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President's Message



Happy Holidays!

I can hardly believe the holidays are here already. Did someone speed up the clock? It seems like yesterday I was catching myself writing 2010 when it was 2011. I'll probably still be writing 2010 when it's 2012, help!

Although I was unable to attend the last meeting due to scheduling conflicts, I understand it was a productive meeting (minutes should be available on the chapter website soon). Members discussed, among other things, our community service goals and it was subsequently agreed that the chapter would contribute to the Montgomery County RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program), and the homeless children in Montgomery and Pulaski Counties. But that was before the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

The day after the shooting at Virginia Tech, Patricia Bidanset, suggested conducting a fundraiser for the Crouse widow and children of the slain officer. Chapter members quickly came together in agreement, and our community service project expanded. Total chapter contributions for the three charities will equal one thousand dollars, and at last count, individual donations to the Crouse fundraiser had well surpassed that. Please note that donations are still being accepted and if made to the Roanoke Chapter, are tax deductible. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation please make checks payable to: AGA - Roanoke Chapter. Please annotate "Crouse Family Fund Raiser" on the face of the check and mail to:

Crouse Family Fund Raiser
Attn: Patty Belcher, Financial Services Manager
Mount Rogers Community Services Board
770 West Ridge Road
Wytheville, Virginia 24382

These funds will be remitted to the Memorial Fund that has already been established by NBB for the Crouse family in memoriam to Officer Crouse. Thank you to Patricia and all who have contributed to the cause.

Also at the last meeting, members discussed the next professional development event (for list of possible topics please see chapter minutes on website). As it is still early in the planning stages, we welcome any recommendations for subject content or outstanding speakers. The event is tentatively planned for February or March and will most likely be held at the Roanoke Higher Education Center. If you would like to assist with the planning of the event or have recommendations regarding the event, please feel free to share with me or any chapter officers or committee chairs. Please have a safe and happy holiday season,



Lal Harter
Roanoke Chapter President



Roanoke Chapter News

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are generally 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 12, 2012 at 6:00pm, location to be announced. 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 REQUEST

Please remember to notify someone in the Chapter if you or your place of business participate in a community service project. The Roanoke Chapter of the AGA will receive credit for chapter recognition points for community service that members participate in either individually or as a part of their place of work.

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

Government Finance Case Challenge, February 16-17, 2012, Washington, DC

National PDC, July 29-August 1, 2012, San Diego, CA (Mark your calendars NOW!)

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 2011-2012 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.