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Hello Everyone:

Where were you on February 14? If you were not at the AGA Winter Seminar, in Henrico, you really missed out. We dodged the bad weather and succeeded in presenting excellent educational speakers. Where else can you hear "hot topics" and receive abundant food, a free flash drive, opportunities to win a Tobacco Company lunch, door prizes, 6 CPE's, and network with fellow members and support your community? AGA!!!! Thanks to all who helped make this a special

President's Message from Jennifer Cavado

event.

Our next educational opportunity will be Wednesday, March 14, at the James Monroe Building, downtown Richmond. The topic will be "Hospital Budget Management." The cost is on "2 cans" or \$2 bucks, which will be donated to the Central Virginia Food Bank. Lunch will be provided along with 1 CPE. For 3 CPE's, join us at the Annual Awards Ceremony and Breakfast Seminar on Wednesday, April 18, at the Holiday Inn, Boulevard. Our speakers will talk about the PPEA Enterprise Applications Project and VRS Pre-retirement Educa-

tion. Anyone who has attended at this location before knows we will have an awesome breakfast. Mark your calendars, so you do not miss this special event.

Speaking of retirement, anyone who has been anywhere the last couple of years has heard that there is going to be a major loss in human capital when the baby boomers retire. AGA is no different. This is a great opportunity for you early career people to step up to the plate. We are currently lining up officers, committee chairs, committee members and helpers for the AGA Executive Commit-

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Up Coming Education Events

by Lisa Watts

Thanks to all of those who battled the elements and attended the full day seminar at the Henrico County Training Center on February 14. Luckily we didn't get the weather that was anticipated and

the seminar went off without a hitch. Not only did we offer awesome and informative topics, 6 CPE's and a wonderful box lunch, attendees were also gracious enough to give blood through the



Virginia Blood Service while at the Training Center. Thanks to you for your "gift of life". Your contribution will no doubt save countless lives.

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March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 AGA Meeting	15	16	17 St. Pat's
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Schedule of Events

- March 14, 2007 1 CPE
Lunch Meeting—Budgeting
Monroe Building
- April, 18, 2007 3 CPE
Awards Breakfast Meeting—PPEA
Holiday Inn
- May xx, 2007 6 CPE
Spring Seminar
Henrico Training Center
- Blue Ridge PDC 16 CPE
July 25–27, 2007
Hotel Roanoke

All CPEs posted are estimates and can change.

The Bucks Stop Here !



Ken Gunn,
CGFM, CPA, CFE
Treasurer

We are winding up our program and fiscal years in the next few months. After I close the books all of the financial records will be turned over to Doug Blum, CPA who will perform an agreed upon procedures review to ensure all monies have been properly accounted for.

The big item you see on the current financial statement is 24,000 in liabilities. Most of this is unearned income resulting from fees received for the CGFM review course. The fees will become earned revenue once the classes are held and the money will be expensed to pay for the course to the third party provider.



February 28, 2007

Beginning Balance	29,541
Revenue	71,365
Expenditures	71,149
Ending Balance	29,757
Checking Account	31,781
Savings Account	0
Investments	19,945
Pre-Paid Expenses	0
Accounts Receivable	2,188
Liabilities	24,157
Total	29,757

Member Profile: Mea Culpa

Tight deadlines and workloads led me to forget to find a feature member this month.

Anyone interested in being featured or to feature their agency please let me know. This way you can get your agency's mission out and let others know what you are all about. Great promotion when it comes to hiring new employees!

A little promo never hurts. So don't be shy.

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Fred's Head (Fred Washington) (as promised from the last issue)

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Professional Certification, Fred Washington, Co-Chair

GFM Training Program Maxes out! Hopefuls on a waiting list.

The AGA - Richmond Chapter in cooperation with the AGA National Office is sponsoring a Government Financial Manager Training Pro-

gram (GFM), during the first two weeks of May 2007. This course series is designed to help financial managers meet the practical and professional demands that exist at every level of Federal, State and Local government. The GFM training program will provide a broad base of knowledge in

governmental auditing, accounting, financial management, and budgeting and will offer a **great way to prepare for the CGFM exam.** The GFM training program will consist of three courses which will be conducted by AGA National Office instructors and will offer up to 48 CPE credits.



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The Buzz By Paddy O'Furniture

Jack Nix is now the VDOT representative member of the Commonwealth of Virginia Enterprise Application core team in the business area of fixed assets.

Janice Long was promoted to the Controller position at VDOT.

Condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers of for-

mer member **Bill Knight** who recently passed away. Bill was a retired Air Force Colonel who worked as an auditor with the Virginia Dept. of Social Services.

Condolences to family, friends, and co-workers of **Joyce DuVall** who passed away unexpectedly. Joyce



worked at VDOT.

A get well to **Jim Mahone** recovering from a second bout with foot surgery.



Membership Page

*Miraim Daughtry and
Nauri Ahmed Membership Co-Chairs*



Membership –

We have 6 new members to recognize: **Randi Ricco-Clifford**, Richmond City Hall Auditors Office; **Richard Holte, CPA**, VDOT and **Carl Moyers**, VDOT both sponsored by Tonya A. Morgan, CGFM; **Jerry Whitaker**, Sussex County; **Barbara Iles**, Virginia Commonwealth University; and **Jennifer Roberts**, Virginia Retirement System.

Thus far this year we have almost 60 new members. Our **Team 400** goals are to add 100 new members for a total membership of 400. Remember - we have prizes to offer as encouragement for those of us who appreciate some personal motivation!!

2007 Prizes for Membership Sponsors:

This year, our chapter will again provide prizes to those who sponsor the most new members. The first place winner will get to choose between two prizes. One is a scholarship to **AGA's 2007 Professional Development Conference** which is worth \$775. The 2007 PDC is being held in Nashville, Tennessee, June 24-27, 2007. It's an opportunity to network with other professionals from around the world and to develop professionally. The other prize is a scholarship, valued at \$130, to our **Richmond Chapter's Blue Ridge Conference**, held in Charlottesville each August – again, an excellent opportunity to network with your peers and develop professional skills.

This year's top 2 sponsors thus far are **Ms. Tonya A. Morgan, CGFM**, who has sponsored 5 new members and **Mr. Alfred (Fred) B. Washington, CGFM, CTP** who has sponsored 4 members. Congratulations to both of them!! Ms. Joy Yeh and Ms. Betty G. Akins, CGFM have each sponsored 2 new members.

Please don't forget to invite your co-workers and other professional colleagues to join you at an AGA seminar. It will certainly be worth their while to attend and if they decide to join, that scholarship prize might make it worth yours as well!!

If you have questions about membership, please contact one of the membership committee members:

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Blue Ridge PDC

SAVE THE DATE—

**10TH Annual Blue Ridge Professional Development Conference
(July 25-27, 2007), Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center (16 CPEs)-Includes
2 hr Ethics for CPAs**

The Premier Conference for Human Service Finance and Audit Professionals

Sponsored by the Richmond and Roanoke AGA Chapters - Make Plans to Attend the "10th Annual Blue Ridge PDC" at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. The multi-track conference will focus on human service finance and audit issues. Ethics for CPAs (annual requirement in Virginia) will also be offered. Registration fees are estimated to range from \$140-\$170. Ethics Course is an additional \$50-\$60. Conference (AGA) hotel room rates are \$76 per single occupancy or \$96 per double occupancy. Early conference registration discounts are offered prior to June 15. Contact Nauri Ahmed for further information or to receive a flyer at 804-371-4613, or at nauri.ahmed@co.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov. Conference registration forms are expected to be released by mid-late March. Reservations are limited at the Hotel Roanoke to approximately 100 rooms each night (Jul 25 & Jul 26) and we are planning to locate several overflow hotels. If you are planning to attend, we suggest that you make your room reservations now so that you will be guaranteed a room at the conference site (Hotel Roanoke, 540.985.5900, web address: www.hotelroanoke.com).



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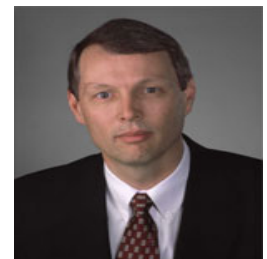
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CGFM News from National

CGFM Intensive Review Course - don't miss this opportunity to take the CGFM exams

Have you applied for the CGFM Program, but are having difficulty committing time to study and take the exams? Would you like to save on exam fees?

Then consider AGA's Intensive Review Course! Already a staple at two of AGA's conferences, it was just offered before the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington DC and once again was sold out.

After attending the two-day review course on February 9-10, the candidates tackled the CGFM Examinations over the next two days (with some taking all three exams in one day!). As a result, 19 of the participants passed all three (or finished up their remaining) CGFM Examinations at this event. Several others passed one or two examinations and are on their way to completing the CGFM process.

While this "intense" experience is not for everybody, participants were attracted to the idea of completing the CGFM process in a short period of time, having a set deadline to take the examinations and saving money (the cost of CGFM Examinations is included in the Intensive Review Course fee and this fee is less than the cost of the three examinations). Holding an Intensive Review Course and CGFM Examinations in conjunction with AGA National Leadership and Professional Development Conferences gives the candidates one more way to reinforce the material and take the CGFM Examinations (candidates can also take the exams at Prometric testing centers anytime).

The extra reinforcement of the material is exactly what some people wanted and needed. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the six days of regular instructor-led training courses. On the contrary, this course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations. In fact, the majority of the participants have either attended the CGFM training courses or purchased the CGFM study guides before participating in the Intensive Review Course.

AGA plans to continue offering this course and CGFM Examinations at its upcoming conferences. The next Intensive Review Course is scheduled for June 21-22, 2007 (with exams on June 23-24, 2007) in conjunction with AGA's Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Nashville, TN.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2007/cgfm_exam.htm>. Space is limited - if you are interested in participating, sign up now!

Katya Silver

Director of Professional Certification Administration

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2006—2007

Chapter Recognition Program Status

By Joy Yeh, President Elect

The Chapter recognition points program is designed to benchmark our chapter's accomplishments as linked to AGA's mission. Recognition points are designated as follows:

A **Bronze Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 12,000 and 14,500

A **Silver Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 14,501 and 17,000

A **Gold Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 17,001 and 19,500

A **Platinum Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 19,501 and 22,000

The first three quarters are presented below as of January 31, 2007. This places us at the Silver level. Based on events that have already occurred in February we are at the Gold Level. Points for Membership and Awards are normally awarded during the last quarter, so we are well on our way to achieving the highest designation. Thanks to all who make this a great chapter and keep up the good work!

<u>Section</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>	<u>4th Qtr</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percent</u>
I. Chapter Leadership and Planning	1975	1425	650		3000	3000	100%
II. Education and Professional Development	3475	1475	2925		4000	4000	100%
III. Certification	1575	700	1375		3650	4000	91%
IV. Communications	2220	1977	1658		3000	3000	100%
V. Membership	100	225	300		625	3000	21%
VI. Early Career and Student Members	0	400	100		500	2000	25%
VI. Community Service	700	800	200		1200	2000	85%
VII. Awards Programs	0	0	0		0	1000	0%
Quarterly Total	10045	7002	7208		16475	22000	75%
Cumulative Total	10045	17047	24255				

President's Message Continued

tee. We have most slots filled, but for continuity, all Chairpersons need a co-chair or assistant chair to help out. If you are early in your career or experienced, the leadership, team work and organizational skills obtained by working "behind the scenes" is phenomenal. Opportunities abound for networking with local and national accounting professionals.

Currently, we are looking for early career volunteers to help us put on a "meet and greet" social, downtown, after work. I guarantee you will enjoy working on this event. We also need a newsletter editor for the coming program year; another great opportunity for an early career person or anyone who would like to develop their creative side. Software and training will be included with this opportunity. Articles are written by and distributed by others, so all it takes is putting it all together! Contact me or any EC member to volunteer or inquire about the EC happenings.

I look forward to seeing you all in March.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cavedo

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Early Career and Student Members Program

Submitted by: **Barbara Billmyer, Chairperson**

On April 12th, your chapter will sponsor a PPP - - - Pizza Party and Panel at the Virginia Commonwealth University with the Beta Alpha Psi Chapter. Two other professional organizations will be co-sponsoring it too: the IIA (International Internal Auditors) and the VLGAA (Virginia Local Government Auditing Association). There will be four panelists on the panel. Ken Gunn, CPA, CGFM, CFE, will represent your Richmond AGA chapter. Ken is the Director of Budget and Financial Reporting for the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services. Ken will enlighten the students to the many reasons to see Government Employers as a great choice for employment after graduating.



DO YOU have any suggestions or ideas? Would you like to help out in any way? If so, please call me at 344-3131 or email me at bbillmyer@vrs.state.va.us. Thanks!

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April 21, 2007 Spring Adopt-a-Highway: Be There !



Community Service News
From Fred Hoover



BLOOD DRIVE:

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED IN OUR INAUGURAL BLOOD DRIVE ON FEBRUARY 14TH, WE HAD 25 REGISTERED DONORS AND RECEIVED 22 GOOD UNITS. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT 22 DONATIONS CAN POTENTIAL SAVE 66 LIVES, AND REALIZED THAT GIVING BLOOD IS ACTUALLY HEALTHY FOR REDUCING THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE. WE HAD A LOT OF MEMBERSHIP WHO THIS WAS THEIR FIRST TIME GIVING BLOOD, I COMMEND YOU ALL THIS WAS A REALLY FEEL GOOD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, AND HOPE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBER DONORS CONSIDER GIVING IN THE FUTURE.

Donation of Eye Glasses:

During our monthly AGA meetings from March through May, we will be collecting eye glasses no longer needed by you, your family, friends, and co-workers. Just bring them to our monthly meetings and will get them to the Lions Club Recycling Center. Remember, we can help everyone a chance to see!

April 21, 2007 Spring Adopt-a-Highway:

If you missed our first event, consider joining us for the Earth Day cleanup of the AGA Adopt-a-Highway along Williamsburg in Sandston. This is a great community service event that shows AGA cares about the environment. Besides that you get exercise and great companionship.

Don't forget during our luncheon meeting on March 14th, we will be collecting two dollars or the equivalent in canned goods to donate to the Central Virginia Food Bank.





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Mission Statement and Goals

Mission: We are a diverse group of professional financial managers with the common bond to serve the public through the various levels of government and the private sector. As public servants faced with the stewardship of the public's resources, we are held to the highest standards of accountability, honesty, and trust; which we readily accept and continuously strive to attain. Therefore, by working together and assisting each other in our varied disciplines, we can enhance our knowledge, skills, and abilities to serve the public in the most efficient and effective means possible as professional government financial managers.

Goals: To provide cost effective training opportunities that focus on the diversity of our members and the needs of their organizations. These training opportunities will focus on core disciplines as well as broader subjects to promote a training regimen designed to develop a well rounded professional.

To provide a forum to share our experiences, knowledge, and talents with each other, including our individual and group efforts to assist the general public through community outreach efforts and services. All that we have and hold is useless, unless it is shared with others.

To recognize and reward outstanding individual and group accomplishments regarding service to their governmental unit, the Association of Government Accountants, the public in general. By acknowledging those who have excelled in their endeavors, we hold out examples of what we all are striving to attain in our roles as professional government financial managers.

The Back Side by Joe "The Kapp" Kapelewski CGFM, CPA, CIA

Why is this news?

(Apologies to Carlos Mencia)

A porn star dies and the country is abuzz as to where she will be buried.

Rats in a New York fast food joint make national headlines (Isn't all of NYC rat infested?).

Henrico County citizens revolt over the "appearance" of personal property tax stickers.

What has happened to America? One private citizen's life and death becomes more important than the deaths of thousands dying from malnutrition or lack of shelter.

A few rodents in a restaurant are

more important than public housing that is completely rat infested.

The appearance of a tax sticker is more important than the tax itself. Although the sticker was larger than legal, it took more news space than issues of property tax enforcement. You see them. Vehicles with out of state plates in your neighborhood for years at a time. Tax stickers from other counties always parked in your neighborhood (aka garaged). These "folks" are cheating you and the county. They suck up county services like fire, police, schools, and more, but pay no personal property taxes. This should be the news story and NOT the size or prettiness of the sticker. **Let's go America—get it in perspective!**



Hear No Evil



See No Evil



Speak No Evil



Have No Fun !