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Monthly Footnotes

MARCH 2015



MARCH is CGFM Month!
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Welcome Members and Non-Members

March Luncheon Meeting

TOPIC: Overture Center for the Arts

SPEAKER: Kevin Sweeney, CFO, Overture Center and Charlie Klein, Director of Finance, Overture Center Foundation

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2015

REGISTRATION: 11:30 a.m. **LUNCH:** 11:45 a.m.

COST: \$6 for Members, \$12 for Non-Members

PLACE: CIRC (Inside the Concourse Hotel), 1 West Dayton Street

MENU: Meals include soda, coffee, or tea

- **Salad Bar** - variety of salads, toppings, breads, soups
- **Grilled Grass-Fed Burger** – premium grass-fed ground beef on a bun sesame seeds, with fries
- **Roasted Turkey Sandwich** – turkey breast, bacon, habanero havarti cheese, mayo on toasted sourdough, with french fries

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015 with your name, membership status, meal choice, and for carpooling information at 608) 266-2814/email: sherriv@live.com

Reservations may be made from our website.

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ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Kevin Sweeney, CFO with Overture Center Foundation, Inc., has been with the organization for over two years. Kevin has prior finance experience in the industries of event management, advertising, and other not-for-profit entities.

Charlie Klein, CPA, CMA is the Director of Finance with Overture Center Foundation, Inc. and has been with the organization for four years. Charlie has prior finance experience in governmental and public firm audit, contract research organizations, and other not-for-profit entities.

Title of Presentation: Overture Center for the Arts

Overture's Mission: Overture Center for the Arts enriches the lives of individuals and the community by creating, encouraging and catalyzing extraordinary experiences.

Overture exists to engage the community with innovative programming and performing arts. In addition to housing ten resident companies, seven performance spaces play host to national and international touring artists and Broadway performers. More than a dozen community engagement and educational programs provide over 200,000 extraordinary artistic experiences every year.

NEW MEMBERS FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING IS FREE

If you are a new member and you are attending your first luncheon, it's **FREE!**
Please note that when calling in your reservation.



Save the Date

AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter
Annual Symposium

UW - Madison Union South

May 12, 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA

March is CGFM month!!

In recognition of this event, both the Madison mayor and the Wisconsin governor have issued proclamations to recognize this event. Congratulations to all the Southern Wisconsin Chapter individuals who have studied and passed their CGFM. We hope to see you at our upcoming March luncheon.

Be sure and watch for upcoming information regarding the Southern Wisconsin Chapter's May AGA Symposium. We are currently finalizing the agenda and will soon be publishing it. We have a great panel of speakers lined up on May 12th. If you can attend that day, be sure and register early. Keep an eye on www.aga-wis.org or your e-mail inbox.

Hopefully our weather will start warming up to normal conditions. I am sure that most of you are ready for warmer temperatures.

Take care and stay warm.

Mary Laufenberg, CPA, CGFM
2014-15 President
Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter

Chapter News

Chapter Revenues	2014
Monthly Lunch Meetings	\$732
Annual Symposium	6,955
Training Events	60
Member Recruitment	163
Interest on Bank Account	36
CGFM Book Deposits	40
Donations at Lunches	20
Total Chapter Revenues	\$8,006

Chapter Expenditures	2014
Monthly Lunch Meetings	\$1,789
Annual Symposium	4,413
Training Events	1,267
Community Service Donations	538
Chapter Administration	935
Member Recruitment	120
PDC Sponsorship	267
CGFM Program	40
Total Chapter Expenditures	\$9,369

2014-15 Officers and Directors



Pictured (left to right): front: Sherri Voigt, Michele Tessner, Mary Laufenberg; middle: Lily Radivojevich, Rachel Zellmer, Sean Walker; back: Tom Scheidegger, David Mellem

February 3, 2015 AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter Board Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather..

Chapter News

Community Service

Please join the AGA-Southern Wisconsin Team and walk with us on Sunday, May 3.

This year, the walk starts at Warner Park at 10 a.m.

To join the team or make a donation, visit our Team AGA webpage at :

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WIGWalkEvents?team_id=409757&pg=team&fr_id=25586

Contact Sherri Voigt at sherriv@live.com for any details

About MS

Millions of people are affected by MS and the challenges of living with its unpredictable symptoms. Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and it stops people from moving. Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS, a disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS.



Last Year's (2014) Team Photo
Pictured (left to right): Creole Schmaltz, Kelly Williams-Schmaltz, Mary Williams, Sherri Voigt



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Official Southern Wisconsin Chapter AGA "March is CGFM Month" Proclamation



National News

How to Motivate and Retain a Talented Workforce

While today's employees might be "happy," a recent survey showed they are not "engaged." Millennials feel even less engaged. [Learn more](#)

Millennial Leadership: Attracting and Retaining Qualified Professionals

How do we attract and retain the next generation of leaders in government? [Read more](#)

OMB Eases Training Budget Caps

OMB Controller's Office released [updated guidance](#) on "mission critical" conferences. AGA has solutions for your [training](#) needs! [Read more](#)

Data Analytics Experts: Deadline this Weekend

The summer *Journal* will focus on data analytics. Show your subject matter expertise, submit an article for consideration on this hot topic! Deadline: March 1. [Read more](#)

Looking for Subject Matter Experts!

Want to help drive editorial content for the *Journal of Government Financial Management*? Journal Editorial Board positions soon available. [Apply now](#)

Help Recognize a Superstar!

National Awards, given during PDT 2015, recognize individuals' contribution to AGA. **Nominations due by March 30.** [Read more](#)

Call for 2015 National Academic Scholarships

Are you - or a family member - pursuing a degree in a discipline such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology or public administration? Apply for an AGA National Academic Scholarship today! Submit applications by April 17. [Read more.](#)

AGA's Newest Lifetime Members

AGA awards lifetime membership status to those individuals who have belonged to the Association for 40 continuous years. We wish to congratulate our newest lifetime members:

Rose B. McClyde, CGFM (At-Large); Alfred R. Vieira, CGFM (Boston); John R. Tolian, CGFM-Retired (Central Coast); Marion W. Ray, CGFM-Retired, CPA (Denver); Richard A. Fuller, II, CGFM (Houston); Robert H. Piggush (Indianapolis); James S. Moores, CGFM-Retired, CFE (Kansas City); Vitale J. Startari (Montgomery/PG); Richard A. Kaplan (Montgomery/PG); David Josey (Northern New Jersey); Sheila B. Clark, CGFM-Retired (Northern Virginia); George H. Stalcup, CGFM-Retired, CPA (Northern Virginia); Harold I. Steinberg, CGFM, CPA (Northern Virginia); David W. Bieritz (Northern Virginia); Jerry E. Dinan, CGFM-Retired (Portland); Edwin J. Soniat, CGFM (Richmond); Kurt R. Sjoberg, CGFM (Sacramento); Lloyd F. Hara, CGFM-Retired (Seattle); Dennis S. Mitchell, CGFM-Retired (Washington, DC); Evelyn A. Brown, CGFM-Retired (Washington, DC); and Gerald J. Deslover, CGFM, CPA (West Michigan).

AGA would like to thank all 214 lifetime members for their support and dedication!

PDT Community Service Raffle and Silent Auction

AGA is proud to once again sponsor the National Community Service Raffle and Silent Auction. During the PDT, we'll be selling raffle tickets and hosting a silent auction for great prizes such as gift certificates, regional gift baskets, sports memorabilia and lots more. Proceeds will support the AGA National Community Service Fund as well as a charity selected by participants. Chapters are asked to donate prizes (gift baskets, T-shirts, etc.) from their local areas. Contact raffle coordinator Renee Gilman, CGFM, to donate.



CGFM Corner

March is CGFM Month

To recognize the CGFM Program and its accomplishments, AGA has declared the month of March of each year as "CGFM Month" – read the official AGA Proclamation.

CGFMs, celebrate CGFM Month by proudly displaying your CGFM logo on your CGFM lapel pin or shirt.

This initiative is a great example of AGA leadership and teamwork.

The Mark of Excellence for Government Financial Professionals

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

Initial Certification Requirements

To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet the following requirements:

- Ethics—read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics.
- Education—have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Examinations— pass three comprehensive CGFM Examinations.
- Experience— have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

Learn more about the process of earning the CGFM designation.

Choosing the CGFM designation:

What are the benefits of having the CGFM certification?

CGFM highlights your achievements, serves as a tangible indicator of your experience and knowledge and stays with you throughout your career. In addition, the CGFM may:

- enhance your marketability throughout all levels of government.
- provide networking opportunities with other government financial managers.

- support continued education to keep you informed of the latest developments and cutting edge technologies.
- provide increased employee value, both real and perceived
- increase confidence on the job.
- encourage employer incentives—raises, promotions and bonuses.

Do I have to be an AGA member to apply for the CGFM?

AGA Membership offers many valuable benefits to its members, but it is not required for your CGFM designation.

What is the education requirement for the CGFM?

In order to take any of the Certified Government Financial Manager Examinations, you must have already earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Have questions? Call the Office of Professional Certification at 800.AGA.7211 or 703.684.6931.

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If you ever come up with a topic or speaker you think the local AGA chapter should offer, let us know!!! We are always looking for ideas. (contact Chapter President Mary Laufenberg at maryfred6998@gmail.com)



Over the past couple of months, we were contacted with some ideas. If we are able to locate a presenter, we will be offering some additional training over the winter. Keep watching our calendar of events for

ARE YOU MOVING?

Please notify both your chapter and AGA National of your address change. Update your address online at the national website in the members' only area: www.agacgfm.org



SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at radiojevich@danesherriff.com Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month.



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Calendar of Events 2014 – 2015

August 12, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

October 7, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 5, 2014 – Web Conference, Are You Prepared for the DATA Act Challenges, WI
Department of Transportation

November 11, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 20, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Joe Chrisman, Common Audit Findings and Ways to
Prevent Them, State Auditor

December 2, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

December 10, 2014 – Web Conference, “How do you Spell Success? E-T-H-I-C-S!”, WI
Department of Health Services

January 6, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 22, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Imperial Gardens

February 3, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison, ***CANCELLED***

February 18, 2015 – Web Conference, WI Department of Transportation

March 3, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

**March 26, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, Overture Center for the Arts, Kevin Sweeney, CFO,
Overture Center and Charlie Klein, Director of Finance, Overture Center
Foundation**

April 7, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 23, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

May 3, 2015 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 5, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 12, 2015 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 2, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

June 3, 2015 – Web Conference**, Government Financial Management, location to be
determined

Note: Community service, VITA, and social events will be announced during the year.

** *subject to change as more detailed topic information becomes available*



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