



# Association of Government Accountants Denver Chapter

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## From the Vice President . .

### Happy Holidays!!

The holiday season is almost here! On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association of Government Accountants, I'd like to wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons.

I know that this is also a very busy season. For some of us, it is busy at work, with year-end closings and other heavier workloads. For most of us, it is that extra rush to buy gifts, decorate our house, make that extra potluck meal or plan to have lots of family in the house.

But I would like to invite all of our members to join the AGA in truly giving this holiday season. As an AGA local chapter, we are asked by our National Headquarters to perform community service and give back to the local area in which our members live and work. The Board has suggested three ways in which you can help AGA-Denver perform our community service and education missions:

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**AGA's mission is to serve professionals in the government financial management community, by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.**

## **FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED):**

- ✓ To those attendees who bring two non-perishable food items to our November luncheon, we will reduce the price of the luncheon by \$5. The food collected will be given to a local food bank to make sure that those less fortunate than us can also give thanks and celebrate with a hot Thanksgiving dinner.
- ✓ If you bring a new, wrapped toy suitable for a child aged 3-12 years to our December meeting, we will again discount your luncheon by \$5. The toys will be given to a local charity that will ensure that our gifts will brighten young eyes and bring joy to a special youngster in the area.
- ✓ Finally, once your house has gotten quiet again, once the gift wrap has been taken away, once the new toys and skis have been tried out, we would like you to consider giving that most valuable gift of all: your time as a volunteer.

The AGA cannot continue to function if it does not have volunteers to keep the organization in step with its members' needs. There are a number of vacant positions on our Board (see what's available on Page 5 of this newsletter).

Many of our most active members are employed at DFAS and will be moving or retiring soon. But there is still lots to do to produce a successful PDC this April and to run the organization's monthly luncheons.

Please, once your holiday rush is over, consider contacting any one of the Board members to discuss what YOU can give back to your local chapter. We need your new ideas, your enthusiasm, your unique perspective, your expertise and your spirit of volunteerism.

Happy Holidays! And may you and yours be healthy and happy in the year to come!

**Marie T. Gingras, Ph.D.**

**Vice President – Denver AGA**

## November 2007 MEETING

**TOPIC:** "CONDUCTING PERFORMANCE AUDITS EFFICIENTLY:  
TOOLS & TECHNIQUES TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT PRODUCTIVITY"

**SPEAKERS:** **Drummond Kahn, CGFM, CIA, CGAD**  
Director of Audit Services, City of Portland, OR  
**Leslie Tanaka, CPA**  
City Auditor for the City & County of Honolulu, HI

**CPE:** 2 HOURS

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2007

**LOCATION:** SIMM'S LANDING RESTAURANT  
6<sup>th</sup> AND SIMMS (11911 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue)  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

**TIME:** 11:00 - 11:30 AM CHECK-IN & SOCIAL  
11:30 AM - LUNCH  
12:00 - 2:00 PM PRESENTATION

**COST:** AGA MEMBERS \$19.00 (New price!)  
NON-MEMBERS \$25.00 (New price!)

Please RSVP to Glen Struempf at 303-676-8087 or [glennon.struempf@dfas.mil](mailto:glennon.struempf@dfas.mil) by **COB Monday, 12 November 2007.**

### HIGHLIGHTS

From leveraging staff reports to actively writing reports, from condensing audit background to amplifying audit results, this audioconference presents a wealth of ideas to enhance audit planning, fieldwork and reporting to boost your office's performance audit yield.

**AS AN ADDED BENEFIT,  
ANY ATTENDEE WHO CONTRIBUTES 2 NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS RECEIVES A \$5  
DISCOUNT ON THE ADMISSION PRICE!**

Share the spirit of the season and help those in need while receiving 2 CPEs of credit! All food items will be donated to a local charity feeding those less fortunate than ourselves.

## 2007/2008 MONTHLY MEETINGS

August 8, 2007	<i>Performance Mgmt &amp; Reporting</i> (Audio Conference)
September, 2007	Live Speaker
October, 2007	Live Speaker
November 14, 2007	<i>Tools for Performance Audit Efficiency</i> (Audio Conf.)
December 12, 2007	<i>Anatomy of Fraud: Case Examples of Greed, Collusion, and Override of Controls</i> (Audio Conference)
January, 2008	Live Speaker
February 6, 2008	<i>Internal Controls</i> (Audio Conference)
March 5, 2008	<i>Environmental Fraud</i> (Audio Conference)
April 29/30, 2008	Denver AGA PDC
May, 2008	Awards/Live Speaker

## TRAINING

Besides the monthly meetings, check out the training opportunities offered by the national AGA office. Go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/events/calendarlisting.aspx> to see these training opportunities.

Courses to help prepare you to take the CGFM exam are being offered in downtown Denver in late January! Contact Margaret Lindsay at Management Concepts for dates, registration information and location. You can reach Margaret at [mlindsay@managementconcepts.com](mailto:mlindsay@managementconcepts.com).



## CAREER CORNER

There is a link on the home page where jobs in governmental accounting, budget, financial management are periodically listed. If you know of positions that are opening in your agency, please send an email with details or a link to [miriam.banach@dfas.mil](mailto:miriam.banach@dfas.mil).

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