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President's Message

Happy Holidays!

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Many of us celebrate December holidays with family and friends and enjoy hearty feasts and many gifts. It's a time of rejoicing and celebration. Yet many in our communities are less fortunate. The current economy has rendered many families homeless and many more close to homelessness. Fortunately for many the Roanoke Chapter of the AGA was there to help. As part of our December community service we provided much needed assistance to many in the Roanoke and New River Valleys.

We provided financial assistance to a homeless family in Roanoke and a dispatcher's family in Radford whose daughter had recently been diagnosed with cancer. We provided food for ten homeless teenage school children in Montgomery County. Many homeless school children and families have other programs they can rely on, but the older homeless teenagers are often forgotten about. Finally we provided food for nineteen homeless families with children at Pulaski Middle School. I was informed by the Pulaski County Schools Coordinator of Student Services that she was so moved by our efforts she and a friend purchased coats for some of the same family members. She also informed me that one of the families, a homeless mother and daughter, cried when they received the food and coats.

Our December community service was a great success and members should feel proud. Thanks to Katie Miano and Brenda Flora for taking time out of their busy holiday schedule to make the plan a reality. Thanks also to those who attended the November chapter meeting and helped plan the event.

Also during the November meeting we filled committee chairs. Rhonda Driver is the new Membership Chair, Katie Miano is the new Education Chair, and Emily Miles and Phillip Weese are the new Early Career Co-Chairs. We look forward to their many future successes. Committee chairs still to be filled are; Awards, CGFM, and Community Service. If you or members you know are interested in any of these positions please don't hesitate to get involved.

As we look to the future and see what 2011 has in store for us, please remember that there are two professional development opportunities on the horizon. First, we have our annual spring workshop scheduled for Thursday, February 24th at the Roanoke Higher Education Center. This will be an all day event (7 hours CPE) featuring speakers from local and state government as well as private industry. The second event will be the Western Virginia Professional Development Conference in Staunton. The Richmond Chapter will be partnering with us for this two day event to bring members the premiere professional development conference for government accountability professionals in Southwest Virginia. Nationally recognized speakers and sponsors will be on hand to share their knowledge and expertise. The Western Virginia PDC will be March 24th and 25th at the picturesque Stonewall Jackson Hotel. Mark your calendars for both events. You can expect to hear more about these opportunities in January.

The next meeting will be January 20th at the offices of the Mount Rogers Community Services Board in Wytheville at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be provided. If you plan on attending or are interested in dialing in please let me know at your earliest convenience so that we may ensure adequate food and beverage and be prepared accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. See you at the next meeting,



Lal Harter
Chapter President

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 January 20, 2011 in Wytheville, VA at Mount Rogers Community Services 6:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Guests are always welcome.

If you need more information, please contact Lal Harter at lharter@pcva.us



Community Service

Please let Lal know of any community service projects that you or your place of work are involved in during the year. Any community service we perform, either as a group or as individuals earns us Chapter Recognition Points!

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 Chapter Conference, Roanoke, VA, February 24, 2011

Western Virginia Professional Development Conference, Staunton, VA March 24th and 25th.

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

MEMBER INFORMATION ONLINE

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

Renew your membership for 2010-2011 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.