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## Upcoming Events

The Chapter Executive Committee is in the process of developing the 2016-2017 training calendar.

We anticipate releasing a tentative training calendar in August 2016.

### We Want to Hear from You!!

Please contact Brenda Nye ([BNye@ialottery.com](mailto:BNye@ialottery.com)) or Denise Ragias ([Denise.Ragias@iowa.gov](mailto:Denise.Ragias@iowa.gov)) if you have suggestions regarding future speakers, training topics and training locations.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope all of you are enjoying the hot, sunny days of summer! I recently had the wonderful opportunity to attend AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) in Anaheim, CA. What an experience to be surrounded by 1800+ financial management professionals, most of which were government accountants. There were 3.5 days filled with speakers from GASB to FASB to a multitude of federal agencies to auditing professionals and beyond. It was fascinating to hear from some of the most intelligent and driven people in our field. Incoming national AGA president, Doug Glenn, was nothing but enthusiastic about the men and women in our field and wants to get the word out that government finance professionals are doing a great service for this country, locally, and in our state and federal arenas, by budgeting, managing, reporting and auditing in a transparent environment. We watch out for the taxpayers of this nation. Doug's goal is to get AGA and the great things we do in the evening news!!

We can do our part here in Iowa by making people aware of what we do in our offices all day and encouraging other professionals to join us in our service to our cities, counties, state and nation. We can encourage others to join our local professional development trainings and be involved in AGA! I'm looking forward to a great year for our chapter and I encourage you all to get involved whether it's a little or a lot so we can offer the best training we can and to get the word out that we're a great community of professionals serving the people of Iowa and the USA!!

Denise Ragias, CGFM

Des Moines Chapter President

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Charity for August & September is Paws & Effect



**Report from the Treasurer, Bridgett Wood:**

As a reminder, the Des Moines Chapter Bylaws that were revised on March 24, 2016 revised the Chapter's fiscal year end from April 30, to June 30. As a result, the Treasurer's Report presented in this issue of The AGA Ledger covers the periods of May 2016 and June 2016.

The AGA Ledger will begin presenting our first full year under the new fiscal year time frame of July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017 in the next issue.

Our bylaws can be found at the following location:

<https://sites.google.com/site/desmoinesaga/chapter-resources/chapter-bylaws-procedures>

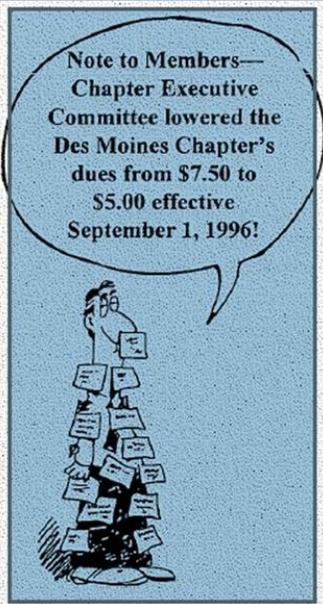


**AGA-Des Moines Chapter  
Balance Sheet  
As of June 30, 2016**

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	2,012.27
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	2,439.13
PayPal	1,622.27
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,084.67</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	6,084.67
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>6,084.67</b>

**AGA - Des Moines Chapter  
Operating Statements for the Months of May & June 2016**

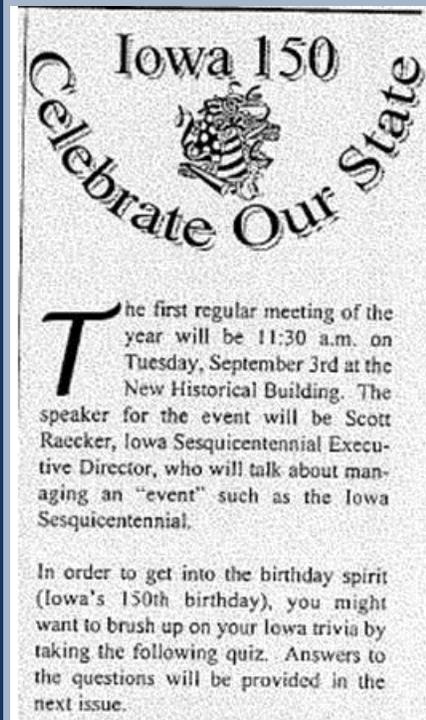
	Year to Date
<b><u>Revenues/Receipts</u></b>	
Interest	0.11
Conference Revenues	1,502.00
Donations	82.00
Member Meals	60.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,644.11</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
Conference Expenses	5,454.55
Postage & Supplies	9.40
Meals	62.06
Donations	382.98
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,908.99</b>
<b>Rev over (under) Exp</b>	<b>(4,264.88)</b>
<b>Beginning Balance April 30, 2016</b>	<b>10,349.55</b>
<b>Ending Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b>6,084.67</b>



Twenty years ago, the Des Moines Chapter dues were lowered to \$5. And, they remain \$5 today! How many things can you think of that cost the same today as they did 20 years ago!??

### Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

This Iowa trivia was published in The AGA Ledger, Summer 1996. Answers will be published our next newsletter.



1. Who holds the distinction as Iowa's first Governor?
2. What year was the Capitol Building in Des Moines dedicated?
3. How many people are employed by the State of Iowa (i.e., state employees)?
4. What is Iowa's current population?
5. What are Iowa's five largest cities?
6. What is the State of Iowa's Internet address?
7. How many students graduated from Iowa public high schools during the 1994-1995 school year?
8. What is the annual salary for members of the General Assembly?
9. When did Iowa's governors first move into Terrace Hill?
10. How many presidents, vice presidents, and first ladies were born in Iowa? ☑

### Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

New members for 2016-2017:

Pamela Sullivan, DAS

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Membership point leaders as of July 14, 2016:

Kimberly Knight—220  
Kimberly Ashmore—205  
Brenda Nye—155

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Please stay tuned!!

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**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

For a second year in a row, in the months of August and September, we will be raising funds for "Paws & Effect." Paws & Effect is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that raises, trains, and places service dogs with children and veterans with disabilities. The majority of their recipients include children with autism and combat veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and mobility issues. To learn more about Paws & Effect, you can visit their website: <http://www.paws-effect.org/>

The Des Moines Chapter matches up to \$100 of member/non-member donations per charity and also requests a match of that grand total from AGA's National Community Service Fund. So, a donation of \$5 could quickly grow to \$20!

**The CEC Needs YOU!**

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President-Elect is a three year commitment as President-Elect in year one, President in year two, and Past-President in year three. As President-Elect the main duty is to find people to be on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the year of Presidency and learn the inner-workings of the CEC.

Early Careers chair is responsible for contacting and involving students and persons early in their career. Activities could include visits to colleges, events, etc.

Please contact Denise Ragias, Chapter President, if you would like to learn more about these positions!



Happy Fall! Another program year has begun and we are looking at a great year of opportunities! We had a nice group of attendees for our first lunch ‘n’ learn and webinar in September. The CEC has purchased all twelve of the National AGA webinars (at least one a month through June 2017) and will consider offering additional trainings from NASACT and others as the opportunities arise. We’ll have at least one lunch ‘n’ learn per month and are actively looking for speakers.

As a chapter we’ve also made the commitment to community service with a great start. A few of the members walked in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Sept. 17 and we’ve already collected funds to support Paws & Effects. We also give our members and guests the opportunity to donate to several different charities throughout the year. National AGA has challenged each chapter to collect much-needed food and household items for today’s struggling families. We’ve accepted the challenge and will be collecting canned food to donate to the Food Bank of Iowa from October 1 to November 16. Please bring non-perishable food items or cash/check to the October or November meetings. Remember this is a national challenge so let’s show them what we’ve got here in Central Iowa!!!

We’ve got a great bunch of people serving on the Chapter Executive Committee. We meet monthly to plan and discuss our upcoming events and everyone works hard to provide inexpensive CPE to our finance and accounting community. We have at least two people actively working on becoming CGFMs. Our website will be revamped in the next several months. Look for our Citizen Centric Report to be published in the next couple of weeks. And we’re already working on a great spring conference scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at Noah’s Event Venue. Check out all the activities at [Des Moines Chapter AGA](#).

It’s going to be a great year so please join us!!!

Denise Ragias, CGFM  
Des Moines Chapter President

## Upcoming Events

### October 12:

11:30 - 12:50 Lunch ‘n Learn  
“Going Google”  
presented by OCIO  
Jason Bennett &  
Debbie O’Leary  
1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
“Cybersecurity -  
The New Norm”  
(Grimes Bldg, Rm B100)

### November 16:

11:30 - 12:50 Lunch ‘n Learn  
Speaker & Topic  
TBA  
1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
“Fraud Toolkit  
Case Studies”  
(Grimes Bldg, ICN Rm)

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Please consider bring nonperishable food items to an upcoming meeting for the Food Bank of Iowa.



**Report from the Treasurer,  
Bridgett Wood:**

AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2016	
<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	1,938.35
Less: Outstanding Items	(584.00)
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	1,239.31
PayPal	200.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,804.66</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	2,804.66
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>2,804.66</b>

**CGFM Corner, by Deb Schroeder**

**CGFM Intensive Review Course & Exams:**

Sign up for AGA's Intensive Review Course – it's a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!

The Intensive Review Course (IRC), offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Alexandria, Va., Oct. 13–14, 2016. The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days.

As a special bonus, the CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees – up to a \$375 savings!

Visit the [AGA CGFM ICR](#) web page for additional information.

AGA - Des Moines Chapter Operating Statement for the Period Ended September 30, 2016 For the Year Ending June 30, 2017				
	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date	1st Qtr 2016
<b>Revenues/Receipts</b>				
Interest	1.00	12.00%	0.12	0.12
Membership Fees	350.00	18.57%	65.00	65.00
Conference & Webinar Revenues	12,920.00	5.88%	760.00	760.00
Donations	300.00	13.33%	40.00	40.00
Member Meals	400.00	15.00%	60.00	60.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>13,971.00</b>		<b>925.12</b>	<b>925.12</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Conference & Webinar Expenses	10,843.00	29.47%	3,195.13	3,195.13
Postage & Supplies	80.00	2.49%	1.99	1.99
National PDT	1,500.00	57.31%	859.65	859.65
SLMR	300.00	0.00%	-	-
Scholarship	1,500.00	0.00%	-	-
CGFM Study Guides	510.00	0.00%	-	-
Gifts	225.00	0.00%	-	-
Meals	650.00	10.53%	68.42	68.42
Donations	600.00	13.33%	80.00	80.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16,218.00</b>		<b>4,205.19</b>	<b>4,205.19</b>
<b>Rev over (under) Exp</b>	<b>(2,247.00)</b>		<b>(3,280.07)</b>	<b>(3,280.07)</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			6,084.73	
Ending Balance September 30, 2016			2,804.66	



## Save the Date!!!

Our Annual Spring Seminar will be held on **May 18, 2017** at Noah's Event Venue in West Des Moines.

We are very excited to host another great training opportunity at this beautiful venue. Thus far, we have one confirmed speaker, AGA National President-Elect, Jim Arnette. Jim will speak on Leadership.

Please stay tuned to find out the rest of the day's speakers and topics in the next few months!

## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Answers to the Iowa trivia re-published in The AGA Ledger in July 2016 (originally published in the summer of 1996).

### Iowa Trivia Answers from the Summer 1996 AGA Ledger

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|---|---|
| 1. Robert Lucas was the first territorial governor by presidential appointment (1838-1841), but Ansel Briggs was Iowa's first elected governor (1846-1850). | 7. Approximately 30,000 students graduate annually from Iowa high schools.  |
| 2. The Capitol Building was dedicated in January 1884.  | 8. Members of the General Assembly are paid \$18,800 annually.  |
| 3. There are approximately 43,000 state employees, including those who work for the state universities.   | 9. In the fall of 1976, Governor Robert D. Ray and family moved into the newly remodeled 3rd floor of Terrace Hill.   |
| 4. The 1990 census reported 2,776,755 people living in Iowa.  | 10. Herbert Hoover (President) was born in West Branch in 1874, Henry Wallace (Vice President) was born in Adair County in 1888, Lou Henry Hoover (First Lady) was born in Waterloo in 1874, and Mamie Eisenhower (First Lady) was born in Boone in 1896. ☑ |
| 5. Iowa's five largest cities include: Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Sioux City, and Waterloo.   |   |
| 6. The State of Iowa's INTERNET address is: <a href="http://www.state.ia.us/">HTTP://www.state.ia.us/</a>   |   |

## Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

Please welcome our newest members:

Kaylynn Short, IDALS & Teresa Becker, USDA

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**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

The AGA National Office has challenged the Des Moines Chapter (and other AGA Chapters) to a friendly competition to see who can donate more pounds of food and household items to the local food bank.

We have accepted this challenge and will be collecting non-perishable food and household items at the October and November lunch 'n learns and webinars. We will be donating the items to the Food Bank of Iowa.

Please consider bringing items to the October 12 and November 16 meetings. If you prefer, we will be collecting cash and checks payable to "Food Bank of Iowa" at the meetings as well.

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## Upcoming Events

### **January 18, 2017:**

11:30 - 12:50 Lunch 'n Learn  
Employee & Family  
Resources presenting on  
Employee Assistance  
Program (EAP)

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"Getting Your Dollars to  
Work Harder: Blended &  
Braided Funding"  
(Grimes Bldg, Rm B50)

### **February 8, 2017:**

11:30 - 12:50 Lunch 'n Learn  
Speaker & Topic  
TBA

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"GASB"  
(Grimes Bldg, Rm B100)



The program year is well underway, Thanksgiving has come and gone and we are gearing up for the end of the year holidays! In addition to our AGA webinars we've had some interesting lunch 'n' learns with the OCIO providing an overview of the State's migration to Google, a presentation from the Community Engagement and Education Coordinator of the Food Bank, and the Iowa State Fair CEO with the presentation, "Nothing Compares to State Fair Thrills".

We are very thankful to all those who contributed to our Food Bank challenge in November. Our chapter donated 82 pounds of canned/boxed food and \$231.50 from donations. However, the chapter contributed a \$100 match and National AGA has matched all that with \$331.50 for a grand total of \$663!! Awesome!!

We continue to toss around ideas for speakers for our annual conference and for monthly lunch 'n' learns. If anyone would like to volunteer to speak or has any ideas for a speaker, please let us know. In this season of thankfulness and giving, I hope you also find time to make new memories with friends and loved ones.

Denise Ragias, CGFM

Des Moines Chapter President

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AGA members can attend the Financial Systems Summit virtually for no cost and earn up to 6 CPEs. See page 4 for more details!





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**CGFM Corner, by Deb Schroeder**

**What is CGFM?** The AGA Certified Government Financial Manager®(CGFM®) credential allows professionals to expand their career options by demonstrating they have the unique skills and special knowledge required of today’s government financial managers at the local, state, and federal levels.

**What makes CGFM Unique?** The CGFM® credentialing program focuses on the various aspects of government financial management at all levels of government. In preparing for the CGFM exam candidates gain a better understanding of the “big picture” of government and increase their knowledge in the various aspects of government financial management.

**CGFM Initial Requirements?** To receive CGFM certification, candidates must read and agree to abide by AGA’s Code of Ethics, have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university, pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations, and complete at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

For more information please call or email Deb Schroeder, Professional Certification Director, at 515-281-3146 or [deb.schroeder@iowa.gov](mailto:deb.schroeder@iowa.gov). Or visit [AGA’s CGFM website](#) .

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Conference & Webinar Revenues	12,920.00	12.41%	1,604.00	760.00	844.00
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### Need CGFM CPE by December 31st?

Learn Online. AGA provides valuable CPE through quizzes that can be taken quarterly and cover topics in the *Journal of Government Financial Management*. Quizzes are available from the eight most recent issues.

Visit the AGA [website](#) for additional information.

Note: These Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours are not NASBA-certified but do qualify for Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) CPE requirements.

### Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when the Des Moines chapter didn't have a Member of the Year? Chapter President Kasey Kiplinger first introduced the idea in the September 1981 newsletter.

I would appreciate your input regarding any changes you would like to see in AGA, specifically, our local chapter. For openers, I would like to see a Chapter awards competition. We could offer a Savings Bond to the person sponsoring the most new members by December 31. How about a "Member of the Year" award, with points awarded for sponsoring members, attendance, and involvement in committee work? We could have a monthly drawing for those in attendance and award a door prize or prizes at our meetings. What kind of program do you want? Should we have technical sessions? If so, should they replace or supplement the regular program for the month? I would like to hear your reactions and your ideas.

Let's have a fun year! I'll look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

The 1984-1985 year was the first year a Member of the year was awarded. The September 1984 newsletter included the following update.

We have developed criteria for earning points for the Chapter Member of the Year Award. We set 200 as a minimum number of points to qualify for the award of a \$75 savings bond and a plaque to be given to the member with the highest number of points by April 30.

The May 1985 newsletter introduced the first Member of the Year.

Congratulations to JOEL LUNDE on winning our very first member of the year award. A \$75 savings bond. Joel has worn many hats in helping our chapter, through his work on several committees, as well as sponsoring new members.

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Please welcome our newest members:

Amy Larmie, Iowa Dept. of Human Services

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**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

**Food Bank of Iowa (Oct-Nov):** Members & guests donated a total of \$231.50, the Chapter contributed an additional \$100 and the National Community Service Fund matched our total and contributed an additional \$331.50 to the Food Bank of Iowa. In addition, to the \$663 donation, we delivered 82 pounds of non-perishable items to the Food Bank of Iowa. Thank you!!



**Lupus Foundation of America (Dec-Jan):** The mission is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus through programs of research, education, support and advocacy.

**Alzheimer's Association (Feb-Mar):** The mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

**Members:** Please be sure to update your AGA contact information [online](#). Updating your information will ensure you are receiving all of the latest news from AGA National.

**Financial Systems Summit**

Jan. 13, 2017 | Washington or virtual | 6 CPEs

**Members: Earn up to 6 Free Hours of CPE**

AGA Members can attend the Financial Systems Summit virtually at no cost. Please click [here](#) for more information about the day's agenda and to register.



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## Upcoming Events

### February 22, 2017:

11:30 - 12:50 Lunch 'n Learn  
"Iowa Public Information  
Board and Government  
Transparency" presented by  
Margaret Johnson, Interim  
Executive Director

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"Fraud Indicators & Risk  
Assessments"

(Grimes Bldg, Rm B50)

### March 1, 2017:

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"GAO's Yellow Book  
Exposure Draft - What  
Changes are Ahead"

(Grimes Bldg, Rm B50)

### March 8, 2017:

11:30 - 12:50 Lunch 'n Learn  
Topic TBD

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"Uniform Guidance: Doing  
Things Differently"

(Grimes Bldg, Rm B100)

### March 29, 2017:

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"CFO/CIO Collaboration"

(Grimes Bldg, Rm B100)



Spring is within sight and hopefully you know what that means! March is CGFM month for AGA!! In case the acronym is unfamiliar, it stands for Certified Government Financial Manager. The designation is a professional certification earned through AGA. When I started employment at the state, I was encouraged by my co-workers to earn the certification and I'm glad I did! The information I learned helped to make things "click" and I got a better understanding of governmental accounting and processes. As of the end of December there were 41 active CGFMs in Iowa! If you're not one of them, why not consider earning this designation? Learn more about becoming a CGFM today! The Chapter has two sets of study guides available for borrowing to help you get started. And please join us at our CGFM celebration on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am before the lunch 'n' learn and webinar. Free pizza, pop and cupcakes!

We're also very proud of the fact that it is the goal of this chapter to offer approximately 40 hours of CPE annually at an affordable price. We're looking forward to the annual conference to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Noah's Event Venue in West Des Moines and information will be coming soon about the agenda. In addition we've offered a lunch 'n' learn and one to two webinars each month. We all appreciate the opportunity for cpe but it does come at a price. We need members to step up and serve on the Chapter's Executive Committee (CEC) so we can continue offering a great program! And if you're not a member, there's no better time than the present to join! The CEC is a good place to exercise leadership skills (resume builder too), serve others, network, and meet new people. Next year's president and one other attendee of the chapter's choosing are invited to attend the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Kansas City from May 4-6. The incoming president will also have the opportunity to go to the Professional Development Training in Boston from July 9 -12, where the attendees have the opportunity to earn 24 hours of cpe. Please consider joining AGA and serving on the CEC!

Denise Ragias, CGFM  
Des Moines Chapter President

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## March is CGFM Month!



Join us on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am as the Des Moines Chapter celebrates **CGFM Month** with a free pizza lunch! All registered Iowa CGFMs will be recognized during the business meeting. CGFMs – show your pride – WEAR RED.

See our **State Proclamation** declaring, in perpetuity, March as CGFM Month. The City of Des Moines and the City of Cedar Rapids have also declared March 2017 as CGFM Month.

Location: Room B-100, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E 14<sup>th</sup> St, Des Moines IA 50319.

Lunch ‘n Learn: Topic TBD

Web Conference: Uniform Guidance: Doing Things Differently. Learn how implementation of the Uniform Guidance is proceeding, gain insight into changes in grant administration, and acquire knowledge relative to successes in streamlining and strengthening grant oversight.

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**CGFM Corner, by Deb Schroeder**



Want to learn more about the CGFM certification process? Sign up for the [March 15<sup>th</sup> Webinar!](#) It’s FREE. Ready to take the next step towards CGFM certification? From now through March 31<sup>st</sup> the [Application](#) fee for AGA members is only \$35.

### Treasurer’s Report, by Bridgett Wood

AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2017	
<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	429.21
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	1,239.47
PayPal	1,128.02
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,807.70</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	2,807.70
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>2,807.70</b>



AGA - Des Moines Chapter Operating Statement for the Period Ended January 31, 2017 For the Year Ending June 30, 2017						
	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date	1st Qtr 2016	2nd Qtr 2016	3rd Qtr 2017
<b>Revenues/Receipts</b>						
Interest	1.00	28.00%	0.28	0.16	0.09	0.03
Membership Fees	350.00	24.29%	85.00	65.00	15.00	5.00
Conference & Webinar Revenues	13,260.00	14.93%	1,980.00	760.00	1,120.00	100.00
Donations	300.00	50.83%	152.50	-	140.50	12.00
Member Meals	400.00	71.25%	285.00	60.00	172.50	52.50
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>14,311.00</b>		<b>2,502.78</b>	<b>885.16</b>	<b>1,448.09</b>	<b>169.53</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Conference & Webinar Expenses	11,142.00	32.77%	3,651.11	3,195.13	131.01	324.97
Postage & Supplies	80.00	7.46%	5.97	1.99	3.98	-
National PDT	1,500.00	57.31%	859.65	859.65	-	-
SLMR	300.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,500.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
CGFM Study Guides	510.00	104.89%	534.92	-	-	534.92
Gifts	225.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
Meals	650.00	49.95%	324.66	68.42	194.18	62.06
Donations	600.00	67.25%	403.50	-	311.50	92.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16,517.00</b>		<b>5,779.81</b>	<b>4,125.19</b>	<b>640.67</b>	<b>1,013.95</b>
Rev over (under) Exp	(2,206.00)		(3,277.03)	(3,240.03)	807.42	(844.42)
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			6,084.73			
Ending Balance January 31, 2017			<b>2,807.70</b>			

### **AGA National Academic Scholarships**

If you or a family member are pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, or public administration, you should consider applying for one of several AGA Academic Scholarships. AGA grants scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing finance careers in an effort to grow the government financial management community and support current and future practitioners from the beginning of their careers. The application deadline for [National Academic Scholarships](#) is April 14, 2017.

**Deb Schroeder**

### **Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:**

Do you remember when the Des Moines chapter didn't participate in the Chapter Recognition Program (CRP)? Chapter President Bruce Snethen discussed the first year the chapter participated in the February 1984 Newsletter.

This is the first year in which the Chapter has actively participated in the competition program administered by the national office. Approximately half of the 20+ Chapter in our membership class are involved in Chapter competition, which provides one standard by which successful chapters may be judged. Points are earned in a variety of chapter activities and through the results of membership recruiting and retention, general membership meeting attendance, the newsletter published by the chapter, and several other functions (including a president's message of at least 100 words). Cash awards were given to the Chapters earning the most points.

At that time, Des Moines was ranked 8th out of 11 Chapters competing in their size category and members were encouraged to submit articles on financial management for the newsletters so the chapter could earn more points.

Since then, the Des Moines Chapter has received numerous CRP awards. The objective of the CRP is to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission, and to provide flexible guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The CRP is a planning guide to be used before the start of the program year, with results reviewed throughout the year by the chapter president or designee.

## Office of Management and Budget

Are you looking for the OMB website? We found it has moved [here](#).

### **Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:**

Renewal period & deadline: AGA's renewal year is Apr. 1 - Mar. 31. The renewal deadline for both AGA membership & CGFM is Mar. 31.

#### Members can earn points as follows:

- 35 points—attend a webinar
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Contact [tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov](mailto:tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov) to report community service participation.
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

#### Membership point leaders as of Feb. 10, 2017:

Brenda Nye - 565  
Kim Ashmore - 505  
Kim Knight/Deb Schroeder - 450

### **Training Calendar:**

Please view our training calendar at

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### **Chapter Minutes:**

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**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

**Lupus Foundation of America (Dec-Jan):**

Members & guests donated a total of \$71, the Chapter contributed \$71 and the National Community Service Fund matched our total and contributed an additional \$142 to the Lupus Foundation of America. Thank you!!

**Alzheimer's Association (Feb-Mar):** The mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

**The Breast Cancer Research Foundation (Apr-May):** The mission is to prevent and cure breast cancer by advancing the world's most promising research.

**Chapter Recognition Points, Jyl Huskey:**

Our current standing as of **December 31, 2016** is as follows:

Area	Points	Maximum	Percentage
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	2,225	5,000	45%
Education & Professional Development	3,300	4,000	83%
Certification	1,300	4,000	33%
Communications	3,402	3,000	113%
Membership	2,100	4,000	53%
Accountability	1,600	2,000	80%
Community Service	700	2,000	35%
Awards	0	1,000	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,627</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>59%</b>

**Chapter Executive Committee - We Need You!**

The following positions have vacancies for the 2017-2018 year. Please consider filling one of these important roles! Contact Denise Ragias if you're interested in finding out more about these positions.

- President - we have no Pres-Elect to move into this position. After presidency year this person serves as Past President (usually mostly advisory)
- President-Elect - 3 year commitment to move into presidency and then to past president. Also is responsible for heading a nominating committee (finding people to serve on CEC)
- Chapter Recognition - responsible for preparing and submitting this report quarterly. Keeps track of points earned for activities of the chapter (sometimes this is done by the Pres-Elect but in recent years it was split out)
- Communications - Responsible for creating a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter and sending it to the mailing list.
- Early Careers (Young Professionals) - promoting activities targeted towards college students and young professionals, sometimes we have scholarship and would coordinate this program
- Education - finding speakers for lunch-n-learns and coordinating our annual training.
- Website - maintain and keep website updated

Hopefully you've all received your invitation to attend the annual conference to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Noah's Event Venue in West Des Moines. We have a great line up for the day and it's not too late to register! Jim Arnette, AGA National President-Elect will speak on leadership, William Kresse of Governors State University will speak on fraud, Marisa Castaneda from Wells Fargo will speak on cyber fraud and mobile security, Dr. Lisa Bates will speak on transactional analysis, and Annette Campbell and Jim Cunningham from the State Auditor's Office will speak on fraud case studies. Register on [Eventbrite](#) now!

For most of the last year I've been asking people to step up and be part of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). I've sweated out the fact there was no one to follow



me in the presidency, particularly since I believe AGA is a good organization that provides so much opportunity – inexpensive CPE, networking, the CGFM certification, and more – and I didn't want to see our chapter flounder in the future. But I'm happy to say, and very thankful, that several people have volunteered to fill all positions in the 2017-18 year except for one (Early Careers) and the slate of officers was approved in the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Congratulations to all those individuals who accepted new positions – Brenda Nye, Kim Knight, Marilyn Hanson, Angie James, Cindy Weber, and Lily Kryuchkova and to those who are returning in the same positions – Kim Ashmore, Bridgett Wood, Minka Lisinovic, Rich Schoeppner, Janice Evans, Kim Knight, Tracie Kirkpatrick and Deb Schroeder. We still welcome others to join us as part of a committee, such as the annual conference setup or the procedures manual update. Just let someone on the CEC know you're interested and we'll get you involved. It's never too late to help!

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather and I hope to see you at the annual conference!

Denise Ragias, CGFM  
Des Moines Chapter President

## Upcoming Events

### April 26, 2017:

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"Blended and Braided Funding - Maximizing Existing Funds"  
(Grimes Bldg, Rm B100)

### May 17, 2017:

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"DATA Act: Moving Beyond Compliance"  
(Grimes Bldg, Rm B50)

### May 18, 2017:

7:30 - 4:00 Spring Conference  
[Register](#) by May 11  
(Noah's Event Venue, 1805 90th St, West Des Moines)

### June 14, 2017:

11:30 - 12:50 Lunch n' Learn  
"Loss Prevention" presented by Britt Davidson, Kum & Go  
1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"Fraud/Data Analytics"  
(Grimes Bldg, State Board Room, 2nd Floor)

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**CGFM Corner, Deb Schroeder**

**Congratulations to Kim Ashmore for passing the 3rd and final part of the CGFM exam in April!!**

**CGFM's, do you know what your CGFM CPE requirements are?**

One of the requirements to maintain your CGFM certification in active status is to complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects. The two-year cycles begins on the January 1 following the date you were awarded your CGFM and continues on an odd- or even-year basis thereafter (i.e. if you were awarded your CGFM in an odd year, your two-year cycle ends in an odd year; CGFM awarded in an even year, your two-year cycle ends in an even year).

You do not need to submit supporting documentation of CPE hours at the time of renewal but you must maintain your supporting documentation for a minimum of three years and provide it to AGA upon request.

CGFM CPE requirements, while similar in many respects to those of the AICPA, IIA, or state boards of accountancy, are not identical. Examples of training topics that may qualify as CPE for state licensing bodies or other professional organizations, but would not generally qualify as CPE for the CGFM certification, include certain training in taxation personal financial planning and investment, taxation strategies, estate planning, retirement planning, practice management, etc.

CPE that would satisfy the CGFM Program Requirement must be in Government Financial Management topics or related technical subjects applicable to Government Financial Management. A list of Topics and Subjects that generally satisfy these requirements can be found in [SECTION 12](#) on the [AGA CGFM CPE Requirements](#) webpage.

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<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	4,570.87
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AGA - Des Moines Chapter  
Operating Statement for the Period Ended March 31, 2017  
For the Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date
<b>Revenues/Receipts</b>			
Interest	1.00	34.00%	0.34
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Gifts	225.00	0.00%	-
Meals	650.00	78.33%	509.17
Donations	600.00	90.75%	544.50
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16,517.00</b>		<b>6,576.20</b>
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## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when AGA did not have a Certification Program? A study on this started in 1985. The following is from the February 1985 newsletter.

News from National - CERTIFICATION STUDY IS UNDER WAY - An AGA taskforce is studying the feasibility of a certification program in governmental accounting. A survey will be sent to a sample of AGA members for their comments on such a program.

It took awhile for the certification program to be fully implemented. The following about the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation was from the February 1996 Newsletter.

The grandfathering period for the CGFM program ends June 30, 1996 - LESS THAN SIX MONTHS AWAY.

The grandfathering period allowed eligible applicants to become a CGFM without taking the examinations. After the grandfathering period ended, CGFM certification is earned by reading the AGA Code of Ethics, applying for the CGFM program, submitting required degree documentation, receiving an eligibility letter, submitting a work verification form, and passing three CGFM examinations.

The Des Moines Chapter has over 35 members with CGFM designations, with several others currently working on the certification. Consider joining this group of Certified Government Financial Managers.



## Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

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Kim Knight - 700  
Deb Schroeder - 685  
Brenda Nye - 675

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**The Breast Cancer Research Foundation (Apr-May):** The mission is to prevent and cure breast cancer by advancing the world's most promising research.

**East Side Family, Inc. (June):** East Side Family, Inc. (ESF) is a community organization focused on uplifting, educating, and feeding the youth in Des Moines. In April 2016, ESF became a non-profit organization with a mission to help someone in need. ESF believes that hunger is a root to many problems and if ESF can feed, educate and uplift people to help change lives ESF is willing to do that. In 2017, ESF is sponsoring two youth flag football teams, hosting the annual cookout and a fall event to be determined.

**Chapter Recognition Points, Jyl Huskey:**

Our current standing as of **March 31, 2017**, is as follows:

Area	Points	Maximum	Percentage
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	2,400	5,000	48%
Education & Professional Development	5,225	4,000	131%
Certification	3,600	4,000	90%
Communications	5,227	3,000	174%
Membership	3,300	4,000	83%
Accountability	1,600	2,000	80%
Community Service	800	2,000	40%
Awards	200	1,000	20%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22,352</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>89%</b>



**CGFM Month Celebration!**

Pictured (L to R): Deb Schroeder, Denise Ragias, Janice Evans, Lily Kryuchkova, Patricia Townsend, Brenda Nye, Janice Jensen, Cheryl Mather



## 2017 Spring Seminar

### Program Highlights

The conference features a full day of sessions on leadership, fraud and embezzlement investigations, security and asset protection and interpersonal communications. Get practical insights from seasoned experts to help you solve organizational dilemmas and bolster your integrity. Discussion will focus on real-world events and the stewardship role of governmental accountants. Additionally, a webinar hosted by National AGA is available at no charge to conference participants.

### Schedule

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Grimes Building Room B-50, 400 E 14<sup>th</sup> St, Des Moines, IA 50319  
Pre-Conference National AGA Webinar - [DATA Act](#)

Thursday, May 18, 2017  
Noah's Event Venue, 1805 90h St, West Des Moines, IA 50319

7:30 am – 8:00 am  
Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:20 am  
Opening Remarks  
*Denise Ragias - Chapter President*

8:20 am – 9:10 am  
Good Leaders = Better Government  
*Jim Arnette - AGA National President-Elect*

9:25 am – 10:40 am  
In Both Love and Fraud, Little Things Can Mean A Lot  
*William Kresse - Governors State University*

10:55 am – 11:45 am  
Cyber Fraud and Mobile Security  
*Marisa Castaneda - Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*

11:45 am – 12:30 pm  
Luncheon - *Great Caterers of Iowa*

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  
How to Choose Your Ego States and Improve Your Relationships. An Intro to Transactional Analysis  
*Dr. Lisa Bates - Bates Chiropractic Clinic*

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
Awards Ceremony and Refreshments  
*Denise Ragias - Chapter President*  
*Tracie Kirkpatrick - Chapter Membership Director*

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm  
Fraud Case Studies  
*Annette Campbell - Office of Auditor of State*  
*Jim Cunningham - Office of Auditor of State*

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm  
Closing – Final Remarks  
*Brenda Nye - Chapter Education Director*

## Upcoming Events

### Training

**July 13, 2017:**

1:00 - 2:50 Webinar  
"GASB Review 2017"  
(Grimes Bldg, Rm B50)



### Volunteer

**August 12, 2017:**

8:30 - 4:30  
Thrill Park Admissions  
Iowa State Fair  
See page 5 for details.



2017-18: Des Moines Chapter President Brenda Nye, National President Jim Arnette & Des Moines Chapter President-Elect Kim Knight

School's out for summer! My thoughts go to grilling, summer activities and vacations. But this is also the time that we transition from one Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) to another. We've had our AGA annual conference and a year full of lunch 'n' learns and webinars, community service opportunities, newsletters and more. And we can all thank the members of the CEC for making this possible. I appreciate each and every person and the time they committed to making our Chapter strong and viable. But our Chapter meetings are not just about offering reasonably priced CPE. They are also a great place to network, a place to meet people interested in government accountability and transparency, a place to share information, and a place to learn and grow. I thank all of you for participating in our events and making AGA great!

We've also just recently learned that our Chapter has earned three different awards for the 2016-17 year. The Chapter is receiving the Platinum Award, the highest Chapter Recognition award. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work and to Jyl Huskey for keeping track of the many program credits throughout the year. The second award is for the Chapter Website Contest (in our size category). Congratulations to Janice Jensen for keeping up the website. She also had the task of converting information from one website to another this year. And last but not least, the third award is for the Chapter Newsletter Contest (in our size category). Congratulations to Kim Knight for all the great newsletters but particularly the award winning December 2016 issue.

I know that my successor, Brenda Nye, will do a wonderful job next year as she has already demonstrated as the Chapter's Education chairperson. She already has some ideas that will invigorate the Chapter and each of you. I encourage you to be part of the plan for the coming year. Volunteer to join us at the State Fair (and enjoy a free ticket, \$5 meal voucher and parking too)! Share your ideas and get involved! It's the only way to keep this Chapter great!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this year.  
Denise



2016-17 AGA Chapter Executive Committee members attending the Spring Seminar: Back Row: Denise Ragias, Deb Schroeder, Kim Knight, AGA National President-Elect Jim Arnette, Janice Evans, Rich Schoeppner, and Brenda Nye. Front Row: Janice Jensen, Gabe Stafford, Minka Lisinovic, Kim Ashmore and Tracie Kirkpatrick

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**CGFM Corner, Deb Schroeder****CGFM Certification Awarded to Kim Ashmore**

Congratulations to Kim Ashmore, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Iowa Department of Administrative Services, for successfully completing AGA's examination and certification requirements and earning the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM ®) designation. **Way to go, Kim!**

**CGFM Super Summer 2017 Promotion: Pass one, get one!**

Pass any CGFM exam this summer and receive a voucher for a **FREE** CGFM exam. How it works:

1. Pass one of your CGFM exams between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2017.
2. Request a voucher code for your next CGFM exam by emailing [agacgfm@agacgfm.org](mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org) as soon as you pass, and no later than Sept. 8, 2017.
3. Receive the voucher code via email.
4. [Schedule](#) and take your CGFM exam, using the voucher code as payment, by Nov. 30, 2017.

Questions regarding this promotion should be directed to AGA's Office of Professional Certification at [agacgfm@agacgfm.org](mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org) or 703.684.6931.

**Free Webinar: [Preparing for CGFM Exams.](#)**

When: Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm CDT

This free webinar will provide an overview of strategies and tips for preparing for the Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) exams and is intended for current and prospective CGFM candidates. Contact Lora Pickard, [lpickard@agacgfm.org](mailto:lpickard@agacgfm.org) if you have questions.

**Upcoming Training Events:**

July 7 – 8, 2017: CGFM Intensive Review Course, Boston, MA.

July 9 – 12, 2017: Professional Development Training (PDT), Boston, MA.

September 19 – 20, 2017: Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training, Washington, D.C.

**Treasurer's Report, Bridgett Wood**

AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of May 31, 2017	
<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	6,177.05
Less: Outstanding Items	(200.00)
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	1,239.59
PayPal	920.47
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>8,148.11</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	8,148.11
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>8,148.11</b>

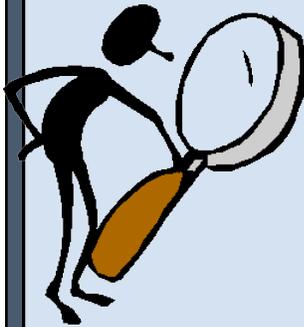


AGA - Des Moines Chapter  
Operating Statement for the Period Ended May 31, 2017  
For the Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date
<b>Revenues/Receipts</b>			
Interest	1.00	40.00%	0.40
Membership Fees	350.00	107.97%	377.91
Conference & Webinar Revenues	13,260.00	97.39%	12,914.00
Donations	300.00	72.17%	216.50
Member Meals	400.00	93.75%	375.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>14,311.00</b>		<b>13,883.81</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Conference & Webinar Expenses	11,142.00	71.57%	7,974.66
Postage & Supplies	80.00	107.46%	85.97
National PDT	1,500.00	108.98%	1,634.65
SLMR	300.00	124.81%	374.42
Scholarship	1,500.00	0.00%	-
CGFM Study Guides	510.00	104.89%	534.92
Gifts	225.00	0.00%	-
Meals	650.00	90.82%	590.31
Donations	600.00	104.25%	625.50
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16,517.00</b>		<b>11,820.43</b>
Rev over (under) Exp	<b>(2,206.00)</b>		<b>2,063.38</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			6,084.73
Ending Balance May 31, 2017			<b>8,148.11</b>

## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

This article was printed in the June 1987 Chapter newsletter:



### GET WITH THE PROGRAM/FITNESS THAT IS

For those few AGA members who have not "gotten with a physical fitness program" as yet--waiting for nice weather, getting over peak job demands; or just getting over being lazy--now's the time...

Weather is getting super nice to be outside and with just a few precautions such as: wearing a cap to keep direct sun rays off face if severe, put on sun lotion when needed, especially on nose and face; try getting outside at other than hottest time of day (usually around noon) and drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration--no reason why you shouldn't "get with the program."

To repeat previous suggestions, to condition yourself aerobically, strengthen heart and lungs, you must exercise aerobically at least 20 minutes continually at a time no less than 4 times per week. Anything involving moving your legs will work: i.e., biking, jogging, walking, swimming. All these are much more beneficial if done out of doors which will provide not only physical fitness but also mental relaxation and enhance stress management.

Remember, it's always too hot or too cold or too wet or too dry to get outside for some exercise and fresh air--if you want it to be. Forget that type excuse and do yourself a favor and get on a regular schedule of going outside, at whatever time of day works best for you and do something to get your heartbeat going--easing into it a little at a time.

Next year..Drake Relays marathon..?

Irv Steinberg

## Community Service for FY2017-2018:

**July - August:** AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport

**September - October:** Alzheimer's Association

**November - December:** Lupus Foundation of America

**January - February:** Food Bank of Iowa

**March - April:** Paws & Effect

**May - June:** East Side Family, Inc.

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

## Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:



**Kim Ashmore** is our member of the year with 870 points!

**Congratulations Kim!!!!**

## Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

<https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Training-Events/2016-17-Training-Schedule.aspx>

## 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 June 14, 2017.



Please use the following link to review these minutes:

<https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Meeting-Minutes.aspx>

**2016-2017 Chapter Executive Committee Members (CEC):**

**President:** Denise Ragias, CGFM

**President-Elect:** Brenda Nye, CPA, CGFM, CPM

**Past President:** Gabe Stafford, CPA

**Secretary:** Kim Ashmore, CGFM

**Co-Treasurers:** Bridgett Wood, MBA and Mihnetta Lisinovic

**Accountability Outreach:** Rich Schoeppner, CPA

**By-Laws/Procedures &**

**Historian:** Janice Evans, CPA, CGFM

**Chapter Recognition:** Jyl Huskey

**Communications:** Kim Knight, CPA

**Community Service:** Kim Knight, CPA

**Early Careers:** Vacant

**Education:** Brenda Nye, CPA, CGFM, CPM

**Membership & Recognition:** Tracie Kirkpatrick

**Professional Certification:** Deb Schroeder, CPA, CGFM

**Website:** Janice Jensen, CPA, CGFM, CPM

Email addresses for the CEC Members are located on the Chapter's website at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Leadership.aspx>

**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

**The Breast Cancer Research Foundation (Apr-May):** Members & guests donated a total of \$58, the Chapter contributed \$58 & the National Community Service Fund matched our total contributing an additional \$116 to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Thank you!!

**East Side Family, Inc. (June):** Members & guests donated a total of \$139, the Chapter contributed \$100 and a \$239 request was submitted to the National Community Service Fund for a match of our total donated to the East Side Family, Inc. Thank you!!

**Alzheimer's Association:** The 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the State Capitol - West Terrace (registration opens at 8am with a ceremony at 9:30 and the 2-mile walk beginning at 10am). Click [here](#) to register and join team "Joyful Walkers".

**Chapter Recognition Points, Jyl Huskey:**

Our Des Moines Chapter reported 29,170 points for the June 2016 - May 2017 program year. We received notification that we will be awarded the Platinum Award at the PDT in July. This is a great reflection of all that was accomplished this year!

Our final points as of May 31, 2017, are as follows:

Area	Points	Maximum	Percentage
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,050	5,000	61%
Education & Professional Development	7,575	4,000	189%
Certification	4,850	4,000	121%
Communications	6,395	3,000	213%
Membership	4,300	4,000	108%
Accountability	1,600	2,000	80%
Community Service	1,000	2,000	50%
Awards	400	1,000	40%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29,170</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>117%</b>

**AGA Member Recognition!!**



Gabe Stafford - 5 years, Deb Schroeder - 10 years, Mohan Solomon - 10 years, Cindy Weber - 10 years, and Andy Nielsen - 25 years.



## Iowa State Fair – Thrilling Opportunity!!

The Des Moines Chapter AGA will be volunteering at the Iowa State Fair – Thrill Park on **Saturday, August 12** from **8:30 am to 4:30 pm**. Our duties include selling wristbands from booths in the all-new Midway area. Each volunteer will get free admission, a free parking pass and \$5 in food coupons. We are looking for 7 more volunteers to help us out on Saturday August 12! Once your shift is over, you will have the rest of the day to enjoy the Iowa State Fair! In exchange for our time, the Des Moines Chapter AGA will earn \$500. We welcome you and your spouse, friend or children (17 or older) to join us in this fun volunteer opportunity! Please contact Brenda Nye ([bnye@ialottery.com](mailto:bnye@ialottery.com)) by July 14th if you would like to join in the fun!



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