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## President's Message

Happy Holidays! As we get ready for the holiday season and the mid-point in the AGA program year, it is a great time to reflect on what we have accomplished to this point. When the program year began in July, we were in the midst of furlough, which was almost immediately followed by the first government shutdown in nearly 20 years. While DFAS employees continued to work through the shutdown, it impacted everyone in the government and will continue to for the foreseeable future.

Despite these challenges, our chapter is ahead of last year's pace in terms of chapter recognition and is well on its way to maintaining status as a Platinum chapter. I find this truly astonishing given everything we have been through over the past six months. This is not to say we haven't hit a few bumps in the road. The chapter's first ever Speed Networking event had to be postponed and the October luncheon was rescheduled. However, during this time the Chapter Executive Committee has done an amazing job overcoming these obstacles in order to provide training, networking, and community service opportunities for current and prospective members.

On November 5th, we held a luncheon at the Fort Harrison State Park Inn. Mr. Richard Byrnes, Assistant Counsel in the DFAS Office of General Counsel provided an interesting and relevant presentation on ethics of relationships with non-federal entities. The luncheon attendees were not only able to earn one CPE in the area of Ethics, but learn more about rules and regulations about being part of a charity, professional associations, and running for local or state government.

The annual holiday soirée co-hosted with ASMC is on December 11th. A great luncheon is planned with food, games, door prizes and the Lawrence Central High School Choir along with songs by DFAS' very own Michael and Patricia Lacey. I hope you join us to ring in the holiday spirit.

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## AGA Indianapolis Articles

These articles were picked for the AGA Member Audience:

### Presidents Message Continued

2014 will start with another opportunity to obtain low cost CPEs beginning with the AGA and ASMC joint luncheon on January 15th. Mr. Warren Anderson, Chief of Criminal Investigations in the DFAS Columbus Internal Review office will be giving a presentation and luncheon attendees can earn one CPE. In addition, there are six remaining audio conferences this program year; an increase of two from previous program years with twelve CPEs available at no cost to chapter members. The audio conferences have been heavily attended, so larger conference rooms have been secured to accommodate more people. Our next audio conferences are on December 11th, Ethics, and on January 29th, Tackling Improper Payments. These come hot on the heels of the first two audio conferences where 124 CPEs were awarded to 62 individuals.

The community service committee has done a great job bringing together chapter members to provide for our community despite a difficult economic climate. The chapter collected 11 boxes of school supplies. Angie Abell, the Charles Warren Fairbanks' social worker, expressed her appreciation and wanted us to know our organization was the school's biggest benefactor.

The chapter also met the Wreathes Across America challenge posed by the San Antonio AGA chapter for the second straight year. AGA Indianapolis donated 27 wreathes this year. The Indiana Wing Cadets will ensure the wreathes are placed on the appropriate graves during the Christmas season in order to honor our heroes. Click here to learn more about this great cause.

The chapter held a 'bring a friend' event at the November CEC meeting. Each CEC member was asked to bring a guest so they could get a better understanding of the benefits and opportunities the chapter provides. The membership committee made a great presentation on the AGA and our local chapter. Fifteen guests attended the meeting and the format was very well received. Additionally, our membership committee conducted our first AGA Information Session on November 14th with ten IU-PUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs students and plan on making this presentation a biannual event.

Please continue to check our website, [www.againdy.com](http://www.againdy.com), for more specifics on upcoming events and opportunities. Also, don't forget to share your experiences and invite a coworker to join AGA. I look forward to meeting each of you throughout the year!

Steve Borushko  
President  
AGA, Indianapolis Chapter



### Tips for Managing Stress

Source: The American Heart Association

Everyone finds themselves in a stressful situation at some time. When it happens to you, try these tips:

- Count to ten before you speak
- Take 3 to 5 deep breaths
- Walk away from the situation and say you will handle it later
- Go for a walk
- Set your watch five to ten minutes ahead to avoid rushing
- Break down problems into smaller pieces
- Drive in the slow lane or avoid busy streets
- Hug someone

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## Member Spotlight



### NAME and Job:

Ashley Ray, Financial Management Analyst in the DDSS Business Management Office

HOW WOULD SOMEONE DESCRIBE YOU? Outgoing, loud, laid back, adventurous, and unashamed "cat lady"

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU AREN'T WORKING? I do CrossFit and I love traveling with my husband.

HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED WITH AGA? After I obtained my CGFM, I felt it was beneficial to become a member of AGA to network with coworkers and for CPE opportunities.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD SURPRISE US TO KNOW ABOUT YOU? I grew up on a beach and I'm a vegetarian.

## MEMBERS PAGE!

This page is dedicated to our members. Any articles you would like to write and have published would be welcome.

### AGA Angel Tree and School Supplies Success Story

#### Angel Tree:

The Community Service Committee will once again be hosting the Angel Tree to support children at IPS #105. We anticipate having ornaments on the tree by 12/4. The tree will be located on the 2nd floor south side Headquarters office.

Contact AGA Community Service Committee Chair Katie Buck (317-212-4590) with any questions. Hope to see you in December!

#### School Supplies a Success:

AGA Indianapolis collected 11 boxes of school supplies; Charles Warren Fairbanks' number 1 contributor!





CGFM

To recognize the diversity and ongoing changes in the government financial management profession, AGA's Professional Certification Board has updated the eligibility requirement to take the CGFM examinations. Read more <http://click.aga-agacgfm.org/?qs=adc4f0b4e56cd2c14d044ee24621b4ff89f388430061866b484e1afdea521ea9> contact them directly if you would like to sign up.

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