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President's Message

Hello again!

Our Spring, 2009 Continuing Education conference will be held February 19, 2009 at the Roanoke Higher Education Center.

We have some excellent speakers lined up for the upcoming event: Katherine Johnston with Advancement Ink, LLC will be speaking on budgeting followed by Barry Faison with Virginia Retirement Services. The afternoon speakers will be Lisa Suardi with the Internal Revenue Service speaking on taxable fringe benefits and Mary Edwards with a session on stress management. Our membership chairman, Patty Belcher, CPA, CGFM will hold a session on how to prepare for your annual audit.

The cost of the conference will be \$50 for non members and \$35 for members. Lunch and morning refreshments will be provided by Seasons and Occasions.

If you do not receive a bro-

chure for this conference and would like to attend, please email Deanna Cox at dcox@rfca.com or call our office at 540-382-0502.

March has been designated CGFM (Certified Governmental Financial Manager) month.



Last year two of our chapter members, Patty Belcher and Lisa Wensil, passed the exam. If you have questions about the exam, I would encourage you to contact either of these members or go to the AGA website for further information.

If anyone would like to become more involved with our chapter and would like a meeting held in your area, please email me at bflora@rfca.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 19th at 5:45 p.m. at Shoney's in Dublin. The April meeting is scheduled for April 23 at 5:45 at the Mount Rogers Community Services Board Building in Wytheville. There are car-pools available from Christiansburg.

Brenda A. Flora

Brenda Flora
Chapter President



Joke of the Month

How many accountants does it take to change a light bulb?

How much money do you have?

Roanoke Chapter News

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Meeting locations will be announced a few days prior to each meeting. As member participation increases, the meeting locations and dates will be rotated in an effort to give all members a chance to attend and become involved in the Chapter.

The Roanoke Chapter will hold its next meeting in March. The location and date are to be announced. All members are encouraged to attend. Guests are always welcome.

If you need more information, please call Brenda at 540-382-0502 or email her at bflora@rfca.com.

Committee Chairs

Membership - Patty Belcher
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Other AGA Information

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL NEWS

The Roanoke Chapter is part of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Visit the Mid-Atlantic website at www.geocities.com/agamidatlantic for up-to-date information on the Mid-Atlantic leadership.

NATIONAL NEWS

For National news, please visit the AGA's website at www.agacgfm.org.

CPE OPPORTUNITIES

Roanoke AGA Spring Conference
 Roanoke Higher Ed Center, Roanoke, VA
 February 19

National Leadership Conference
 Washington, DC February 19-20.

Information regarding these conferences may be obtained at www.agacgfm.org.

CPE hours may also be earned by taking a quiz online on each *Journal of Government Financial Management*. CPE certificates are printed immediately upon completion.

MEMBER INFORMATION ONLINE

Update your personal information online. Just go to www.agacgfm.org to the "Member Information" Section.

Renew your membership for 2008-2009 by logging onto the AGA website under Member Services.

To join the AGA, obtain an application on the above website.



CGFM INFORMATION

All members are encouraged to become CGFM's. Information about how you can become a CGFM is on the AGA's website.

The Roanoke Chapter has purchased study guides that may be checked out by Chapter members for use in studying for the CGFM exam.

Southwest Virginia Training Center Christmas Party (Note from Lisa Wensil)

I just wanted to let everyone know the Christmas sponsorship/party was a huge success. I teamed up with Diane Parker's (from our HR Dept) Sunday School Church group on Tuesday evening December 16th. We delivered the packages and had cake, punch and cheese puffs. Cheese puffs are always a hit due to the fact they kinda melt and don't present a choking hazard. Food Lion in Wytheville donated the sheet cakes. With our help, all 12-A and 12-B got to have a very special Christmas event. I wrapped 12 gifts for each of our guys and 7 for Sandy. I added a few things to hers. She had picked out a certain comforter set at Wal-Mart. I included a sweater and mock neck tee to match along with a pair of PJ's and some snack cakes. I have attached a list of all the items we were able to provide.

We sang Christmas Carols and took requests such as "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" and others. Diane attends Heritage Church in Dublin. She is also familiar with Fairview Home. Several of Fairview Home's clients/residents attend their services.

Each person opened one present and the rest went under their trees. The guys have one and the ladies have one in their individual living areas. The party was held in the Coca-Cola theme decorated dining room that they all share.

Bob Goldstein, his wife and son led the singing. He brought his guitar and his son brought his percussion set. He ministers to special needs groups. The interaction and fellowship was just simply incredible. I cannot begin to describe the smiles and excitement expressed by our clients. They sang along and knew the words better than I did. Of course, I can't carry a tune in a bucket.

I have personally not been able to attend the events at Fairview home. But I must say I had the best time and now I am able to appreciate what I have missed.. I apologize for not inviting everyone to attend, but it was re-scheduled at the last minute. It was originally planned for Saturday and I was not going to be able to attend. Please let me know if you want to attend any of the activities here and I will help arrange it better next time.

Once again "Thanks and have a Blessed Merry Christmas".

Lisa B. Wensil

