throughout their career served as role model for others and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

### State and Local

- Excellence in Government Leadership Award—Professionals who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures.
- William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award--Professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.
- Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award—Professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.
- Private Sector Financial Excellence Award—Executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in state or local government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management techniques

Please send the names and nomination information of outstanding professionals to Eleanor Crawford at <u>Eleanor.long@EY.com</u> no later than October 12, 2012. If you need assistance or have questions, feel free to contact Eleanor at 202-327-5903.

For more information on each of these awards and their nomination forms, visit AGA's National website: **www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards**.







# **Connections at your Fingertips...**

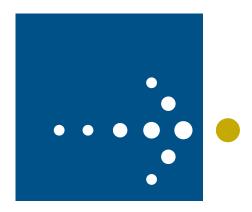


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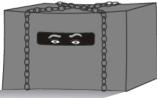






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# Inside the Black Box by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA





### **Permanently Removing Fixed Assets**

### Introduction

In October, 2011, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) issued Federal Financial Accounting Technical Release No. 14 entitled, Implementation Guidance on the Accounting for the Disposal of General Property, Plant, and Equipment. Based on the requirement in Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 6: Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment (issued in 2007) that a capital asset and its associated

depreciation should be removed from the balance sheet at the time the physical asset is retired, removed from service, or disposed of, Technical Release 14 states that it is not sufficient to only book the disposal of the asset if the asset is first removed from service. The act of removing it from service is itself an event with accounting significance.

### New Requirements

The new guidance addresses the situation where there is a significant delay between removal from service and disposal. An asset is considered removed from service if management has documented that the asset is to be permanently shut down, and the asset is, in fact, removed from service. The removal has to be permanent; mothballing an asset until it is needed again does not have accounting significance, and neither does leasing or granting out the asset to another entity. The agency stops recording depreciation on the asset and immediately writes it down to net realizable value. Gains or losses are recognized upon removal of the asset and again upon disposal.

### **Updates to the Standard General Ledger (SGL)**

The SGL Board added for FY2013 a new asset account, 199500 General Property, Plant, and Equipment Permanently Removed but Not Yet Disposed, to hold the net realizable value prior to disposal. This account is reported on line 14 Other Assets with the Public, whereas the fixed asset was originally reported on line 13 General Property, Plant, and Equipment, Net.

The SGL Board also added the following new transactions to record the removal and subsequent disposal:

Asset Removal: dr. 175900 Accumulated Depreciation on Equipment

General Property, Plant, and Equipment Permanently Removed but Not C613 199500

Yet Disposed

Other Losses 729000 175000 Equipment cr. 719000 Other Gains

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# Inside the Black Box (cont'd)

Obviously, posting 719000 and 729000 are mutually exclusive, and neither are posted if the net asset value is considered to be the net realizable value.

dr. 101000 Fund Balance with Treasury Disposal:

Losses on Disposition of Assets - Other C615 721000

> General Property, Plant, and Equipment Permanently Removed but Not 199500 cr.

> > Yet Disposed

711000 Gains on Disposition of Assets – Other

Similarly, posting 711000 and 721000 are mutually exclusive. Note that the gain and loss accounts are different between the two entries. Since both sets of accounts are reported on the same lines of the Statement of Net Cost and Changes in Net Position, there is no financial statement implication to this change in gain or loss account. However, writing down the asset using 719000 or 729000 will mean that 711000 and 721000 will have much smaller balances than before. Since the definitions of both 711000 and 721000 include retirement of an asset, and the removal from service is simply a step in the disposal process, I think one could justify using accounts 711000 and 721000 for both the removal and disposal stages, or transferring the gain/loss from the general SGL accounts 719000 or 729000 to the asset disposal accounts 711000 or 721000 upon disposal.

Also, the Technical Release specifies that assets included under this guidance include facilities and land, which means there will be a lot more asset accounts using entry C613 than just 175000. Agencies should plan on using the removal from service entry C613 for all fixed assets unless the asset is disposed of immediately.

Entry C615 should be treated the same as C610 and be posted even if cash has not been deposited with Treasury. Instead of debiting account 101000, the agency could debit a different cash account such as 119000 Other Cash or 120000 Foreign Currency, or a receivable account such as 131000 Accounts Receivable. If the agency transfers the asset to another federal agency, then use entry E510 as a guide and debit 573000 Financing Sources Transferred Out without Reimbursement.

If the agency is allowed to use the sale proceeds, the disposal would mimic entry C626 and post the budgetary accounts 426600 Other Actual Business-Type Collections from Non-Federal Sources and status account such as 445000 Unapportioned Authority.

### Conclusion

When retiring an asset, one now has to record a gain or loss when the asset is permanently removed from use, and not wait for the actual disposal to take place. The removal entry moves the asset and accumulated depreciation to the new SGL account 1995. The disposal entry would then use 1995 instead of the original asset and accumulated depreciation accounts, but be otherwise unchanged.

Simcha Kuritzky

Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to Simcha.Kuritzky@CGIFederal.com, and not to the AGA.

This column is provided as part of a free exchange of ideas in federal accounting, and is not reviewed substantively before publication.

# Snapshots



Early Careers Director Stephen Wills with special guests Howard University Professor Jean Wells-Jessup and students, Ms. Alyssa Howard and Ms. Danielle DaCosta with Chapter President Eileen Parlow



Membership Recruitment Contest Winners: Membership Director Boris Lyubovitsky and Chapter President with sponsor Karl Boettcher with new members Rita Cronley and Aileen Burgman; sponsor Ryan Bolz, with new members Andrew Eck and Joel Peters; Nasr N. Fahmy with new member Samy Misdary; sponsor Lieselotte Stubbs with new member Lalit Bindra; and sponsor Eva Williams with new members Susan Orge, April Furman, and Gina Jones



October Luncheon speaker David Ostermeyer (CFO, USAID) and Chapter President Eileen Parlow



Corporate Sponsor representatives Lisa Fiely (Grant Thornton) and Harvey Weiner (MIL) with Chapter President Eileen Parlow

# **Meetings Team**

Ryan Bolz



The Meetings Committee would like to thank all of you for your active participation at our monthly luncheons at Clyde's. Thanks to you, the DC Chapter of AGA has had two sell out luncheons in a row (of up to 150 members). The compliments we have been getting are very much appreciated too. For December's luncheon, we plan on having Clyde's famous Grilled Chicken dish as our main entrée, with a special holiday touch, followed by a great dessert.

We shall see you December 5 at Clyde's - Gallery Place/Chinatown.

Mark Kandra



Best Regards,

Ryan Bolz, Mark Kandra and Sean Simmons

Ryan Bolz, Mark Kandra **Meeting Team** 

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# Request for Newsletter Submissions, Comments, or Suggestions

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter? Do you have an article you would like to see in print? Have you traveled to any interesting locations? The Washington Connection requests that you submit any and all items of interest to our federal, state, and local members, including: reviews of recently published books related to financial management; unique travel experiences or assignments; lessons learned on rollouts of new systems; appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; and noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos that accompany your submission.

The deadline for submitting articles to appear in the **December** 2012 issue is November 22, 2012. Please send your comments and contributions to Jorge Asef-Sargent and Deborah Khavkin, the newsletter editors for the 2012-2013 program year, at jasef-sargent@kpmq.com and dkhavkin@kpmq.com.



# Calendar of Events - 2012/2013 Program Year

Month	Luncheons	Community Service	Education	CGFM	Member Services	Early Careers	CEC Meetings
November		TBD	7		TBD	8	6
		Event Title: Walk to D'Feet ALS® Location and Time: TBD	Audio Conference: Applying Data Analytics to Uncover Fraud Location: (DC) 1801 K Street, NW (Tysons) 1676 International Dr. Time:2pm - 3:50pm Deadline: Nov 5 *Contact: See Asterisk Below		<b>Event Title:</b> Jazz / Opera Night <b>Location and Time:</b> TBD	Event Title: Networking Happy Hour Location and Time: Buffalo Billiards; TBD	Teleconference #: 888-283-7402 Access code:2809637 12:00 - 1:00pm
	5	5	12		TBD	TBD	4
December	December Luncheon Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place/Chinatown – December 5, 2012 11:30am - 1:00pm Speaker: Dr. Mary Sally Matiella Assistant Secretary of the Army (FM&C) CPE: 1.0	Event Title: Toys for Tots Location and Time: Clyde's of Gallery Place; 11:30am - 1:00pm	Audio Conference: Just Ethics! Location: (DC)1801 K Street, NW (Tysons) 1676 International Dr. Time:2pm - 3:50pm Deadline: Dec 3 *Contact: See Asterisk Below		Event Title: Holiday Happy Hour Location and Time: Old Ebbitt Grill; TBD	Event Title: Holiday Bash Location and Time: TBD	Teleconference #: 888-283-7402 Access code:2809637 12:00 - 1:00pm
January	16	TBD	9	TBD	TBD	TBD	8
	January Luncheon Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place/Chinatown – January 16, 2013 11:30am – 1:00pm Speaker: TBD CPE: 1.0	Event Title: Make-A-Wish Foundation Location and Time: Clyde's of Gallery Place; Same time as luncheon	Audio Conference: Government Financial Management Location: (DC)1801 K Street, NW (Tysons) 1676 International Dr. Time:2pm - 3:50pm Deadline: Jan 7 *Contact: See Asterisk Below	Event Title: CGFM Extensive Review Class Location and Time: TBD	Event Title: Chinese New Year Dinner Location and Time: China Garden; TBD	Event Title: Bowling Party Location and Time: Lucky Strike; TBD	Teleconference #: 888-283-7402 Access code:2809637 12:00 - 1:00pm
February	15	TBD	6/27		TBD	TBD	5
	February Luncheon Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place/Chinatown – February 15, 2013 11:30am – 1:00pm Speaker: Mark Reger, Treasury Department CPE: 1.0	Event Title: American Heart Month Location and Time: TBD	Audio Conference: Fraud Prevention / Internal Controls Location: (DC) 1801 K Street, NW (Tysons) 1676 International Dr. Time: 2pm - 3:50pm Deadline: Feb 4 / Feb 25 *Contact: See Asterisk Below		Event Title: Washington Capitals Game Location and Time: TBD	Event Title: AGA NCL Happy Hour Location and Time: TBD	Teleconference #: 888-283-7402 Access code:2809637 12:00 - 1:00pm

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# Calendar of Events - 2012/2013 Program Year

Month	Luncheons	Community Service	Education / CGFM		Membership Services	Early Careers	CEC Meetings
March	13	TBD	13/27	TBD	TBD	TBD	5
	March Luncheon Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place/Chinatown – March 13, 2013 11:30am – 1:00am Speaker: Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Executive Director, KPMG Government Institute CPE: 1.0	Event Title: DressBarn S.O.S. Send One Suit Weekend Location and Time: TBD	Audio Conference: Government Financial Management / Performance Management Location: (DC) 1801 K Street, NW (Tysons) 1676 International Dr. Time:2pm - 3:50pm Deadline: Mar 11 / Mar 25 *Contact: See Asterisk Below	Event Title: CGFM Training Class Time and Location: TBD	Event Title: Cherry Blossom Tour Location and Time: TBD	Event Title: Fondue Party Location and Time: The Melting Pot; TBD	Teleconference #: 888-283-7402 Access code:2809637 12:00 - 1:00pm
April	7	TBD	17		TBD	TBD	2
	April Luncheon Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place/Chinatown – April 18, 2013 11:30am - 1:00pm Speaker: TBD CPE: 1.0	Event Title: National Autism Awareness Month Location and Time: TBD	Audio Conference: Internal Controls Location: (DC)1801 K Street, NW (Tysons) 1676 International Dr. Time:2pm - 3:50pm Deadline: Apr 15 *Contact: See Asterisk Below		Event Title: VA Wine Tour Location and Time: TBD	Event Title: Comedy Nite Location and Time: TBD	Teleconference #: 888-283-7402 Access code:2809637 12:00 - 1:00pm
May	15	TBD	7-8		TBD	TBD	7
	May Luncheon Location: Clyde's of Gallery Place/Chinatown – May 8, 2013 11:30am - 1:00pm Speaker: Wendy M. Payne Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) CPE: 1.0	Event Title: Health Vision Month Location and Time: TBD	Event Title: AGADC/GWSCPA Spring Conference Location and Time: TBD		Event Title: Potomac Boat Cruise Location and Time: TBD	Event Title: Golfing Location and Time: Hains Point; TBD	Teleconference #: 888-283-7402 Access code:2809637 12:00 - 1:00pm
June					TBD		4
	Awards Gala Location: TBD Time: TBD				Event Title: Washingtion Nationals Game Location and Time: TBD		Teleconference #: 888-283-7402 Access code:2809637 12:00 - 1:00pm

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