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President's Message



Happy February!

Hello Chapter Members,

It's been a while since the last chapter newsletter, and so much has happened. It's time to update you on all the wonderful things we've been doing.

Our December community service was a great success! Members chose three worthy causes to support, and they were; Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread, Montgomery County School Board and New River Valley CARES. Contributions were mailed to Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread and New River Valley CARES and school supplies were purchased and delivered to the Montgomery County School Board needy school children. There is so much need, but too few resources. Nevertheless giving back to the communities we live in and support (and that support us), is part of our mission. If you would like to contribute to a worthy cause, recommendations are always welcome.

For two years, when I served as Director of Finance at Pulaski County Public Schools I championed, and chapter members supported, helping homeless school children in Pulaski. It wasn't much, but we made a difference in the lives of many of the less fortunate children in our area and we made a difference. Please get involved and make a difference, your help is needed. Chapter officers try to make getting involved as easy as possible. With every third meeting being held in the Roanoke/Salem area, and other meetings held in the Blacksburg/Christiansburg area, there should be one close to you. Our most recent dinner meeting, held at Mac and Bob's in Salem was well attended, and we were able to accomplish a number of items (and enjoy a good meal to boot). If you would like to see a meeting held near you, make a recommendation and we'll try to accommodate.

One of the items discussed at Friday's meeting was the location of our next professional development event. After a previous email communication, members replied in sufficient numbers that we agreed to keep the next professional development event at the Roanoke Higher Education Center. You can anticipate an event sometime in August. Current topics will likely include; the effect of the Affordable Care Act on local governments, an update on GASB changes and their implementation, transparency in local government, an exciting session on ethics, and other valuable content. We are still in the planning phase, so if you have a hot-button topic you'd like to see covered, please let us know soon.

In the upcoming months, you can also anticipate chapter elections and I highly recommend you consider serving. If you don't want to serve as an officer consider serving as a committee chair. If you would like to give your career a boost, the AGA is a great way to do it. The chapter President, by design, is also a member of the AGA National Board of Directors. This looks great on a resume, gives you national exposure, and provides you an opportunity to really make a difference in the profession. As I step down, the office of President-Elect will become vacant and this is a great opportunity for you if you're willing to work hard and get involved. (Continued on Page 2)

Roanoke Chapter News

Valerie Tweedie will be taking over as chapter President soon, and I hope you continue to support her as you have me. She will do a much better job, I'm sure, and I look forward to seeing the chapter grow under her leadership. I will continue to serve the Roanoke chapter, but in a different capacity. As the Regional Vice-President-elect for the South Atlantic Region, I will work closely with Valerie to bring you the best continuing education possible, with the best speakers available, and at the lowest prices we can manage.

Thanks to all!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to the Roanoke Chapter's newest member!

Tammy Copenhaver, Hicok, Fern, Brown and Garcia

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The next meeting of the Roanoke Chapter is scheduled for February 27, 2013 at O'Charleys's in Christiansburg at 6:00PM. Please plan to join us!

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

NLC, Strategic Innovation for Government Leaders, February 12 and 13, 2013, Washington, DC (Time is running out to register!)

National PDC, July 14-17, 2013 Dallas, TX

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 2013-2014 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.