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Upcoming Events

September 24, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Communications
(Individual Webinar)

October 15, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Internal Control
(Individual Webinar)

November 4, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Ethics
(Individual Webinar)

December 9, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Internal Control
(Individual Webinar)



President's Message – August 2020

My oldest son, who's home visiting for a few days, just found out that I'm the new president of the Des Moines Chapter AGA. After several "accountant jokes" he's decided I need a little flag and flag pole to place on my desk, motion activated to play "Hail to the Chief" every time I sit down. We all had a good laugh...I like to laugh. A little more background on myself – I've been with the State for nearly 7 years; currently with the Department of Revenue as a PSM1, and previously as a CFO for DAS. I'm a graduate of Grand Canyon College and Grand Canyon University (went back and got a 2nd degree), married with 5 kids and hope to be an empty-nester by this time next year.

As we start this new fiscal year in the midst of COVID-19, we are going to have plenty of challenges as we get comfortable with the new normal: working remotely, wearing face masks, having limitations on gatherings. This year AGA held their PDT 2020 virtually. They did a great job of having impactful speakers and breakout sessions. The only difference – we weren't in Dallas as a group.

So how is the Des Moines Chapter of AGA going to deal with all this? Your CEC Board has scheduled 12 monthly webinars along with an additional 4 free members-only webinars, see the 2020-21 Training Schedule on the website. In the past, these would have been in conjunction with our Lunch 'n Learn format, so hopefully, we will be able to return to this format in the near future. In the meantime, we are trying to figure out how to provide a virtual platform to bring in local speakers prior to the webinar and allowing for interaction with one another.

Additionally, since we had to cancel the Spring 2020 conference we are looking forward to Spring 2021. We are hopeful this will be held in-person but should we still be dealing with gathering restrictions at that time, we will have a virtual conference bringing you informative subjects lead by outstanding speakers (and if this is the case, I hope we figure out how to provide meals and fresh-baked cookies through our computers).

Looking forward to a great year with AGA.

Randy Lagerblade, CPM
Chapter President



AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Terri Walker

- Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter?
A) Since November 2018
- Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title?
A) Iowa Department of Administrative Services, Accountant II
- Q) What college did you attend? A) AIB College of Business
- Q) Cats or Dogs? A) Cats—I have 3 of them!
- Q) Watch sports or movies A) Neither, prefer to read a book
- Q) Early Riser or Night Owl? A) Night Owl
- Q) Sweet Snacks or Salty Snacks? A) Both



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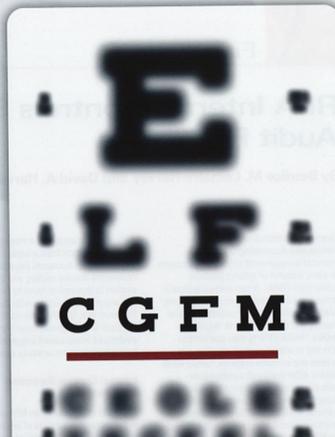
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**Treasurer's Report,
Mihneta Lisinovic**

**AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2020**

Assets	
Checking	6,875.32
Less: Outstanding Items	-
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Savings	1,240.68
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**AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended July 31, 2020
For the Year Ending June 30, 2021**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>			
Interest	0.50	2.00%	0.01
Membership Fees	320.00	11.72%	37.50
Webinar Revenues	5,250.00	4.80%	252.00
Spring Conference Revenues	10,770.00	0.00%	-
Donations	300.00	0.00%	-
Total Revenues	<u><u>16,640.50</u></u>		<u><u>289.51</u></u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Webinar Expenses	5,167.00	59.99%	3,099.83
Spring Conference Expenses	6,840.00	4.11%	281.00
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CGFM Study Guides	-	0.00%	-
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Insurance	325.00	0.00%	-
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
Total Expenses	<u><u>16,562.00</u></u>		<u><u>4,180.83</u></u>
Rev over (under) Exp	<u><u>78.50</u></u>		<u><u>(3,891.32)</u></u>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2020			<u><u>12,544.97</u></u>
Ending Balance July 31, 2020			<u><u>8,653.65</u></u>

Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember considering any of these when purchasing software? The following contains information from an article in the September 1988 AGA Ledger entitled "Tips for Buying Software" which was reprinted with permission from ASAP Software Express, Inc. in Northbrook, IL.



- **What kind of floppy disk drives are on the system?** 5.25" or 3.5" If the incorrect size of floppy disk contains the software, it will not work on your computer. Wikipedia also mentions the 8" disk, the Twiggy disk, and the 3-inch compact floppy disk as other floppy disks.
- **What is the processor type?** Some software is written especially for a certain processor. There are three cases: the IBM PC and PC-Compatible use the Intel 8080/8086, the IBM AT and AT-class compatible uses the 80286, and IBM PS/2 Model 80 and others use the 80386. Most products run on all machines. Some packages, like Excel or PageMaker, require an AT or 80386 class machine.
- **How Much conventional RAM does the computer have?** Every software product needs a minimal amount of conventional memory to run. Most machines have 840K RAM. To check, enter the command CHKDSK at the DOS prompt.
- **Is there a hard disk on the system?** If so, how large. Some software needs a hard disk drive to work if the product's file space needs exceed the amount of disk space on a floppy disk based system. Hard disk sizes typically vary from 10 to 40 megabytes.
- **What version of DOS does the system run?** Each revision has a different version number. To check what version of DOS your system runs, enter the command VER at the DOS prompt.
- **Is the computer 100% IBM Compatible?** IBM compatible computers or "clones" as they are sometimes called, can be classified according to their level of compatibility with the real IBM PC/XT/AT. Most software is written to the specifications of the IBM PC line. If a product requires 100% compatibility, you may have difficulty running it on an inexpensive compatible.
- **What kind of printer do you use?** Different printers have different control codes for underlining, boldfacing, graphics, etc. If a software product uses these features, it will be written to handle a certain number of printers.

Find the "command prompt" on your computer, to run some of the commands listed in this article. Also, right click on the drive and choose properties for RAM and disk size information to compare these sizes to what is used today.

Community Service for FY2020-2021:

July - August:

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Iowa Remembers, Inc.

November - December:

Toys for Tots

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Animal Rescue League of Iowa

March - April:

Autism Society of Iowa

May - June:

Food Bank of Iowa

We will be posting more information throughout the year on our [website](#) about these charities.

Are You Up to Date?

The annual membership renewal season is open. Please login and verify your contact & demographic information when you re-new your membership.



Membership Corner, Janice Jensen:

Members can earn points as follows:

- 35 points—attend a webinar
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- 15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)
Contact Roo4sun@aol.com to report community service participation.
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

The Member Recognition Chair tracks member points from July through June based upon the established criteria. The member with the most points (excluding Chapter President) at the end of the Chapter year is awarded a recognition certificate and \$25 gift card or donation to their charity of choice. Congratulations to 2019-2020 Member of the Year Angie James!



New Members 2019-2020:

Kenneth Sturgis, CGFM (USDA)
Cheri Myers (Iowa Department for the Blind)
Jonathan Mader (Iowa ABD)
Pat Mullenbach (West Des Moines Water Works)
Katie McCauley (Student)



Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Training & Events](#)



Chapter Minutes:

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee meetings and Monthly Lunch 'N Learn meetings are located on the Chapter's website. Minutes have been posted through the most recent meeting.



Please use the following link to review these minutes:

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Meeting Minutes](#)

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Community Service, Kim Knight

The COVID-19 Pandemic has certainly impacted many aspects of our daily lives; whether that be where we work, how we shop, how we conduct meetings, or how and where we earn continuing education.

The AGA Des Moines Chapter is keeping with tradition and will continue to support six charities for fiscal year 2020-2021. Typically, the Chapter "passes an envelope" at monthly training events. However, because we cannot meet in person and pass the envelope to collect monetary donations, instead we plan to distribute Eventbrite invitations once every two months to inform you of the charity we are supporting and offer an option for you to continue to make donations, if you would like. The Des Moines Chapter will continue to match up to \$100 in donations per charity and will also request a match from the National Office. The first Eventbrite invitation was emailed on August 6, 2020.

A summary of the Chapter's community service plan follows.

July 2020 – August 2020: Alzheimer's Association.

In addition to collecting monetary donations, the Chapter will be participating in the Virtual Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, August 29, 2020. Please see the Chapter's [website](#) for more information on the walk.



September 2020 – October 2020: Iowa Remembers, Inc. In addition to collecting monetary donations, the Chapter will be participating in the 11th Annual Iowa Remembrance 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines. [Register](#) by September 10th. On the registration form, under "Questions for 5K", type "AGA Des Moines Chapter" for your team name. Please let Kim Knight know if you will be participating, the Chapter will meet for a group photo before the event.

**November 2020 – December 2020:** Toys for Tots**January 2021 – February 2021:** Animal Rescue League of Iowa**March 2021 – April 2021:** Autism Society of Iowa**May 2021 – June 2021:** Food Bank of Iowa**Chapter Recognition Points, Terri Walker:**

The Des Moines AGA chapter received the 2019-2020 Platinum Award and the Chapter Education Award for our work during the 2019 calendar year.



New this year! The Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Awards, the objective of which is to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission, and to provide flexible guidelines to help the development of a well-rounded chapter. Stay tuned for more information on the new ACE program in the October newsletter.

Citizen Centric & Chapter History Reports:

The [Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric Report \(CCR\)](#) and the [Chapter History Report](#) are now available on the chapter's website. Click on the report for a link to the website. Note: The most recent CCR has been submitted to National AGA and is published on our website. On March 10th, the chapter received the Certificate of Excellence award for the 2018-2019 CCR Report.



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1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Ethics
(Individual Webinar)

November 18, 2020

Technology & Transformation Summit
FREE for AGA Members
(Virtual 8 CPE)

December 9, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Internal Control
(Individual Webinar)

January 13, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Uniform Guidance
(Individual Webinar)



President's Message – October 2020

Happy Fall!!!

I hope everyone has had a chance to see the leaves turning this year. They have been quite colorful. It's also a really busy time of year for accountants, and especially those of us in city, county, state, or federal service. Since this fiscal year began we've dealt with budgets, audits, GAAP Packages, and the list goes on and on. But we are resilient and push ahead as we wrap up these items and look forward to new projects and events.

Speaking of events, the Des Moines Chapter has provided or been involved in multiple activities so far this year. We have hosted two AGA webinars (Communications and Improper Payments) and the NASACT GASB Review. We've also participated in two fundraising walking events: Walk to End Alzheimer's and Iowa Remembers (see the Community Service section). And before we ring in the New Year, we'll have two more AGA webinars: Ethics on November 4th, and Internal Controls on December 9th.

BUT WAIT – THERE'S MORE!

You will also be able to attend AGA's Technology & Transformation Summit 2020! And if you're an AGA member, you can attend virtually for **FREE**. It's a great way to pick up 8 hours of free and easy CPE.

And if this isn't enough to fill your free time (I know...what's that?) there's some great articles in the newest Journal of Government Financial Management and the various newsletters, like TOPICS from AGA that always have a little nugget of information to help us in our daily treks.

This will most likely be the last day in the 70's for 2020, so stay warm and safe.

Randy Lagerblade, CPM
Chapter President



AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Mihneta Lisinovic

- Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter?
A) Since March 2016
- Q) How did you first learn about AGA? A) From co-workers, Rosemary & Natalie
- Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title?
A) DHS - Accountant II
- Q) What college did you attend? A) Grand View University-Des Moines, IA; DMACC-Ankeny, IA; & Economic University-Sarajevo, Bosnia & Hercegovina
- Q) Least Favorite Food A) Caviar
- Q) Worst Fear? A) War & Violence
- Q) Read a book or Watch a movie? A) Both
- Q) iPhone & Android? A) iPhone Q) Spring or Fall A) Spring



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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



Did you know about the CGFM Scholarships offered by the AGA Des Moines Chapter?

If you're a Chapter Member you can be reimbursed up to \$100 per exam upon successfully passing the respective exam.

If you're a Chapter Member who applies to the CGFM program while actively serving on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) you will be reimbursed the CGFM application fee. Also, as a CEC member upon successfully passing a respective exam you shall be reimbursed the full cost of the exam.

The CEC is always looking for Chapter Members to serve on the CEC and there's clearly an incentive if you're considering the CGFM.

Study guides (CGFM) are available at the State Library for members to check out.

What are you waiting for?

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Professional

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Treasurer's Report, Mihneta Lisinovic

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Checking	7,132.32
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,240.70
PayPal	1,305.04
Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	9,678.06
Liabilities & Equity	
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AGA - Des Moines Chapter Operating Statement for the Period Ended September 30, 2020 For the Year Ending June 30, 2021

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Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when the Single Audit concept was first implemented for entities receiving \$25,000 federal funds? The following is from the September 1985 newsletter.



Single Audit Information

The Single Audit Act of 1984 was signed into law on October 19, 1984 and will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 1984. Thus, for most of our Des Moines Chapter membership, it will be effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1986.

The Office of Management and Budget issued Circular a-128, Audits of State and Local Governments on April 12, 1985. This circular, pursuant to the Single Audit Act, established audit requirements for state and local governments that receive Federal aid, and defines federal responsibilities for implementing and monitoring those requirements. This circular will supersede attachment P of Circular A-102 when the Single Audit Act goes into effect.

There have been a few changes since 1985. In 1990, OMB Circular A-133 was issued and the Single Audit Act was expanded to cover non-profit organizations, including Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs), and the threshold applied to entities that expended over \$300,000 of federal funds. With the issuance of the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200) in December 2014, the Single Audit Act provisions were rolled into the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200 Subpart F (200.500) Audit Requirements and the threshold was raised to \$750,000. A Single Audit does NOT prohibit federal agencies from conducting their own audit of a recipient, a specific award, or a program.



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Janice Jensen - 100 points

Kim Knight - 80 points

Lisa Dooly - 70 points

Jonathan Mader - 70 points

Janice Evans - 65 points

Marilyn Hanson - 65 points

Michelle Wendel - 65 points

Deborah Moser - 50 points

New Members:

Luke C. Donahue (State of Iowa Treasurers Office)

Ernest Ruben, Jr. (Auditor of State)

Marta M. Sobieszko (Workforce Development)

Lisa Swanepoel (City of Ankeny)



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On Saturday, August 29th, eight members of the Des Moines Chapter joined with other members of team Joyful Walkers for a virtual Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The group is pictured at Arbor Springs, a nursing home in



West Des Moines that focuses on the care of individuals with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. Including the Chapter and National matches, a total of \$1,500 was donated to the Alzheimer’s Association! **THANK YOU** for your generosity!!



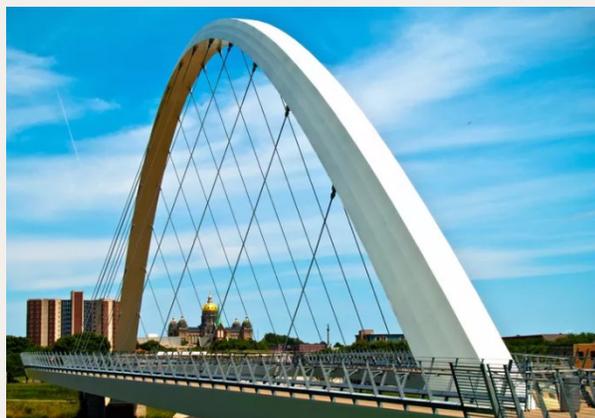
On Sunday, September 27th, one member of the Des Moines Chapter attended the 11th Annual Iowa Remembrance 5K at Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines. It was a rainy and very cool morning, but the event was well attended by over 200 individuals.

The Chapter will be “passing the envelope” in support of Toys for Tots for the months of November and December. An Eventbrite email will be sent in early November. Additionally, if you would like to purchase toys, you can go to the Chapter’s website, and on the Community tab, scroll down to Toys for Tots and follow the link to the Toys for Tots website. On their website, there is an option to click if you “want to donate a toy.” A 2020 Toys for Tots Virtual Toy Drive – Des Moines has been set up through You Give Goods. On this page, you can click the “SHOP NOW” button and purchase toys that will be distributed to children in the Des Moines area. For example, a basketball, the game Ants in Your Pants, building blocks, and much more. If you choose to donate via the virtual toy drive, please let Community Service Director Kim Knight know so that your donation can be included in the Chapter’s totals for matching purposes.

Take care and thank you for contributing to the success of the Chapter’s community service efforts!!!

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Chapter Recognition Points, Terri Walker:

Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Goals for 2020-2021

The ACE awards program, “focuses on core items that must be completed for a chapter to maintain baseline operations, and rewards varying levels of achievement”.

The Des Moines CEC has set a goal of Silver, 2,000-2,900 points. However, the Chapter hopes to earn extra points by exceeding the set goals.

Here are some things our members can do to help the Des Moines Chapter exceed our goals:

Recruit Members – our goal is to finish the 2020-2021 member year with 2 more members than we started with. Recruiters are entered into drawings at National for gift cards and other rewards, so help spread the word and recruit some members to the Des Moines Chapter!

Recruit Student Members – our goal is to have 3 student members sign up this year. Student Memberships are free, so help us spread the word!

Webinars and Educational Events – our goal is to achieve an average of 20 or more attendees.

CGFM Designation – our goal is to help one member earn their CGFM during the program year. Let us know if you are interested in pursuing the CGFM as our Chapter does offer scholarships to help offset some of the costs!

**Citizen Centric & Chapter History Reports:**

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Upcoming Events

January 13, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Uniform Guidance
(Individual Webinar)

February 3, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
GASB Update
(Individual Webinar)

March 3, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Improper Payments
(Individual Webinar)

March 24, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Cybersecurity
(Individual Webinar)



President's Message – December 2020

Happy Holidays and Looking Forward to a Better New Year!!!

I'm really tired of hearing and saying "What a crazy year!" but that's exactly what it's been. As we look at the Des Moines Chapter of AGA for 2020 we've had some frustrations, but we've also had some silver linings:

- We had several members resign due to retirement, etc., but fortunately, 5 new members joined so we are maintaining our membership numbers.
- Our push for student involvement from the local universities has stalled due to COVID, but we had the opportunity for Prasanna Bujimalla, our Young Professional Director and Kaylynn Short, our Past President and NCC Representative, to give a presentation on Governmental Accounting and AGA to the Drake chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honorary organization.
- We weren't able to hold our Annual Spring Seminar, but we've been able to provide opportunities to get 32 hours of CPE and we've had an average of 22 attendees at the monthly AGA webinars.

I'm taking all of those as wins!

So as we look to 2021, here's what's happening:

- Starting the year with 67 members and we'll continue to reach out to the Young Professionals.
- Providing 24 hours of CPE through June.
- Mark your calendars for the Spring Conference – April 8, 2021. We are lining up speakers for this virtual event.
- We continue our Community Service Projects (there's still time to contribute to Toys for Tots for December) with the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Autism Society of Iowa, and the Food Bank of Iowa.



We have a lot of good things going on with AGA and I'm looking forward to a GREAT YEAR! I wish all of you Happy Holidays. Keep them safe and warm...and wear a mask.

Randy Lagerblade, CPM

AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Denise Ragias

Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter?

A) I've been a member since 2005 when I first started working for the State.

Q) How did you first learn about AGA?

A) My co-workers at the State instilled the importance of AGA immediately. I took it to heart and have served on the CEC most years since then in different roles. I also studied for my CGFM and proudly earned that certification in 2009.

Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title?

A) I work for the Department of Education as an Education Program Consultant. I work in the Bureau of School Business Operations and assist school districts and area education agencies with fiscal questions and reporting. We collect a lot of data and do a lot of reporting also.

Q) Favorite cereal? A) I'm not a very big cereal eater so I don't think I can claim a favorite. Something with a little sweetness to it is ok!

Q) Early Bird or Night Owl? A) Neither?! I would probably say an Early Bird as I'm more productive early than late. Q) Win a Vacation or Win a Car? A) Vacation!!!

Q) Snickers or Sweet tarts? A) It's chocolate all the way so Snickers!!

Q) Snow boots or Sandals? A) Sandals definitely!



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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan

CGFM Corner

How many New Year's Resolutions do you make and follow through on? CGFM Certification is a great way to increase your knowledge with a professional certification.



Have you considered the CGFM program offered through AGA?

The Des Moines chapter has 36 CGFMs. The program has four components which include ethics, education, examinations and experience.



This is an opportunity to expand your career opportunities with the completion of the CGFM Certification.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>



**Treasurer's Report,
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Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,240.72
PayPal	1,217.39
Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	11,365.18
Liabilities & Equity	
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CGFM Study Guides	-	0.00%	-
Member Incentives	175.00	0.00%	-
Donations	900.00	16.04%	144.35
Insurance	325.00	0.00%	-
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
Total Expenses	16,562.00		4,676.09
Rev over (under) Exp	78.50		(1,179.79)
Beginning Balance July 1, 2020			12,544.97
Ending Balance November 30, 2020			11,365.18



Historian’s Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when Des Moines AGA held monthly meetings in the evening at local restaurants for social time, supper, and a speaker?



In the early 80’s, most meetings were held at Baker’s Cafeteria on NE 14th street, with a social hour at the Bavarian Haus prior to the meal and speaker.



Other meeting locations found in past newsletters between 1979 and 1989 included Babe’s Restaurant, Best Western Starlight Inn, Bishops, Colorado Feed and Grain, DMACC, Duffs Res-

taurant (social at Chi Chi’s), Dynasty, Gino’s and Gino’s West, Greenbrier Restaurant, The Husker, Kenny’s Executive (Executive Inn), The Mandarin, Michael’s Restaurant, Montana’s, The Pier, Ponderosa, Prairie Meadows, Riccelli’s Restaurant, Cub Club at Sec Taylor Stadium, and a picnic at Greenwood Park Shelter.



Community Service for FY2020-2021:

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Autism Society of Iowa
- May - June:**
Food Bank of Iowa

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Are You Up to Date?

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Membership Corner, Janice Jensen:

Members can earn points as follows:

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Contact Roo4sun@aol.com to report community service participation.
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

Top Point Leaders 2020-2021:

- Janice Jensen – 220 points
- Janice Evans – 150 points
- Michelle Wendel – 135 points
- Kim Knight – 130 points
- Deborah Moser – 120 points

New Members:

- Luke C. Donahe (State of Iowa Treasurers Office)
- Ernest Ruben, Jr. (Auditor of State)
- Marta M. Sobieszkoda (Workforce Development)
- Lisa Swanepoel (City of Ankeny)



Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at [AGA Des Moines Chapter: Training & Events](#)



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Community Service, Kim Knight

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to impact many aspects of our daily lives. Due to the positive response we received in the first half of the fiscal year, we will continue to “pass the envelope” via Eventbrite in 2021!



For the months of September and October 2020, we collected donations for Iowa Remembers, Inc. Their mission is to remember and honor the Iowa military casualties of war from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. In total, \$225 was donated by our members and the Chapter to Iowa Remembers, Inc.! Additionally, we have requested a \$225 match from the national office.

The Chapter will be “passing the envelope” in support of Toys for Tots for the remainder of calendar year 2020. Thank you to those who have so generously donated so far to the Toys for Tots fundraiser!



In January and February 2021, the Chapter will be “passing the envelope” in support of the Animal Rescue League of Iowa (ARL). The ARL is Iowa’s largest nonprofit animal shelter, caring for many thousands of pets each year. The ARL serves people and pets from across the state of Iowa through its programs, which include pet adoption, humane education, pet behavior, spay/neuter, animal cruelty intervention, and much more. The ARL’s mission is to promote animal welfare, strengthen the human-animal bond, and prevent the overpopulation of pets. Watch for an Eventbrite email in early January!

Happy holidays and thank you for contributing to the success of the Chapter’s community service efforts!!!

A summary of the Chapter’s community service plan follows.

- July 2020 – August 2020:**
Alzheimer’s Association
- September 2020 – October 2020:**
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- November 2020 – December 2020:**
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- January 2021 – February 2021:**
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Chapter Recognition Points, Terri Walker:

Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Goals for 2020-2021
The ACE awards program, “focuses on core items that must be completed for a chapter to maintain baseline operations, and rewards varying levels of achievement”.

The Des Moines CEC has set a goal of Silver, 2,000-2,900 points. However, the Chapter hopes to earn extra points by exceeding the set goals.

Here are some things our members can do to help the Des Moines Chapter exceed our goals:

Recruit Members – our goal is to finish the 2020-2021 member year with 2 more members than we started with.
Recruiters are entered into drawings at National for gift cards and other rewards, so help spread the word and recruit some members to the Des Moines Chapter!

Recruit Student Members – our goal is to have 3 student members sign up this year. Student Memberships are free, so help us spread the word!

Webinars and Educational Events – our goal is to achieve an average of 20 or more attendees.

CGFM Designation – our goal is to help one member earn their CGFM during the program year. Let us know if you are interested in pursuing the CGFM as our Chapter does offer scholarships to help offset some of the costs!

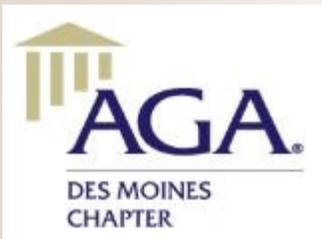
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(Individual Webinar)

March 24, 2021

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Jesse Martinez, OCIO
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Cybersecurity
(Individual Webinar)

April 7, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Improper Payments
(Ethics)

April 8, 2021

8:00-4:10 AGA Spring
Conference
[Register Here](#)
(See Page 4 of Newsletter)



President's Message – February 2021

WOW – It is crazy cold and who ordered all this snow!!! I moved here from Arizona to escape the heat...I'm starting to rethink that decision.

According to Phil (that groundhog from PA), we're due to have 6 more weeks of winter. But I've got better news. In a little over 7 weeks we will be hosting the Des Moines Chapter 2021 Spring Seminar. Things will be slightly different this year as it will all be virtual. The Ethics webinar will take place the afternoon of Wednesday, April 7th. Then on Thursday, April 8th will be our all-day seminar with a great lineup of speakers: Wendy Morton-Huddleston, AGA National President; David Johnston, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department; Kraig Paulsen, Director, Iowa Department of Revenue; Rob Sand, Iowa State Auditor; Lance Noe, Director, Center for Professional Studies and Instructor at Drake University; and Karen Austin, Deputy State Treasurer. See Upcoming Events section to the right, as well as, page 4 of the newsletter for more information and a link to register.

Other upcoming webinars and training opportunities will occur in March starting with *Using Data and Disruptive Technology to Reduce Improper Payments* on March 3rd. And on March 24th we have the return of **Lunch n' Learn – Virtual Style**. Prior to the webinar on *Cybersecurity and Enterprise Risk Management*, we will have Jesse Martinez from OCIO as our speaker. Watch for all the details coming soon.

Keep safe and warm...and wear a mask.

Randy Lagerblade, CPM
Chapter President



AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Jenny Podrebarac

- Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter?
A) (I think) I joined AGA late 2018 or early 2019, so I'm just starting my 3rd year of membership!
- Q) How did you first learn about AGA?
A) I first learned about AGA when I attended various AGA events when I worked as an auditor.
- Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title?
A) I am currently the financial manager at the Iowa Lottery. Prior to coming to the Lottery, I spent 10.5 years at the State Auditors Office.
- Q) Favorite cereal? A) I can't pick just one, so I have to go with the top three which are Cap'n Crunch Crunch Berries (bonus points for Christmas Crunch), Fruit Loops, and Honey Nut Cheerios.
- Q) Early Bird or Night Owl? A) A bit of both really!
- Q) Win a Vacation or Win a Car? A) Definitely win a vacation...preferably to a beach destination.
- Q) Snickers or Sweet tarts? A) Snickers
- Q) Snow boots or Sandals? A) Sandals



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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Obtaining a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

How do you become a CGFM?

To earn the CGFM, you must complete an online application and meet the following requirements:



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

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Professional Certification at agacgfm@agacgfm.org.



**Treasurer’s Report,
Mihneta Lisinovic**

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PayPal	1,058.66
Certificate of Deposit	-
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Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when there wasn't a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification? The following, is some historical information related to certification. After seeing an article in the February 1985 Des Moines AGA Chapter Newsletter discussing a task force that was studying the feasibility of a certification program, the National AGA website was used as a resource regarding certification history. The Des Moines Chapter has members who became a CGFM through the grandfather provision based on experience and others that earned their CGFM through the exam. Following is a portion of the information on the National AGA website.



January 1994 - President Steinhoff outlines plan to pursue a Certified Government Financial Manager Program. He cites the dramatic changes unfolding today in government as making the difference between this and other attempts by AGA over the past 20 years to launch a certification program.

April 1994 - The National Board of Directors has emphatically endorsed the Certified Government Financial Manager Program and President Steinhoff explains that for the first two years, candidates will be certified based on their experience. Eventually, passage of an exam will be required for certification. Steinhoff establishes a Professional Certification Board to report to the National President and NEC and to oversee the administration of the program.

April 1995 - The Professional Certification Board sets its sights on the development of an examination, which CGFM candidates will have to pass after the grandfathering period ends on June 30, 1996.

July-August 1996 - The CGFM grandfathering period ends with an astounding 13,000 total applications. (As of May-June 1996, over 8000 were approved.)

January 1997 - Six months after the end of the grandfathering period, more than 13,000 CGFM applications have been approved. Of those certified, 45 percent work for state and local governments; 41 percent are employed by the federal government; 13 percent represent the private sector, academia and retirees; and 1 percent work for international governments.

July-August 1997 - The Beta phase of the CGFM Examinations kicked off in Phoenix as the first candidates sat for the examinations. More than 100 applications have been received from others wanting to take the Beta exams.

October 1997 - AGA prepares for the first round of CGFM renewals while readying its first exam study tool, the "Overview and Self-Assessment Course," for those interested in taking the exams or earning continuing professional education.

December 1997 - AGA receives approval as a member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), which means that the Association's conferences and training are formally recognized CPE sources not just for CGFMs, but also for Certified Public Accountants in more than 40 states. With the Beta phase of the CGFM Examinations completed, the Professional Certification Board and staff are turning their attention to the development of complementary training courses to prepare candidates to take the live examinations.

Membership Corner, Janice Jensen:

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- Kim Knight – 180 points
- Pam Bormann—175 points
- Andy Nielsen—175 points

New Members:

- Katherine Rupp (Office of Auditor of State)
- Anieta O'Hair (Dept of Administrative Services)

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Speaking of renewal, current AGA members who have permanently retired from government, academia, not-for-profit or commercial enterprises or ventures can renew as retired membership type for \$35 per year.



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Stay safe and warm and thank you for contributing to the success of the Chapter’s community service efforts!!!

3 Lucky Members: AGA National Office says renewing early is a huge help to AGA and saves postage and other costs. As a thank you, all AGA members who renew early will be entered in a prize drawing for **free** registration to attend PDT (Professional Development Training) virtually. **Three lucky members** who renew before March 15 will be selected to attend AGA’s premier training and networking event.



Open Positions for 2021-2022 CEC:



Have you ever thought of serving on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the Des Moines AGA Chapter? There are several positions open on the 2021-2022 CEC board and we would love to have you join us!

The following positions are currently open: Chapter President-Elect, Education Director, Community Service Director, and Bylaw & Procedures/Historian.

If any of these positions sound like something you would be interested in or you would like more information on any of the positions, please feel free to reach out to Randy Lagerblade at randy.lagerblade@iowa.gov or Terri Walker at terri.walker@iowa.gov.

Spring Training Seminar—Thursday April 8, 2021:

8:00 AM – 4:10 PM CST
Virtual – Zoom Video Webinar
8 CPE Available

[Register Here](#) (Deadline April 5, 2021)
Des Moines Chapter Member \$80
Non-Member \$128; Student \$10



Join the Des Moines Chapter of AGA for an all-day virtual seminar on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

The seminar will feature the following speakers and topics:

Wendy Morton-Huddleston, AGA National President, *Resilient Leadership – Emotional intelligence and resilient leadership model from the center for creative leadership* (2 CPE).

David Johnston, Lead Planner, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department – *Recent FEMA Disasters “By the Numbers”* (1 CPE).

Kraig Paulsen, Director, Iowa Department of Revenue, *Modernization of Iowa Department of Revenue’s Systems* (1 CPE)

Rob Sand, State Auditor, *Importance of Internal Controls – How inadequate controls can possibly lead to fraud in governments* (1 CPE).

Lance Noe, Director, Center for Professional Studies and Instructor at Drake University, *Ethics* (2 CPE)

Karen Austin, Deputy State Treasurer, *State Treasurer 101* (1 CPE).

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CARES Act
(Individual Webinar)

May 12, 2021

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Speaker, TBD

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Fraud/Data Analytics
(Individual Webinar)

June 9, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Leadership
(Individual Webinar)



President's Message – April 2021

What a great event. Yep, I'm talking about the Spring Seminar – fully virtual. And based on the preliminary survey results it looks like the attendees enjoyed it too. We sold 91 tickets, had 87 attend throughout the day, and had attendees from as far away as Brooklyn and Elmhurst, New York and Jackson, Mississippi. We had no major technical glitches, just a couple minor one's due to operator error – me. I couldn't be prouder of the work the Planning Committee and Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) did to make this a reality.

This was our first, full-blown virtual event. Although we did do a test run with our Zoom platform last month by reinstating the Lunch N Learns. We're still learning about the capabilities and discovering that "best practices" aren't necessarily best for everyone or every event. We should have had the Chat Feature activated for the Seminar, but we'll get better.

Just like in our profession, there is always room to learn and grow, and with the constantly changing landscape of the accounting world, there's always opportunities to improve yourself. That's why it's so important to participate in organizations, like AGA, that provide training, webinar, etc. throughout the year so you can learn and grow as an individual and within your work units/teams. And when you expand your horizons to learn or try new things, you just might discover you have hidden talents that can help other's grow. Sometimes these expanding horizons are thrown upon you, like COVID – think of all the things you now do differently. And sometimes you take a leap of faith to try something new. I would encourage you to consider joining the CEC. Expand your horizons and help others within the governmental accounting world grow. Feel free to reach out to any of the CEC members to discuss how you could fill a vital role.

Please watch for upcoming events hosted through your Des Moines Chapter:

- 04/21 – Webinar on the CARES Act
- 05/12 – Lunch N Learn and Webinar on Fraud/Data Analytics
- 06/09 – Lunch N Learn and Webinar on Leadership



I look forward to "seeing you" at these events.

Randy Lagerblade, CPM
Chapter President

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Have you ever thought of serving on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the Des Moines AGA Chapter? There are three positions open on the 2021-2022 CEC board and we would love to have you join us!

The following positions are currently open (See page 3 for a description of the open positions):



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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



As we continue to work through COVID changes, a great personal and professional goal is considering CGFM. Certification is a great way to demonstrate your commitment to the profession and a potential new and exciting opportunity. The study guides are offered at the state library for check out. NEW! Online CGFM Examinations Skip the mask and stay at home. The CGFM exams can now be taken conveniently and safely at home with Pearson's OnVUE online proctoring. A live proctor will be available for the duration of the exams to monitor candidates through the webcams of their computer. Find more information on scheduling online exams.



What are the Qualifications for the CGFM?

Education Requirement. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required to take any of the CGFM examinations.

Experience Requirement. CGFM candidates must have at least two years of experience in government financial management prior to designation as a CGFM. Experience is not necessary to sit for the exams; however, documentation of professional experience must be filed and approved by AGA before the CGFM designation can be granted.

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Member Incentives	175.00	0.00%	-
Donations	900.00	128.12%	1,153.09
Insurance	325.00	100.00%	325.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
Total Expenses	16,562.00		8,644.68
Rev over (under) Exp	78.50		7,553.16
Beginning Balance July 1, 2020			12,544.97
Ending Balance March 31, 2021			20,098.13

**Treasurer's Report,
Mihneta Lisinovic**

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Assets	
Checking	14,273.99
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,240.76
PayPal	4,583.38
Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	20,098.13
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	20,098.13
Total Liabilities & Equity	20,098.13



Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when the chapter had 52 members? The following statistical information regarding Des Moines Chapter members is from the April 1996 Des Moines AGA Chapter Newsletter.

As of January 31, 1996, our chapter had 52 members. Of those forty had a bachelors degree, eight had a masters degree, one had a doctorate degree and three have other educational backgrounds. The current membership report has 70 members, including those that haven't renewed for the 21-22 year and two lifetime members with a paid thru date of 3-31-2099.

Renew your AGA Membership Today! See section to the right for more details on how to renew.



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Membership Corner, Janice Jensen:

Members can earn points as follows:

- 35 points—attend a webinar
- 20 points—attend a lunch 'n learn (LNL)
- 15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)
Contact Roo4sun@aol.com to report community service participation.
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

Top Point Leaders 2020-2021:

- Janice Jensen – 355 points
- Janice Evans – 250 points
- Kim Knight – 250 points
- Andy Nielsen—245 points
- Deborah Moser – 225 points
- Michelle Wendel – 205 points
- Pam Bormann—195 points
- Ernie Ruben—175 points

New Members:

- Katherine Rupp (Office of Auditor of State)
- Anieta O'Hair (Dept of Administrative Services)



Community Service for FY2020-2021:

July - August:

Alzheimer's Association

September - October:

Iowa Remembers, Inc.

November - December:

Toys for Tots

January - February:

Animal Rescue League of Iowa

March - April:

Autism Society of Iowa

May - June:

Food Bank of Iowa

We will be posting more information throughout the year on our [website](#) about these charities.

Are You Up to Date? Renew your AGA Membership Today!

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please don't let that stop you! Here are 3 options:

Online: Members should log in to [My AGA](#) with their user name (it's their AGA ID unless they changed it) and password.

Via phone: Members should call 800-242-7211 extension 301.

Need a paper invoice or need to make changes to record/invoice? Members should send an invoice request and questions to agamembers@agacgfm.org.

Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Training & Events](#)



Chapter Minutes:

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee meetings and Monthly Lunch 'N Learn meetings are located on the Chapter's website.

Minutes have been posted through the most recent meeting.

Please use the following link to review these minutes:

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Meeting Minutes](#)



Community Service, Kim Knight

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to impact many aspects of our daily lives. Due to the positive response we received in the first half of the fiscal year, we are continuing to “pass the envelope” via Eventbrite in 2021!



For the months of January and February 2021, we collected donations for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa (ARL). Their mission is to promote animal welfare, strengthen the human-animal bond, and prevent the overpopulation of pets. In total, \$365 was donated by our members and the chapter to the ARL. With AGA National’s \$365 match, a total of \$730 was donated to the ARL!! Thank you for your support!

The Chapter will be “passing the envelope” in support of the Autism Society of Iowa for the remainder of April 2021. Thank you to those who have so generously donated so far to the Autism Society of Iowa!



In May and June 2021, the Chapter will be “passing the envelope” in support of the Food Bank of Iowa. The Food Bank of Iowa’s vision is a hunger-free Iowa. And, their mission is to provide food for Iowa children, families, and seniors to lead full and active lives, strengthening the communities where they live. The Food Bank of Iowa is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Watch for an Eventbrite email in early May!

I hope you all have been able to enjoy some of these nice spring days after the long winter! Thank you for contributing to the success of the Chapter’s community service efforts!!!



AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Jonathan Mader



Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter?

A) I only recently became a member back in October 2019.

Q) How did you first learn about AGA?

A) I first learned about AGA through the DSM Chapter’s Lunch ‘n Learn opportunities while I was working at the Iowa Auditor of the State’s office years ago. Working at the Capitol complex made it convenient to walk over and participate. Thank you to all who organize these events and for communicating the training opportunities.

Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title?

A) I currently work for the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division. I am part of an amazing accounting team there and my title is an Accountant II.

Q) Favorite food? A) This is a very tough question. I love almost ALL food. This answer could go so many ways...Since I live in Iowa I think I must go with something that isn’t as common around here. It is rare to have great seafood most places but any chance when I am travelling, the first option I am looking for is a wonderful menu full of seafood options—sushi, scallops, crab legs, white fish, mussels...all of it@ and yes, DSM does have some really great seafood places too.

Q) Worst fear? A) Loss of freedom and the destruction of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Q) Watch sports or play sports? A) Ten years ago this would have been different but now—Watch Sports. I’ll occasionally golf but that is about it. However, if I’m ever out near the mountains in winter time, I will absolutely make a point to go snowboarding.

Q) iPhone or Android? A) Android. But I must say I was till using a flip phone up until 1/1/18.

Q) Favorite Des Moines area restaurant? A) Tokyo Steakhouse—Ankeny

Q) If you could spend a week anywhere in the world where would you go? A) Either Austria or Southeast Asia

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President's Message – June 2021

To steal the words from Carol Burnett, "I'm so glad we had this time together, just to have a laugh or sing a song." Well we didn't do any singing but my time as your Des Moines Chapter president has been enjoyable and rewarding. I am very grateful for the challenges that we had, as they helped us grow and expand our abilities from accounting to project management; from technology to leadership. But none of that would have been possible without the dedication of our remarkable Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). They have pulled together to make the events, and all the behind-the-scenes actions of our chapter, run smoothly.

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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



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The early 1990's continued with evening meetings, the mid-1990's were a mix of breakfast and luncheon meetings, before ending the decade with mostly luncheon meetings. Evening meetings were at local restaurants for social time, supper, and a speaker or a social event, such as a baseball or arena football game. The breakfast meetings, which started at 7:00 a.m. and the luncheon meetings were mostly held at the New Historical Building, though some lunches were at other locations near capital complex.

Other meeting locations between 1990 and 1997 included Best Western Bavarian House, Best Western Starlight Inn, Bishops (social at Garcia's), Colorado Feed and Grain, Chung's Chinese Restaurant, Gino's and Gino's West, Hyperian Field Club (no golf); North End Diner, Riccelli's Restaurant, Iowa Cub Club at Sec Taylor Stadium (no game or skybox with game), Spaghetti Works, Veteran's Memorial Auditorium (game and no game) and the Wa-



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Members can earn points as follows:

- 35 points—attend a webinar
- 20 points—attend a lunch 'n learn (LNL)
- 15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)
Contact Roo4sun@aol.com to report community service participation.
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

Top Point Leaders 2020-2021:

- Janice Jensen – 425 points
- Janice Evans – 355 points
- Kim Knight – 355 points
- Andy Nielsen—315 points
- Deborah Moser – 295 points
- Michelle Wendel – 295 points

New Members:

Rhonda Betsworth, DeAnna Coulter, Beth Ludwig, Karen Nesheim, and Victoria Wims—All from Linn County



Community Service for FY2020-2021:

July - August:

Alzheimer's Association

September - October:

Iowa Remembers, Inc.

November - December:

Toys for Tots

January - February:

Animal Rescue League of Iowa

March - April:

Autism Society of Iowa

May - June:

Food Bank of Iowa

We will be posting more information throughout the year on our [website](#) about these charities.

Are You Up to Date? Renew your AGA Membership Today!

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please don't let that stop you! Here are 3 options:

Online: Members should log in to [My AGA](#) with their user name (it's their AGA ID unless they changed it) and password.

Via phone: Members should call 800-242-7211 extension 301.

Need a paper invoice or need to make changes to record/invoice? Members should send an invoice request and questions to agamembers@agacgfm.org.



Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Training & Events](#)



Chapter Minutes:

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee meetings and Monthly Lunch 'N Learn meetings are located on the Chapter's website.

Minutes have been posted through the most recent meeting.



Please use the following link to review these minutes:

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Meeting Minutes](#)

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Chapter Recognition Points, Terri Walker:

Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Goals for 2020-2021
The ACE awards program, “focuses on core items that must be completed for a chapter to maintain baseline operations, and rewards varying levels of achievement”.

The Des Moines CEC has set a goal of Silver, 2,000-2,900 points. However, the Chapter hopes to earn extra points by exceeding the set goals.

Here are some things our members can do to help the Des Moines Chapter exceed our goals:

Recruit Members – our goal is to finish the 2020-2021 member year with 2 more members than we started with.

Recruiters are entered into drawings at National for gift cards and other rewards, so help spread the word and recruit some members to the Des Moines Chapter!

Recruit Student Members – our goal is to have 3 student members sign up this year. Student Memberships are free, so help us spread the word!

Webinars and Educational Events – our goal is to achieve an average of 20 or more attendees.

CGFM Designation – our goal is to help one member earn their CGFM during the program year. Let us know if you are interested in pursuing the CGFM as our Chapter does offer scholarships to help offset some of the costs!

The November Pulse Check was submitted and the Des Moines Chapter is on track to receive the silver award.

Community Service, Kim Knight

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic we “passed the envelope” via Eventbrite in FY2021! This turned out to be a huge success and we would like to thank you all for your continued support of the charities!! Through April 2021, a total of \$3,670 was donated to the following charities: Alzheimer’s Association (\$1,500), Iowa Remembers, Inc. (\$450), Toys for Tots (\$400), Animal Rescue League of Iowa (\$730), and Autism Society of Iowa (\$590).



The Chapter will be “passing the envelope” in support of the Food Bank of Iowa through June 15, 2021. Thank you to those who have so generously donated so far to the Food Bank of Iowa!

Thank you for contributing to the success of the Chapter’s community service efforts!!!

Citizen Centric & Chapter History Reports:

The Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) and the Chapter History Report are now available on the chapter’s website. Click on the report for a link to the website.

The 2019-2020 Citizen Centric Report (CCR) for the Des Moines chapter was published and posted to our chapter’s website. The report can be found at the following website <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Des-Moines-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Citizen-Centric-Report.aspx>.

This year’s CCR layout was revised utilizing National’s partnership with Lucid Press, a cloud based digital design software platform provider from Jordan, Utah. They provided a template option for AGA newsletters and reports that was incorporated into our 2019-2020 report. The CCR report documents our chapter’s mission, vision and goals, plus chapter demographic information. It also includes performance information for key service areas, demonstrating progress (or not) over the prior year’s efforts and detailed revenue and expense information highlighting changes from prior year(s). Finally it includes a look to the future and “what’s next” in the year ahead, plus any foreseen challenges in meeting stated goals. Please take a look and let us know any feedback you may have for next year’s report.