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**Denver Chapter**

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Your officers and I wish you the warmest Valentine's Day greeting.

Our next meeting is February 15, 2006. The theme of this meeting is "CHANGEWORKS". Robert Cornell is the speaker. Again this is a lunchtime meeting. Two (2) CPEs will be given with this meeting. Check out the details of this meeting in the Meeting portion of the newsletter.

The March meeting is on March 1, 2006. This is an audio-conference meeting. The theme of this meeting is "THE IMPLICATIONS OF SARBANES-OXLEY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE AUDITING PROFESSION". Two (2) CPEs will be given at this meeting. The announcement for this meeting will be on our website in February.

The Professional Development Conference is quickly approaching. The theme of this year's conference is "MANAGING CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING ". Sixteen (16) CPEs will be given at the conference. The dates are April 19-20, 2006. Get the registration form and agenda at [www.denveraga.org](http://www.denveraga.org). This will be a very informative conference.

**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 PRESIDENT (CONTINUED):**

Karla Gomez-Meyer will be the chapter President next year. She is starting to put together her team of officers. She needs your help. Please call her at 720-913-1544 to become a part of next year's board. The last couple of years the board has had a lot of federal employees.

With DFAS closing, we need to get more state, local, and other federal agency people on the board. Please consider helping your association by becoming a board member.

Have a nice January. See you at the February meeting.

**"Meeting Notice: Our next AGA audio conference will be March 1 2006 from 12-2 PM MT. The subject of this 2 hour conference is "Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley for the Future of the Auditing Profession".**

CGFM CORNER

If you are interested in obtaining information about the Certified Government Financial Manager Certificate (CGFM), please contact the national AGA office at 1-800-AGA-7211, or [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org). The CGFM application form can be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMapplicationform.pdf>  
Good Luck to all personnel who took advantage of the discount offered by the national office last year.

The ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS'S Denver Chapter  
PRESENTS IT'S  
20TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE:  
*"Managing Change in Government Accounting"*  
April 19-20, 2006  
Radisson Hotel – Denver Southeast  
3200 South Parker Road  
Aurora, Colorado 80014  
(303)695-1700  
Registration forms are available at [www.denveraga.org](http://www.denveraga.org).

**MONTHLY MEETING    MONTHLY  
MEETING MONTHLY MEETING**

**TOPIC: CHANGeworks -THE  
NATURE OF CHANGE**

**SPEAKER: ROBERT CORNELL, CMI**

**CPE: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2006**

**LOCATION:    RADISSON HOTEL  
3333 QUEBEC ST.  
DENVER, COLORADO**

**TIME: 11:00 – 11:30 AM CHECK-IN &  
SOCIAL**

**11:30 -                    LUNCH**

**12:00 – 2:00 PM    SPEAKER**

**COST: AGA MEMBERS - \$25.00  
NON-MEMBERS - 30.00**

**MENU: CAJUN CHICKEN WITH PENNE PASTA**

**Spicy Cajun Chicken Breast served with Penne and a Creamy Creole Sauce**

**Fresh Market Vegetables**

**VEGETARIAN MEAL – UPON REQUEST**

**Please RSVP to Patrick Mulcahy at 303-231-3330 or  
[www.Patrick.Mulcahy@mms.gov](mailto:www.Patrick.Mulcahy@mms.gov) by COB Monday, 2/13/2006.**

**TOPIC and BIOGRAPHY**

**ChangeWorks focuses attention on the individual who must make a change. It reveals how someone is responding to any existing or imminent change in his/her life. It focuses that individual's attention and fine-tunes an approach for implementing change.**

**Bob Cornell has come a long way since his first job with Maiden Form Bra Company. Since 1978 he has served as a nationally-recognized facilitator, trainer and consultant. He is the founder of the People Skills Institute Inc. which has been selected as the Rocky Mountain Regional Supplier of the Year and the National Supplier of the Year.**

**Bob's work experience spans both the private and public sectors. He has held numerous executive and management positions ranging from supervisor to CEO – and counts education, retail, training, real estate, government, hospitality and public safety among the many industries he's touched. His efforts have earned him countless accolades, including receiving the President's Award from Accor Economy Lodging (Motel 6/Red Roof Inns) for his contribution to the development of their managers across the USA.**

**Bob is a Certified MasterStream instructor and holds a seat on its Board of Advisors. He is also a certified instructor for Developing Dimensions International (DDI), Human Synergistics Inc. and Fred Pryor/Career Track Seminars. Bob is a nationally Certified Professional Development Trainer and a Certified Mediator. He is the Senior Associate Director of the Colorado chapter of the National Bureau of Certified Consultants and member of the Executive Advisory Board of National Bureau of Certified Consultants. He has served on the Board of Directors of several corporations and takes an active role in his area's Chambers of Commerce.**

## **Last Month's board meeting minutes:**

### ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS - DENVER CHAPTER JANUARY 9, 2006 - OFFICER'S MEETING NOTES

Officer's Present: Patrick Mulcahy, Karla Gomez Meyer, James Caldwell, Karl Greve, Dave Lewis, & Glenn Struempf

The meeting started at 5:40 PM.

#### February Newsletter

The board decided that the articles for the February newsletter need to be to Rita Debraccio by January 20, 2005.

#### Monthly Meetings

The January meeting is set for January 11, 2005. The meeting will be at the Radisson Hotel at 3333 Quebec Street, 11:00am-1:00pm. One CPE will be given for this meeting.

The board talked about the February meeting. The meeting will be on February 15, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel. The speaker is Bob Cornell. The meeting times are 11:00am-2:00pm. Two CPEs will be given at this meeting.

#### Financial Report

No financial report was given because the December bank statement had not arrived at the mailbox. The financial report would be given to the board members at the January 11, 2006 meeting if the statement arrives.

#### Community Service

Dave Lewis said that he was adding two new volunteer opportunities to the list. He was also researching a charitable project that our association could participate in later this spring.

#### Scholarships

Glenn said that the deadline for scholarship applications was at the end of January. So far not many applications have been received. Pat said he would check the mailbox.

#### Professional Development Conference

The board talked about the progress on the PDC. The registration application would be on the website later in the week. The board decided to meet on Saturday, January 14, 2006 to go over issues and speakers. The program is almost set.

#### Training

The board talked about doing joint meetings with other professional organizations. We will have to look into this for next year as our programs are set for this year. We will announce training opportunities in the newsletter and the website when we are aware of the programs.

#### New Business

There was no new business discussed at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

The next officers meeting will be on February 7, 2006.

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

MARCH 1, 2006 - Audio-Conference Meeting – 2 CPE  
“Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley for the Future of the Auditing Profession”

APRIL 19-20, 2006 - Professional Development Conference -  
THEME – “MANAGING CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING

MAY, 2006 - Awards Banquet

## **Membership Drive**

Every member is challenged to recruit at least one new member so that our chapter will “Go For Growth”. On your mark, get set, GO. Let’s help others benefit from the membership in AGA Denver Chapter. Contact Sylvia Taylor-Porter, Membership Chair at 303.676.7750 or [sylvia.taylor-porter@dfas.mil](mailto:sylvia.taylor-porter@dfas.mil) for additional information. Membership forms are available on the National website at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) or by contacting the Membership Chair.

## **TRAINING**

Besides the monthly meetings, check out the training opportunities offered by the national AGA office. There are three national conferences coming this fiscal year. Go to [AGACGFM.org/conferences](http://AGACGFM.org/conferences) to see these training opportunities.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Sent on behalf of Workforce Development...*

### **Want to help lift Denver's low-income families out of poverty?**

#### **YOU can help them get tax refunds -- no experience required!**

You don't need to be an accountant or even a computer whiz to lend a hand to Denver's hard-working low-income families.

**The City and County of Denver is calling for volunteers on behalf of the Denver Asset Building Coalition (DABC), which will operate a single [Free Tax SuperSite](#) in 2006 located at:**

**The King Trimble Center  
2980 Curtis Street  
Denver, CO 80205**

**If you are interested in volunteering, please complete an online application, at <http://www.denverabc.org/volunteers06.htm>.**

**Please put "City of Denver" in the "Referred By" field.**

The DABC will train you to help file tax returns for struggling single moms, parents who have lost their jobs, immigrant families who cannot speak English, and others hurt most by the economy. DABC tax law training is offered online, through a self-study course, or in the classroom in December and January. E-file training to prepare returns using a computer will be provided to all volunteers in January.

**Volunteers are asked to commit to at least 24 hours (after training) between January 28 and April 17, 2006. In exchange for your commitment, you can do your family's taxes for free using the latest IRS software at the SuperSite!**

**The Problem:** Even with a steady job, many working families are struggling to make ends meet. They may be stuck in low-wage jobs due to their education status or past work history. In addition to having limited income, many of these families are not connected to the "financial mainstream." Some don't have bank accounts, others may be in debt or have bad credit, and many don't own a home.

**The Solution:** The [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (EITC) is a powerful work incentive and antipoverty tool that has benefited millions of low-income families since its inception. The EITC is a refundable credit offered through the Internal Revenue Service to working families that, in 2004, earn less than \$35,458.

National estimates indicate that approximately 15% of eligible families do not claim the EITC. Some don't think they're eligible. Some families may feel that since they owe too little to have to file that there's no benefit to them filing at all. Education and free tax preparation are crucial to these families.

The average EITC in Denver last year for families earning less than \$36,000 was more than \$1,600. This money can make all the difference in remaining financially stable. If you are bilingual in Spanish, Russian, or Korean, you would also be a great asset to any of the tax preparation sites.

For additional information, please visit the DABC website: [www.DenverABC.org](http://www.DenverABC.org)

### **"Habitat for Humanity"**

This project is in need of volunteers. Please contact Barbara at 720-272-2116 for details.

**American Cancer Society Seeks Volunteers, Relay For Life Teams in Lowry**  
*Contributed by Dianne Jordan, Lowry Resident and Lowry Redevelopment Authority Human Resource Manager*



The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers and teams for the 2006 Relay for Life at Lowry.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer), remember loved ones, and raise money for the fight against cancer.

"Relay For Life is an awareness-raiser about the progress against cancer as much as it is a fundraiser," said Amy Richardson, Relay for Life Event Coordinator, for the American Cancer Society. "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event, as a volunteer or participant, have made a commitment to fight back against this disease and let the community know that you can beat cancer."

Teams of 8-15 members gather with tents and sleeping bags to participate in the largest fundraising walk in the nation. Relay For Life brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, churches...people from all walks of life. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the Relay, all with the goal of eliminating cancer.

**Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment, and lend their support in any way.**

If you would like to volunteer on the Relay For Life at Lowry committee, or serve as a team captain, contact [Dianne Jordan](#) at 303-343-0276. [Click here](#) to learn about Lowry's 2006 Relay for Life at Lowry committee positions.

*For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).*

# Join the American Cancer Society's Brightest Event of the Year!

*Give daffodils...Give hope...Give daffodils...Give hope...Give daffodils...Give hope*

## **Daffodil Days**

Fresh daffodils shipped from the flower fields of the Pacific Northwest...signaling nature's rebirth and hope for a cancer-free future. These brilliant flowers arrive at your location ready to chase away winter doldrums. Don't let springtime pass you by. Order your bouquets today!

### **Join the fight.**

You can help by taking daffodil orders from friends or coworkers, attending a festive wrapping party, delivering daffodils to local hospitals, purchasing daffodils, and much more.

### **Celebrate Daffodil Days Week.**

The peak of Daffodil Days season is when bright daffodils are delivered to businesses, churches, schools and homes. It's the perfect time to decorate your desk with daffodils, daffodils, and more daffodils! There is no better way to celebrate life and ensure a healthier future.

**If you have ever looked into the eyes of someone with cancer, you know what Daffodil Days is all about.**

### **Research to find a cure.**

Your donations have helped the American Cancer Society become the nation's largest source of private, non-profit cancer research funds, which makes you part of nearly every milestone in the history of cancer research, including the work of 32 Nobel Prize winners.

### **Education to prevent cancer and detect cancer early.**

People have the power to reduce their cancer risk, and your donations help them do it through American Cancer Society educational programs, our 24-hour resource line (1.800.ACS.2345) and a Web site, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

### **Advocacy to enact policies that save lives.**

By partnering with the American Cancer Society, you are helping to ensure that policy-makers address cancer issues in a timely manner with the attention and funding they need, including tobacco control, cancer research, and coverage for cancer screening and treatment.

### **Services for cancer patients, survivors and their families.**

When the cancer experience is personal your contributions help the American Cancer Society offer many programs for patients and their families, including visitation programs, educational classes, and camps for children with cancer.

## **Sign Up!**

### **Choose from the options below:**

#### **Be a Daffodil Days representative.**

During January and February, you can sign up as a representative to take orders and payments for bouquets of daffodils from co-workers, friends and family. Daffodils are available with or without decorative glass vases.

#### **Place your orders.**

Here's a great way for individuals and corporations to show appreciation to employees, customers, clients and friends. Daffodils are available in both large and small orders.

#### **Volunteer.**

Join the Daffodil Days committee and help plan your local Daffodil Days event. Volunteers needed for selling daffodils, planning and delivery.

#### **Next Step:**

1. Complete the order form on page 2.
2. Send your completed order form with payment to the Daffodil Days coordinator at your company by Friday, February 24, 2006.
3. Orders will be delivered to your company the week of March 6, 2006.

**Thank you!**

# American Cancer Society

## Daffodil Days Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Daffodil Days

Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Order

Qty.	Total	Description	
_____	\$_____	<b>Minimum Donation</b>	
_____	\$_____	Bouquet of 10 daffodils	\$10 each
_____	\$_____	Bouquet with vase	\$15 each
_____	\$_____	Gift of Hope*	\$15 each
_____	\$_____	Half-case (25 bouquets)	\$225 each
_____	\$_____	Full case (50 bouquets)	\$425 each
_____	\$_____	Full case with vases	\$625 each

\* Bouquet in vase delivered as an anonymous gift to a cancer patient. Due to logistics, we cannot specify who will receive the gift.

**Total Dollar Amount \$**---- \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of Payment

Cash

Check, payable to: American Cancer Society

Credit Card (\$25 minimum)

Master Card    Visa                      AMEX

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name on card \_\_\_\_\_

### Delivery Information

Daffodils will be delivered to your office during the week of March 6, 2006.

*(Total company order must be \$100 or more to be eligible for delivery.)*

Delivery

Pick up

Gift of Hope

Contribution only (no flowers)

**Orders must be received by Friday, February 24, 2006.**

Please send order form to:

Amy Richardson, American Cancer Society

2255 S. Oneida Street, Denver, CO 80224

Fax: 303-759-1615    Email: arichardson@cancer.org



*John W. Richardson*  
Mayor

## City & County of Denver

### *Department of Human Services*

Accredited by Child Welfare League of America Since 1949

1200 Federal Boulevard  
Denver, Colorado 80204-3122  
Phone: 720-944-3666  
FAX: 720-944-2129

December 14, 2005

Ms. Karla Gomez-Meyer  
Division of Housing and Neighborhood Development  
201 West Colfax Avenue, Dept. 204  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Ms. Gomez-Meyer,

Thank you so much for the huge donation of toys for our Santa's Toy Bag program this year! I would like to assure you that each and every wonderful present will be given to needy children who might otherwise have been forgotten this holiday season.

I am enclosing a tax donation receipt that you are welcome to copy and distribute to those who contributed to this exceptionally wonderful donation. Please thank them for us and tell them that it is only with the help of thoughtful and generous people like them (and you!) that we at Human Services are able to make people's lives a little better.  
*Please accept my sincere thanks and very best wishes for the holidays!*

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chrisanne Wilhelmi".

Chrisanne Wilhelmi  
Program Manager,  
Marketing and Volunteer Programs

## **Education Corner:**

CPEs: Earn CPEs through on-line classes using SMART-PROS;  
<http://education.smartpros.com/main> (Financial Management Network)

CDFM: Sponsored through ASMC. To apply:  
<http://www.asmc certification.com>

CGFM: Sponsored through AGA. To apply:  
<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfmdefault.aspx>

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:**

### **CGFM Exam 3 Study Guide Now Available!**

Be sure to order the new Study Guide for CGFM Exam 3: *Governmental Financial Management and Control* to help in your preparation for the examination.

Check the AGA National web site for details.

## **Career Corner:**

Federal Civil Service employment: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

Denver City employment: <http://www.denvergov.org/Jobs/jobsm.asp>

Colorado State employment: <http://www.state.co.us/jobinfo.html>

AGA Career Bank listings: <http://www.aga.careerbank.com>

## **AGA Community Service:**

Food drive, toy drive, and opportunity to help low-income with their taxes.

## **Scholarship Program:**

Scholarship program included two \$1000 scholarships.

## **Treasurer's Report:** FY2006 Budget.

Budget \$21,100; Expenses (PDC) \$8,500; Monthly meetings \$7100; Other \$7,600 Total Expenses \$23,100 Net Income/Loss (\$2,000)

## 2005 DENVER CHAPTER AGA OFFICERS

Vince Lithgow	Regional Vice-President
Patrick Mulcahy	President
Karla Gomez-Meyer	President-Elect
Beth Machann	Immediate Past Chapter President
Karla Gomez-Meyer	Co-Vice President - PDC
	Co-Vice President - Monthly Programs
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Rita Debraccio	Vice President - Communications
Glen Struempf	Secretary
James Caldwell	Treasurer
	Treasurer-Elect
	Director of Awards
	Director of CGFM Programs
David Lewis	Director of Community Service
	Director of Early Careers/Mentoring
	Director of Education
	Director of Emerging Issues/Research
	Director of Employment
	Director of Agency Coordination
Sylvia Taylor-Porter	Director of Membership
	Director of Publicity
	Director of Recognition
Robin Moreno	Director of Scholarships
Karl Greve	Director of Webmaster