

Boston Chapter Calendar of Events

Local

December 3, 2009

Boston Chapter
Annual Holiday Party
Maggiano's Little Italy
Boston, MA



December 15, 2009

Boston Chapter
Executive Committee
Meeting



December 16, 2009

Audio Conference
Occupational Fraud
Federal Reserve Building



National

February 2010

AGA National
Leadership
Conference
Washington, DC



July 11 - 14, 2010

AGA Professional
Developmental
Conference
Orlando, FL



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President's Message

On Thursday December 3, 2009 the Boston Chapter will host our annual holiday party at Maggiano's Little Italy in Boston. This is a fantastic opportunity to network with fellow government financial professionals. The party will offer great food and an opportunity to assist others who are less fortunate. The party will benefit Christmas in the City once again.

Christmas in the City is a local organization that provides a fun holiday party for children and their parents living in local homeless shelters. We encourage attendees to consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy and/or personal hygiene item to donate to Christmas in the City. Any items to donate to the annual Community Service fundraising raffle would also be greatly appreciated. The Boston Chapter thanks you in advance for your help with this initiative.

On another matter, the Education Committee has been working diligently this year to ensure that members receive quality continuing professional education (CPE) training in the areas of government auditing, accounting and financial management, particularly those that emphasize accountability and transparency. Training events for the upcoming months will include an audio conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston on December 16, 2009 featuring the latest trends in occupational fraud. Special Agent William Rose of the FBI (retired) will start off the session by sharing his professional experience with occupational fraud. This event will offer 3 CPE's. On January 21, 2010 the Boston Chapter will host our Winter Seminar on IT Security and Management at the JFK Building. Please be sure to check the training schedule in our newsletter and on our website for future events and dates.

On behalf of the Boston Chapter Executive Committee, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and joyful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all at the holiday party and our upcoming training events.

Joe Valchuis

Save the Date!

Boston Chapter Annual Holiday Party at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA



To register, please contact Howard Olsher, CGFM at Howard.Olsher@sao.state.ma.us or via phone at 617-727-6200.



The Boston Chapter of the AGA will
host its annual
Holiday Party / Charity
Fundraiser on **December 3, 2009**.

Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant in Boston is always a great host with excellent food. This event is our major annual charitable fundraiser.

This year, we are sponsoring a raffle at our Annual Holiday Charity Luncheon. Items will include gift certificates, admission tickets to sporting events, museums, wine and other prizes. We will donate the proceeds from our auction to **Christmas in the City**, a local organization that provides a fun-filled party for children (and their parents) from local homeless shelters.

We are asking attendees to please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy and/or personal hygiene items to the luncheon. These items will help **Christmas in the City** ensure that each of their guests receives a holiday gift.

Registration: 11:30

Session: 12:00 - 1:30

Cost:

Members \$ 20
Non-Members \$ 25

Planned Menu: (served family style)

Mushroom Ravioli
Mozzarella Marinara
Caesar Salad
Maggiano's Salad
Lasagna
Chicken & Spinach Manicotti
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Chicken Marsalla
Tiramisu
Apple Crostada

Community Service Events 2009 – 2010

- Sept. 22, 2009** N.E. Shelter for Homeless Veterans serving dinner
- Sep 24, 2009** Seminar at Lombardo's—"Go Green" and Animal Shelter Donations collected
- Oct 22, 2009** Fall Workshop at Volpe Bldg—"Go Green" Donations collected.
- Nov. 11, 2009** Distribution of meals to veterans
- Nov. 17, 2009** Fall Workshop—"Go Green" Donations collected.
- Dec 3, 2009** Annual Holiday Charity Lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy to benefit Christmas in the City
- Jan 21, 2010** Winter Seminar at Volpe Bldg—"Go Green" Donations collected
- Feb. 2, 2010** National Groundhog Job Shadow Day
- Feb 11, 2010** Winter Workshop—"Go Green" Donations collected.
- Mar 9, 2010** Regional PDC at Bentley College—"Go Green" Donations collected.
- June, 2010** Donation to National Community Service Committee

During a recent password audit, it was found that a person was using the following password:

"Mickeyminnieplutohueylouiedeweydonaldgoofy"

When asked why such a big password, she said that it had to be at least 8 characters long.



Annual Holiday Luncheon and Charity Raffle
Thursday, December 3, 2009
at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA

The Association of Government Accountants - Boston Chapter is pleased to announce its annual Charity Raffle for the benefit of *Christmas in the City*®. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or "an arm's length" for \$10.

The Community Service Committee offers a special thank you to the local businesses and organizations for their donations. We ask our members and friends to support them. The following is a list of raffle items donated as of November 1st.

- **Boston Red Sox – Dustin Pedroia Autographed Photo**
 The Red Sox, Boston's famous major league baseball team, was founded in 1901 as one of the American League's eight charter franchises. The "Red Sox" name originates from the iconic uniform feature. Every home game since May 15, 2003 has been sold out – a span of over six years and a major league baseball record.
- **Boston Celtics – Paul Pierce Autographed Basketball**
 The Celtics, Boston's famous major league basketball team, with the most championships in NBA history is in another exciting season vying for championship number 18.
- **EcoTarium – Family Pass (2 adults and 2 children)**
 EcoTarium is a museum of science and nature where visitors are encouraged to explore the natural world through a unique indoor-outdoor experience. The museum features hands-on exhibits, indoor and outdoor wildlife habitats, interpretive nature trails, a living pond and meadow exhibit, a planetarium, the region's only treetop walkway, and narrow-gauge train.
- **Heritage Gardens and Museums – 2 Complimentary Passes**
 The Museum is famous for its Dexter Rhododendrons that bloom late May into early June. The beautifully landscaped grounds are a naturalized woodland park on the edge of upper Shawme Pond in Sandwich, MA. A Shaker round barn houses the J. K. Lilly III Antique Automobile Collection with its stunning display of antique automobiles. The American History Museum has several new exhibits. An operating hand-carved carousel and many of America's most distinguished artists' works are on exhibit in the Art Museum.
- **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum – 4 Complimentary Passes**
 An intimate Venetian palace in the heart of Boston, with three floors of galleries surrounding a flower-filled courtyard, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is home to more than 5,000 art objects, spanning 30 centuries, including masterworks by Botticelli, Titian, Raphael, Rembrandt, Degas, and Sargent. Opened to the public in 1903, the museum's collection, together with its historic and contemporary special exhibits, concerts, and public programs, continues to celebrate personal connections with art.
- **JFK Library and Museum – 4 "Two for One Admission" Passes**
 The Library and Museum is a research and educational center focusing on the life and times of John F. Kennedy, while also highlighting the career of his brother Robert F. Kennedy, and the accomplishments of First Lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy.
- **Middleton Golf Course – 1 Round of Golf for 2 Persons (weekday only)**
 The Middleton Golf Course is a beautiful 18 hole, Par 3 golf course that measures a challenging 3,215 yards. The Brown family constructed the course in 1965, with the professional design services of noted golf course architect, Geoffrey S. Cornish. Holes vary in length from 115 to 240 yards, with large tees and greens, and gently rolling fairways.
- **Roger Williams Park Zoo – 2 Complimentary Admission Passes**
 As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Roger Williams Park Zoo is dedicated to providing excellent care for our animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. Of the more than 150 species at the zoo, 20 are AZA Species Survival Plan (SSP) animals.



Annual Holiday Luncheon and Charity Raffle

Thursday, December 3, 2009
at Maggiano's Little Italy, Boston, MA

- **New England Patriots Charitable Foundation** – Derrick Burgess autographed football
The New England Patriots, commonly called the “Pats”, was an original member of the American Football League and joined the National Football League in the 1970 merger of both leagues. Through the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation, the team and the Kraft family are proud to support numerous non-profit organizations throughout New England.
- **Salem Wax Museum** – Salem Hysteria Passes (two free passes for two admissions to The Salem Wax Museum of Witches & Seafarers and the Salem Witch Village)
The Salem Wax Museum is composed of eerily life-like London made wax figures that depict Salem’s vivid history from its founding in 1626 through the terrifying Hysteria of 1692. Come face to face with such notable Salem figures as the famed author of the Scarlet Letter and The House of the Seven Gables – Nathaniel Hawthorne, the pirates of New England, the merciless witch Trials judge Colonel John Hawthorne, and Tituba the accused “witch” who helped fuel the hysteria of 1692 – just to name a few!
- **Shattuck Golf Club in Jaffrey, NH** – Complimentary Round of Golf for 4
Championship golf at the foot of Mount Monadnock – Carved from the granite foothills of Mt. Monadnock, the Shattuck Golf Club is one of the most visually stunning golf courses you’ll ever play. Each hole is framed by forests of oak, birch and pine, shielding it from the view of other holes so you never feel crowded.
- **Southwick’s Zoo** – 2 Complimentary General Admission Passes
Southwick’s is a family owned zoo. The Southwick team’s mission: to provide an extensive zoological collection and educational facility for our visitors. We strive to promote an exciting environment for a positive family experience.
- **Volleyball Hall of Fame** – 2 Family Pack of Passes
In 1978 a nonprofit corporation was established for the purpose of planning, promoting, establishing and maintaining a living memorial to the sport of volleyball. William G. Morgan, inventor of volleyball at the Holyoke YMCA in 1895 was honored posthumously as the first inductee of the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1985.
- **Zoo New England** – 4 Complimentary Admission Passes
Zoo New England is a private, non-profit organization responsible for the operation of Franklin Park Zoo in Boston and Stone Zoo in Stoneham, MA. Its mission is to inspire people to protect and sustain the natural world for future generations by creating fun and engaging experiences that integrate wildlife and conservation programs, research and education.

And the following items have been donated by AGA – Boston Chapter members and friends:

- “Pamper Yourself” Gift Basket
- \$25 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card
- Bushnell Medalist 4x20 Laser Rangefinder
- “Mystery” Bottles of Wine
- \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card

Note: The Massachusetts Lottery Commission must be notified of winners of prizes valued at more than \$25.

*Christmas in the City is a 100% volunteer run non-profit organization established in 1989 whose mission is to support and mentor Boston’s homeless families. Their work includes helping families make a successful transition from homelessness to independent living. Each year Christmas in the City helps thousands of children and their families living in shelters celebrate a memorable holiday season at their annual Christmas Party.

Boston Chapter AGA Educational Opportunity Full Day Seminar

“IT Security Management”

Date: January 21, 2010
Location: JFK Federal Building
Cambridge, MA

Registration: 8:00 - 8:30
AM Session: 8:30 - 12:00
Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 (on your own)
PM Session: 1:00 - 4:30
CPEs: 7

Cost: Members \$60; Non-Members \$85

The AGA – Boston Chapter is pleased to announce a seminar on *“IT Security Management”* to be held at the JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

This seminar will have discussions on a number of issues relating to IT Security and Cybercrime including data theft, mainframe security and security of personal electronics such as PDA, cell phones and Blackberries.

Scheduled Presenters are :

Fred Howell, Bose Corp
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dan Walsh, Mass Information Technology
Division
Joan Shea, Mass Office of the Comptroller
Kurt Dalton, Mass Information Technology
Division
AGO Cybercrime Division (invited)

Seven (7) CPE's will be awarded for this full day of training. Lunch is on your own. The JFK Federal Building is easily accessible to public transportation and there are a number of paid parking garages in the area.

Hope to see you there and bring a friend!



AGA Audio Conference



“Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud”

Date: December 16, 2009
Location: Federal Reserve Building
Boston, MA, 3rd Floor, Room A/V3

Registration: 12:30 - 1:00
Speaker: 1:00 - 2:00
Session: 2:00 - 4:00
CPEs: 3

Cost: Members Free, Non-Members \$20

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers and the Association of Local Government Auditors is pleased to announce a new and increasingly important topic to our audio conference schedule, The Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud.

Government financial managers and auditors at all levels will gain a much better understanding of the challenges facing our organizations regarding the impact of fraud and corruption. This audio conference will cover multiple topics including the latest statistics of occupational fraud and corruption, the impact of fraud and corruption on the workplace and economy and trends in detection of fraud impact of internal control systems on the prevention, detection and deterrence of fraud and corruption.

To share his practical experience in auditing and academic research on internal controls and fraud is **William A. Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA**, Chair of Accountancy, CIS and Finance, Delta State University, AGA National President, AGA Past National Treasurer, and Chair, AGA National Executive Committee.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speakers' commentary, 20 minutes is set aside for questions.

Any individual that may require special accommodations for the disabled at any Boston Chapter Training should communicate this and include the information in their registration prior to the event.

Calendar of Events Program Year 2009 - 2010

August 12, 2009

Audio Conference - Stimulus Spending Controls
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs

September 1, 2009

Audio Conference - Grants Management
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs

September 2, 2009

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
4 CPEs

September 24, 2009

Fall Seminar - Fraud
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
7 CPEs

October 7, 2009

Audio Conference - Internal Controls for Auditors
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs

October 22, 2009

Fall Seminar - ARRA Reporting: Is it Working?
Volpe Transportation Building, Cambridge, MA
6 CPEs

December 3, 2009

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and Charity Fundraiser**
Magianno's, Boston, MA

December 16, 2009

Audio Conference - Trends in Occupational Fraud
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs

January 21, 2010

Winter Seminar - IT Security Management
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA
7 CPEs

March 9, 2010

Regional Professional Development Conference
Bentley University, Waltham, MA
8 CPEs

April 15, 2010

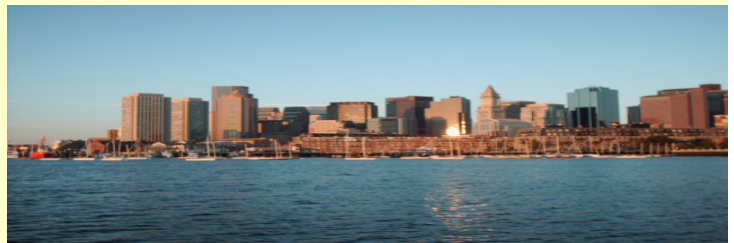
Spring Workshop
Emergency Preparedness
4 CPEs

May 19, 2010

Audio Conference - Ethics
Federal Reserve Building, Boston, MA
3 CPEs

June 2010

**Chapter End of Year
Appreciation Dinner**
TBD



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How Do I Maintain a CGFM?

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's *Code of Ethics*. In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFMs must be in an active status.

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.
- Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects (within the designated two-year cycle).
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.
- By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics* and that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE Requirements.

All active CGFMs must renew their certification annually. At the beginning of each year, invoices will be sent to all active CGFMs. Annual CGFM renewal payments are due by March 31. AGA reserves the right to periodically adjust the renewal rates.

CGFMs must promptly notify AGA of any change of mailing address. It is the responsibility of each CGFM to pay the annual CGFM renewal fee, even if that individual did not receive an invoice from AGA..

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The Certified Government Financial Manager

Take the CGFM Examinations After the National Leadership Conference

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM after the annual National Leadership Conference (NLC). AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Monday, February 22, 2010 and Tuesday, February 23, 2010 and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on February 24–25, 2010. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours.

Special Bonus: the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA's website.

The CGFM Exam

The three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program are:

- Examination 1: Governmental Environment
- Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- Examination 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control

Each of the three separate examinations is structured to require a candidate to demonstrate primarily a general familiarity, understanding and appreciation of the subject area. However, portions of each examination, particularly Examination 2, requires a more detailed knowledge of specific techniques, standards, procedures and practices unique to either the federal government or state and local governments.

Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming the following new member to the Boston Chapter:



Carol Moran
Mass Department
of Transitional
Assistance

Harold Barringer, CGFM
US Coast Guard

Membership Update

The Boston Chapter membership includes:

240 Active Members

12 New Members

27 Suspended Members

Membership Sponsors

The Boston Chapter recognizes and thanks the following new member sponsors since May 2009:

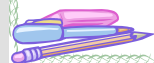
- David A. LeBlanc, CGFM... .. 3
- Christine Donohoe..... 1
- Julia P. Burns, CGFM..... 1
- John Mahoney, CGFM 1
- William Muench, CGFM..... 1
- Michael Armstrong..... 1

From the Editor...

Do you know someone in the Boston Chapter who has recently received promotion, accepted a new position, retired or won an award? Would you like to share your good news with fellow AGA members? Or maybe you're interested in writing a technical article for an upcoming issue of *Boston's Beacon*.

Please forward submissions for the next issue of *Boston's Beacon* to dleblanc@doe.mass.edu.

Thanks!



Member News

A. Joseph DeNucci , the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Auditor has announced that he will be stepping down at the end of his current term of office.

SUDOKU

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Chapter Recognition Program

The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on June 1st and concludes on May 31st.

Boston Chapter credits as of November 30, 2009 are:

Categories	Maximum Credits	Credits Earned	Credits Allowed	% of Avail
Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,000	3,775	3,000	100%
Education & Professional Development	4,000	5,275	4,000	100%
Certification	4,000	3,025	3,025	76%
Communications	3,000	5,502	3,000	100%
Membership	3,000	4,050	3,000	100%
Early Career	2,000	700	700	34%
Community Service	2,000	3,400	2,000	100%
Awards	1,000	3,550	1,000	100%
Total	22,000	29,277	19,725	90%

Boston Chapter Balance Sheet November 30, 2009

Assets

Cash	
Checking Account	\$ 9,427
Savings Account	9,962
Certificates of Deposit	<u>0</u>
Total Cash	\$19,389
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 1,050</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$21,259</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Current Fund Balance	<u>21,259</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$21,259</u>

Speaker Database

The AGA-Boston Chapter is building a speaker database. Do you know a dynamic speaker who you would like to see at an upcoming educational event?

Are you a speaker who would like to be included in the database? Please send the speaker's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and potential topics to the Chapter's Director of Education - Julia Burns, CGFM at Julia.Burns@state.ma.us.

Community Service News

The Community Service Committee is sponsoring an ongoing project to collect travel size toiletry items that will be donated to a local charity. Please bring donations to any of our upcoming chapter events. We had a nice collection at the Regional PDC at Bentley University and want to continue our efforts. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this project.

SUDOKU ANSWER

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December Quote

"Forgetfulness is a sign of Genius."

I forgot who said that



TRIVIA QUESTION!

What are male crabs known as?

Answer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Websites of Interest

American Society for Public Admin (ASPA).....	www.aspanet.org
MA Chapter of ASPA.....	www.massaspa.org
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE).....	www.cfenet.com
Association of Certified Fraud Specialists (CFS).....	www.acfsnet.org
Greater Boston Chapter of CFE.....	www.acfe-boston.org
Association of Government Accountants.....	www.agacgfm.org
AGA Aroostook County Chapter.....	www.agaarostookcounty.org
AGA Boston Chapter.....	www.aga-boston-chapter.org
AGA Hartford Chapter.....	www.agahartford.org
AGA Maine Chapter.....	www.gwi.net/~aga/
First Gov.....	www.firstgov.gov
Governmental Accounting Standards Board.....	www.gasb.org
Government Executive.....	www.govexec.com
Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).....	www.theiia.org
IIA Greater Boston Chapter.....	www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/13
Information Systems Audit & Control Association.....	www.isaca.org
Intergovernmental Audit Forum.....	www.auditforum.org
International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP).....	www.iappnet.org
National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers.....	www.nasact.org
National Assoc of State Comptrollers.....	www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html
National Assoc of State Treasurers.....	www.nasact.org/community/nast.html
National State Auditors Association.....	www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html
National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council.....	www.ec3.org

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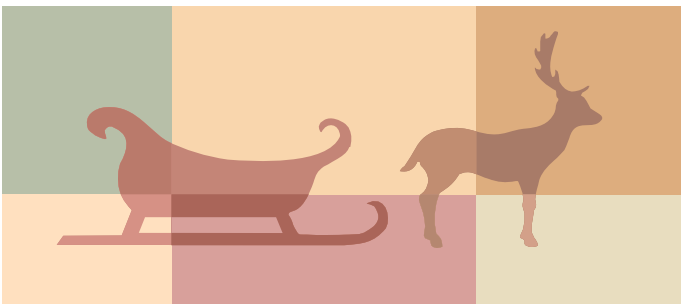
Comments should be forwarded to dleblanc@doe.mass.edu.

CEC Meeting Highlights



The Boston Chapter of the AGA Executive Committee met on November 3, 2009. The following items were discussed:

- The Education Committee discussed its planning for the upcoming year, highlighting the full day seminar planned for January at the JFK Federal Building.
- The majority of sessions were finalized for the Regional Professional Developmental Conference at Bentley University in March.
- Discussions were held regarding the number of sessions that the chapter holds during the year.
- CGFM Coordinator reports were presented and received.
- The nominating committee started work to prepare a slate of officers for the 2010 - 2011 program year.
- Treasurer's and membership reports were presented and received.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.



To keep track of where Santa is on Christmas Eve go to www.noradsanta.org

Trivia Answer

Jimnies

(I thought those were chocolate sprinkles)

First published in *The New York Sun* in 1897.

Dear Editor -

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

News from National

Share the Magic of AGA and Earn FREE Membership

We know your time is valuable, but it takes only a few minutes to recruit a new member to AGA. By recruiting new members everyone wins. The new member will have an opportunity to grow professionally through all the benefits AGA has to offer and you will earn an incentive for every member you recruit.

Everyone who recruits a new member during AGA's "Share the Magic" membership campaign earns a sponsorship lapel pin. Recruit two members and start earning AGA Dollars. You'll earn five AGA Dollars for each new member that joins. AGA Dollars are good for one year and are like cash. They can be redeemed toward publications, membership dues renewals and national conference registrations. Recruit six members by Dec. 31, 2009 and receive next year's membership dues renewal at no charge. Other prizes include a high-definition camcorder, American Express gift cards, complimentary registration to AGA's 2010 Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Orlando, FL, two one-day passes to an Orlando theme park and complimentary AGA national meeting registrations.

You already know how your AGA membership helps you in your career. Share this knowledge and offer a colleague all the benefits that AGA offers you. Don't forget to tell them about the excellent networking opportunities, certification program, publications as well as the education and training that makes AGA the premier association for the government accountability community.

Recruiting is as simple as writing your name on the sponsor line of a membership application and asking the person you are recruiting to fill out the rest of the application and submit it to AGA.

Additional Governments Produce Citizen-Centric Reports

The states of Washington, Texas and Maryland, Guilford County (NC), the U.S. Agency for International Development, National Science Foundation, Idaho State Police and the City of Las Vegas are the latest governments to join a growing list of state and local governments and federal agencies who are producing four-page Citizen-Centric Reports

Registration & Housing Now Open for AGA National Leadership Conference

Make plans now to attend AGA's National Leadership Conference (NLC), to be held **Feb. 18-19, 2010** in Washington, D.C.

Join us to hear from high-level government officials and industry leaders, participate in informative sessions, learn about the latest research, share best practices, discover innovative management techniques and see the technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

Technical education sessions will focus on hot topics in government financial management and accountability, current issues relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the effects of political transitions and what the future holds. The NLC also features an exhibit hall showcasing the newest tools and innovations to help agencies do their jobs more easily and effectively.

In addition to an outstanding technical education program, and the ability to earn 14 CPE hours, AGA's NLC is packed with opportunities to network, make professional connections and meet new friends.

Visit the AGA website for more information. Show your commitment to a more accountable future: register by fax or online today!

NLC Hotel Accommodations: AGA has reserved a block of rooms at the JW Marriott on Pennsylvania Avenue to accommodate NLC attendees. The rate is \$207 per night (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. However, rates are only guaranteed until Friday, Jan. 29, or until the room block is sold out.

Reservations received after Jan. 29, *or after the room block has been filled*, will be made on a space-available basis, and may be subject to significantly higher rates. Rooms sell quickly... we encourage you to make your hotel reservations early, for the best price and availability. To make a reservation, please call the JW Marriott at 800.393.2503 and mention you are attending the "AGA NLC" to receive the discounted rate.

News from National

Around the New England Region

Registration & Housing Now Open for the PDC

It's time to start planning for next year's PDC. Join us July 11-14, 2010 in Orlando, FL to share best practices, gain useful information, see the latest technologies and get technical training from the top government financial management and accountability leaders and industry experts. The PDC offers unparalleled opportunities for networking, exchanging ideas, connecting with colleagues and meeting new friends.

Early registration saves you money and increases your chances of obtaining accommodations at the conference hotel. Don't miss this opportunity to Dream - Learn - Achieve. Register today!

The room rate is \$108/night. To make a reservation, please call the Orlando World Center Marriott at 800.621.0638 and mention the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. You can also reserve a room online.

Chief Financial Officer Leadership Certificate

The U.S. CFO Council and DOD Comptroller sponsor the new CFO Academy at the National Defense University located at Ft. McNair in Washington. The Academy's focus is the CFO Leadership Certificate program which is a highly regarded graduate education program sponsored by the Council comprised of eight courses for GS-14 and GS-15 and O-5 and O-6 personnel aspiring to be senior leaders in Federal financial management.

The only required course in the CFO Leadership Certificate curriculum is "The Changing World of the CFO" and will be given from November 30 to December 4, 2009 and again in March.

AGA National Staff

Have you ever wondered who is on the other end of the line when you call the National Office?

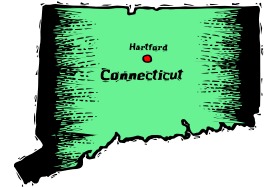
To find out, click on "Chapter Resources" in Members Only and then scroll to the bottom of the page under "National Office."

Meetings for the Hartford Chapter

These are generally held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month from September to May.

The meeting location is the Marco Polo Restaurant, 1250 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT.

Hartford Chapter at www.agahartford.org



Maine Chapter Meetings

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September-May, at the Senator Inn. Meetings include a social lunch, chapter meeting/announcements, and an informational speaker.

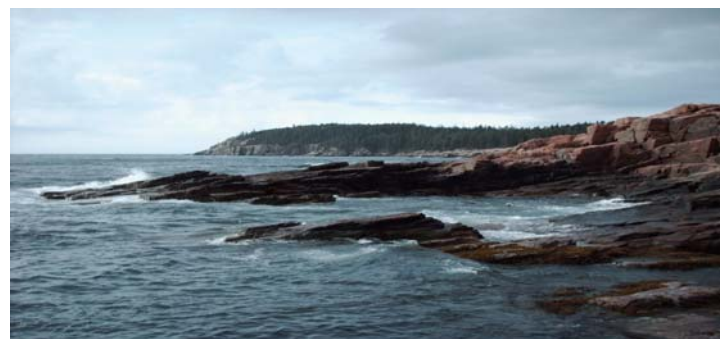
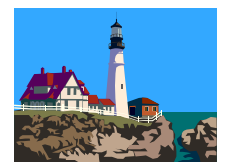
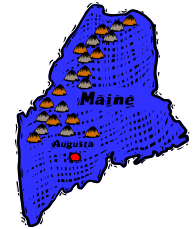
Educational trainings are scheduled for December and January along with participating in AGA National's Audio Conferences.

In December the Chapter is conducting a community service event; The Adopt at-risk Youths - Holiday Gift Collection

Aroostook County Chapter

The Chapter recently held their 2nd Annual Joint ASMC/AGA Mini-PDI/PDC at the Loring Job Corps Banquet Facility on Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Check their web site for upcoming events.





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Please choose a membership category and fill in the appropriate dues from the list on the back of this application. Retired? Call the AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 to find out about our retired membership category.

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