



## President's Message

By Marc Oestreicher

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a great summer and were able to find some time to relax. I am excited about this upcoming year in our chapter and to work with the new board. I feel confident that through our educational meetings, community service events, and social activities we will continue to achieve the goal of AGA: advancing government accountability.

As a board, we want to make sure to provide the best opportunities for our members to gain valuable CPEs and network at an affordable price. We have made some policy changes to facilitate this goal. The monthly luncheons will cost \$15 this year. However, if you pay for any two luncheon meetings over the course of the year, you get one luncheon meeting for free. In addition, we will have three random luncheon meetings for free. You will not know which luncheon meetings are free until you show up. That means that if you were to attend all six luncheon meetings, you would pay a total of \$30 or an average of

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## September Chapter Meeting

By AGA Dallas Program Directors - Ray Griffith & Paul Hobart

Riley Shaul, CGFM, CPA of the Oklahoma Office of State Finance will speak to us on the topic of shared services. Shared services are financial and administrative services provided by a single organization established to provide such services efficiently and effectively for the benefit of multiple organizations or entities.

Examples of shared services include: Human Resources, Finance, Information Services, Logistics/Materials Management, Customer service, and Legal Affairs. Advantages of shared services include being able to add additional users with only incremental costs; overhead can be spread to more users; the provider handles staff management; better security and disaster recovery than smaller agencies. Shared services allow smaller agencies to focus on the mission of the agency. Please join us to learn more about this topic and earn 1 CPE.

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AGA Dallas Luncheon

Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010,  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

City Club, 69<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bank  
of America Building, 901  
Main Street, Dallas, TX  
75201

Cost: \$15

Please RSVP by Sept. 14  
to Joetta Obott,

[Joetta.obott@mms.gov](mailto:Joetta.obott@mms.gov)

214-640-9066

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## AGA Dallas Anniversaries

Our members are our most important asset. We would like to recognize and congratulate the following members whose membership anniversaries fall in September.

### 42 Years

*Noble E. Flenniken, CGFM, Retired*

### 40 Years

*Marshal R. Wilke, Retired*

### 28 Years

*Ira Little, III, CGFM, CFE, Retired*

### 23 Years

*Kimberly D. Walker, CGFM*  
U.S. Department of Education

### 22 Years

*Tonda L. Hadley, CGFM*  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Inspector General

### 13 Years

*Lela A. Mitchell*  
Social Security Administration

### 8 Years

*Donna Lee Hendricks*  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Inspector General

### 6 Years

*Arturo Fierro*  
U.S. Department of the Interior

*Sherri Hamiter, CPA*  
Minerals Management Service

### 3 Years

*Wendy Dye*  
U.S. Government Accountability Office

*William J. Sweeney*  
William Sweeney, CPA LLC

### 2 Years

*Nancy W. Kennedy*  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

*Jean Manuel*  
U.S. Courts

*Allen McDaniel*  
Minerals Management Service

*Teresa S. Williams*  
Social Security Administration

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\$5 per luncheon meeting. That is a great deal for CPEs and excellent food.

We will also have a drawing at our last luncheon meeting to give away at least two free membership renewals. Your name will be entered into the drawing for every new member that you recruit. So invite your friends and associates to the next luncheon meeting. In addition to our chapter website, we now have a chapter Facebook page. This will be a great source of information and another way in which you can network with your peers. To join, search "AGA Dallas" in Facebook or click on this [link](#). We are also planning a great PDC. Mark your calendars for April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details will come soon. If you know of anyone that you think would be a great speaker, please let us know.

I look forward to meeting and working with each of you.

Regards,

Marc Oestreicher, President, AGA Dallas Chapter,  
CPA, CGFM, CFE

## Dallas Chapter Executive Board Meeting Minutes

By AGA Secretary, April VanCleaf

The AGA Dallas Chapter Executive Board met on August 5, 2010 to discuss the following items:

- (1) Vote on new board members
- (2) Discuss meetings, training, and events for 2010-2011 year
- (3) Propose and vote on Chapter budget (Budget was approved on August 17, 2010)
- (4) Creation of an AGA Ambassador program to outreach to government agencies

### Open Positions - Volunteers Needed!

President-Elect - Assists the President in fulfilling her/his functions and serves as President the following year.

Director of Education - Plan, organize and facilitate the annual PDC.

Director of Membership - Attract new members and maintain active interest in the Dallas chapter.

Webmaster - Update and maintain the chapter website, including timely announcements.

CGFM Coordinator - Promote the CGFM credential and provide support for members striving to obtain it.

If you have any recommendations for agencies interested in hearing the AGA Dallas chapter speak, please refer them to Roshni Agarwal. She can be reached at (214) 777-5754 or AgarwalRC@gao.gov.

## 2010-2011 Board of Directors

|   |                   |     |              |                               |
|---|-------------------|-----|--------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>President</b>                        | Marc Oestreicher  | GAO | 214-777-5777 | OestreicherM@gao.gov          |
| <b>President-Elect</b>                  | Vacant            |     |              |                               |
| <b>Immediate Past President</b>         | Arturo Fierro     | MMS | 214-640-9041 | Arturo.Fierro@mms.gov         |
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|   | April Van Cleaf   | GAO | 214-777-5634 | VanCleafA@gao.gov             |

### Dallas Chapter Statement of Accounts - as of August 31, 2010 (unaudited)

#### Share Checking Account

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance     | \$ 433.70         |
| Plus: Deposits        | 1,000.00          |
| Less: Expenses        | 124.45            |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> | <b>\$1,309.25</b> |

#### Share Savings Account

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance     | \$18,570.65        |
| Plus: Dividends       | 9.39               |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> | <b>\$18,580.04</b> |

PayPal Account Balance      \$1,231.53

## AGA Dallas Fall Social

By AGA Social Director, Joetta Obott

Come meet fellow AGA Dallas members at the first social of the year!

**When:** Wednesday, October 13, 2010 5:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** R.J. Mexican Cuisine on Market Street (Downtown Dallas)  
[www.rjmexicancuisine.com](http://www.rjmexicancuisine.com)

Please RSVP via e-mail which will be sent out closer to the time of the event. Hope to see you there!

## AGA Dallas Cares

By AGA Community Service Directors, Erica Estrada and Leticia Pena

### Race for the Cure (October 16th)

Team AGA Dallas will walk or run to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to honor both the memory and triumph of breast cancer victims. The Foundation leads the fight against breast cancer through research grants and community outreach programs around the world. Dust off those running shoes and be part of a great cause to find a cure. Please visit the [Race for the Cure website](#) to join or make a donation on behalf of Team AGA Dallas. You could save a life!!!

### Christmas Raffle to benefit Salvation Army (December)

The "miracle" of Christmas is repeated over and over again through the joy of caring and sharing. The traditional red kettle is an integral part of the Christmas scene, with millions of dollars donated each year to aid needy families, seniors, and the homeless, in keeping with the spirit of the season. Donations provide Christmas dinners, clothing, and toys for families in need. Financial assistance also helps with basic necessities, along with seasonal aid. Families of prisoners often are included. Many families receive aid over a period of months after the Christmas season as well, people struggling with difficult family, emotional, or employment problems.

### Children's Medical Center Holiday Parade (December 4th)

Kick-off the holiday season with one of the nation's best children's parades. Enjoy giant inflatable balloons, marching bands, equestrian teams, dance troops, colorful floats and the season's first appearance of Saint Nick himself at the annual parade. Volunteers are needed each year to assist in this huge production that is a success each year. Positions include entertainers, escorts, and parade float handlers. Volunteers receive training, t-shirt, and a free orientation dinner.

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