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The Bottom Line

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Don't miss the January Luncheon

Speaker: Larry Walker, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector, San Bernardino County

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Location: San Bernardino Hilton—285 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92408

CPE: One Hour (1)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012,
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
San Bernardino Hilton
285 E. Hospitality Lane,
San Bernardino**

MARCH LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012,
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
San Bernardino Hilton
285 E. Hospitality Lane,
San Bernardino**

President's Message

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About The Bottom Line:

AGA Inland Empire Chapter's monthly newsletter, *The Bottom Line*, covers member and AGA activities at both the Chapter and National levels. *The Bottom Line* features Chapter news, developments within the profession and articles of interest to members. Opinions and beliefs expressed in *The Bottom Line* are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the AGA.

We welcome and encourage members to send us original or reproduced articles that may be of interest to our members for publication in our newsletter. Articles are due by the end of the second week of each month.

Editorial contributions, ideas, or suggestions should be sent to the Newsletter Chair at LTostado@hss.sbcounty.gov.

Greetings AGA Community,

The temperatures are starting to fall and everywhere we turn, there is evidence of the upcoming Holiday Season. For many of us, this is our favorite time of the year. For our struggling economy, this is the season where retailers start making money. The profit line moves from red to black thus the reason for Black Friday. What does this mean for our local governments? The more we shop, the more sales taxes we pay, the more revenue our governments receive. It's a win win for all of us.

Speaking of the Economy, we were very fortunate this past month to have The HdL Companies at our monthly Professional Development Meeting. They shared with us details as well as their projections on how they think the Inland Empire will fair during the holiday season and the year to come.

In case you missed any of our recent meetings, you can go to our website, <http://www.aga-ie.org/> and get a copy of all the PowerPoint presentations. Last month we held the 1st of two seminars. Mark Dauberman shared with us all facets of fraud from who commits fraud, why they commit fraud and how to prevent fraud in our organizations. At the lunch meeting, Don Driftmeyer informed us of all the new and upcoming regulations for CPA Licensures. If you are in the process or considering getting your CPA license, make sure your go to our website and get a copy of the PDF for New CPA Licensure Requirements. Also get the fraud materials as they will serve as an invaluable tool for your organization.

With this being the season to give Thanks, don't forget to bring in your canned goods. The economy maybe bad and many people are unemployed and down on their luck. We have jobs, they may drive us crazy at times but we should be ever so Thankful. Help those that need a helping hand. I wish you all a very joyous Holiday season.

Please make sure you RSVP for the meeting on Wednesday, January 11th. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Warm Regards,



Tanya S. Harris, CPA
President, AGA Inland Empire



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Chair Members Needed!

If you would like additional information or would like to nominate someone for the following positions please contact tsharris@co.riverside.ca.us

Board Positions

President-Elect

Secretary

Chapter Chair Positions

Newsletter Chair

Historian

Elections and appointments for all 2012-2013 Chapter Officers positions shall occur at the April luncheon. Chapter Officer positions are:

Board Positions

Chapter Chair Positions

President-Elect

-CGFM -Community Services

Secretary

-Education -Employment -Historian

Treasurer

-Hospitality -Membership -Newsletter

Auditor

-Scholarships/Awards -Webmaster

“The ultimate expression of generosity is not in giving of what you have, but in giving of who you are.” -Johnnetta B. Cole

Annual Training Calendar

Date	Location	Subject	Speaker/Agency
Sept. 13	SB Hilton	Sales and Use Tax Compliance Improvements	Jacob Bholat Equity Recovery Solutions
Oct. 12	SB Hilton	Fraud and Internal Control All-day Seminar	Mark Dauberman, CPA Featured Speaker Donald Driftmier, CPA Luncheon Speaker
Nov. 9	SB Hilton	The Current Economy and Loss of Revenues	Denise Ovrom HDL Companies
Dec. 7	SB Hilton	Mandated Costs	Angie Lowi-Teng Regional Vice President-California, AGA
Jan. 11	SB Hilton	Contemporary Issues: Redevelopment, Retirement & Real Estate	Larry Walker, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector County of San Bernardino
Feb. 8	Mexicali Grill Riverside	2011 Tax Update	Roger Alfaro, CPA Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP
Mar. 14	SB Hilton	TBD	Chuck Hester AGA Regional Vice President
Apr. 11	Riverside Marriott	GASB Updates All-day Seminar	Eric Berman, CPA Brown Armstrong Accountancy
May 9	SB Hilton	TBD	TBD

Please check the website (www.aga-ie.org) for location address and directions

The Bottom Line

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Position Open

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Historian

Position Open

Education Chair

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Professional Development Meeting

From Linda Tostado

JANUARY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hilton, San Bernardino

(Directions on page 14)

“Contemporary Issues: Redevelopment, Retirement & Real Estate”

Speaker: Larry Walker

Menu: Taste of Italy Buffet

Cost: \$25.00 Members

\$30.00 Non-Members

\$10.00 Student Members

\$14.00 Student Non-Members

Reservations: call (909) 383-9658 or
email ltostado@hss.sbcounty.gov

Deadline: Friday, January 6, 2012, 5:00 pm

IMPORTANT:

Please remember if a reservation is made but unattended, then the attendee is responsible for payment.

SORRY - NO REFUNDS FOR LUNCH CANCELLATIONS

About Our Speaker



Larry Walker was elected to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in 1986, 1990 and 1994, serving as Chair from 1991 to 1993. Prior to that, Mr. Walker served as elected Mayor of Chino from 1980 to 1986, and as a City Council member from 1978 to 1980.

Mr. Walker served as a member and Chair of the Metrolink Board of Directors, and was the Founding Chair of Metrolink's standing Audit Committee. He was a member and President of the boards of both Omnitrans (the local transit agency) and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG-the County Transportation Commission). He is also the Founding Chair of the California Electronic Recording Transactions Network Authority (CERTNA).

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector is a graduate of UC Irvine, and of the UCLA School of Law. He also completed a course of study in accounting at CSU San Bernardino, and passed the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam. Mr. Walker is both an accountant and an attorney, with professional experience in real estate transactions and litigation. He is a former licensed real estate broker.

Let us know what you think!!

Share your thoughts with us at our Facebook page:

Association of Government Accountants - Inland Empire Chapter

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Association-of-Government-Accountants-Inland-Empire-Chapter/242852859088346>.

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Newsletter Chair

Position Open

Welcome Aboard to our Newest Members:

Angelica Alvarez

Riverside County—Mental Health Department

Amanda Degasperin

Riverside County

Thomas Gallagher

Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians

Deborah Zellner

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Internet Resources

From Eric Patrick

Local Chapter Website: <http://www.aga-ie.org>

National Website: <http://www.agacgfm.org>

Also, look under “Government Financial Management Resources” on the Internet. This section has links to most of the accounting organizations, standards setting bodies and federal agencies.

Also check out these websites:

<http://www.gfoa.org/>

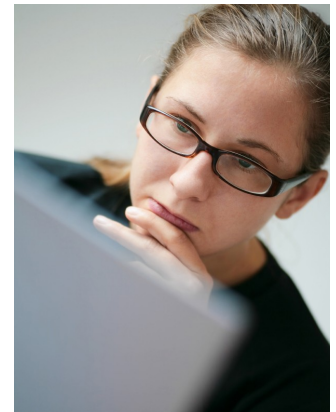
<http://www.specialdistrictcareers.com>

<http://www.govexec.com/>

<http://www.accountingweb.com/>

<http://www.csac.counties.org/>

<http://www.governing.com>



We have exciting new updates to the Chapter’s website. We have added a CGFM page and PowerPoint presentations for our meetings on the events page.

Remember to visit our certificate look-up page, where you can view and print your certificate from FY 10/11 based on your name.

At the end of the URL
<http://www.aga-ie.org/certificates/>
add your Last Name, First Initial and “.pdf”
I.e.: If you are **John Doe**, your link is:

<http://www.aga-ie.org/certificates/DoeJ.pdf>

Share the good news! If you or someone in your office has reached a career milestone, completed training or received certification, earned a promotion, or accomplished a personal goal, please forward the information to LTostado@hss.sbcounty.gov to be posted in *The Bottom Line*.

AGA Promotes Transparency Through Citizen Centric Reporting

By: Bill Miller, Chair Accountability Working Group

What is Citizen Centric Reporting?

Seeing a need to provide more informative government reporting to the general public, AGA launched the Citizen Centric Report initiative. This report is a nicely designed template of 4 pages of information the average citizen would want to know. The first page covers general information such as population figures, regional characteristics and government goals. The second page covers performance of key missions and services. The third page addresses revenues and costs, and the fourth page examines future concerns and initiatives for the ensuing year. AGA envisioned the reports to be prepared annually, although each entity would set their own parameters and goals—perhaps issuing them more or less frequently. This initiative is moving across governmental entities fast and for good reason. The CCR reports are fantastic examples of transparency to the constituency in a format that captures the essential message citizens want to know. The CCR is the “CliffNotes” of governance—within minutes the constituency will know the essential facts, figures, and future issues and initiatives of their governing entity. For the governing entity, CCR is a talking paper and report card, and for the citizens, CCR is engagement. If they know the facts, figures, and initiatives they will be better informed and can judge where their concerns might be.

Why AGA?

So, why is AGA engaged in this process? To quote AGA’s Executive Director, “If not us, then who? If not now, then when?” AGA leaders saw a need for understandable transparency with the citizens served by government. It was all too evident that normal government financial reports were too extensive and cumbersome to read much less understand. The financial reports were written for the accountants, not the average citizen. AGA’s initiative serves as a bridge to the outside world and window into government. AGA also recognized that the citizens have a need to know and governments need to be transparent.

What is AGA Doing?

With an assigned National Director and with tremendous grass roots support from several members in various chapters, a pilot project was started. These dedicated servants helped craft the templates and worked directly with local governments to develop a CCR. The results

were astounding. To date there have been 60 CCRs prepared by all levels of government and the enthusiasm for these reports is growing nationwide. (You can view these reports on our website). But, it is not enough. The goal is to have government institutions embrace the CCR concept and use the system for the good of all. AGA has designated proliferation of the CCR as one of the highest priorities in 2011-2012 and built the organization to get there. A working group was formed to expand knowledge and execution of the CCR system. This group is charged with advising the Director and working with chapters in developing and distributing the CCR. Members of this group include the superstars who successfully launched the pilot projects.

Where is AGA Going?

Local chapter involvement is critical to the success of the CCR program. It is imperative for the chapters to recognize the need for government accountability to the citizenry. The successes we have had with the published reports bode well for proliferation over time. The chapters have a ready benchmark to work from, and the templates and instructions for use are available on the AGA website, <http://www.agacgfm.org/citizen/>. Each chapter can take baby steps towards the process by creating a CCR for the chapter activity. Believe it or not, it is a fun activity to do and gives the chapter an easy reference for the chapter’s finances and activities. The chapters’ CCRs do not take a lot of time, generally between 4 and 9 hours. Additionally, chapters gain up to 2000 points in the chapter recognition program. As of September 30, 2011, 30 chapters submitted CCRs to the AGA National Office. The chapters can then move to assisting government entities in preparation of a CCR. This can be done by perusing the entity’s website and crafting a CCR based on that information and meeting with government officials. Or, chapter representatives can schedule a meeting with government representatives and discuss and show example CCRs prepared by other government entities. Nationally, the government entities compete for Certificates of Excellence in Citizen Centric Reporting. So, we look forward to working with the chapters to spur this initiative forward and encourage each chapter to accept the responsibility to develop the CCR program in their chapter. Please contact Evie Barry, director of performance reporting at ebarry@agacgfm.org or 703-684-6931, ext. 324 or Louise Kapelewski, programs assistant at lkapelewski@agacgfm.org or 703-684-6931, ext. 321.

CGFM Corner

From Reggie Arhin

The benefits of CGFM certification

- The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government
- Give yourself an edge over your competitors
- This designation is already recognized as a professional standard. Each year, more and more federal agencies and state and local governments are realizing the value of the CGFM and are formally embracing the designation. It is often listed as a preferred hiring qualification on federal RFPs. The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Board of Regents has also recognized the CGFM. It is accepted as a waiver for part IV of the CIA examination.

The first step to becoming a CGFM holder

1. Read the AGA's Code of Ethics
2. Fill out and submit the CGFM Application Form, including a nonrefundable application fee of \$85.
3. Fax (703.562.0361) or mail to AGA (2208 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301) the required degree documentation (see Education Requirement at). Note: this documentation must be submitted within six months of submitting the application form.

The content of CGFM examinations

The three comprehensive exams that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program are:

- Exam 1: Governmental Environment
- Exam 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- Exam 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control

Study for the CGFM exams

- Attend an instructor led training course offered in conjunction with Management Concepts
- Purchase the study guides
- Refer to the study references that will help you study for the exam listed on the webpage
<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studymaterials.aspx>
- Contact AGA members and form a study group

To purchase CGFM examinations

This is the next step after applying for the CGFM Program and receiving an eligibility letter from AGA. To register with Pearson VUE, pay for your exam(s) and schedule your testing appointment, please visit <http://www.pearsonvue.com/aga/>.

Maintaining a CGFM certificate

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics. In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFMs must be in an active status.

Want more information e-mail our Chapter's CGFM Coordinator with any questions you have:
RArhin@co.riverside.ca.us.

Visit www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfmdefault.aspx for detailed information on all of the above topics.

Also find answers to Frequently Asked Questions about CGFM at http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfm_faq.aspx.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
MOST RECENT CGFM!!**

Mark Cousineau

Congrats, also, on achieving the Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) Credential!

Employment Opportunities

From Conchita WhiteEagle

Agency: South Coast Air Quality Mgmt District
Job Title: Senior Accountant
Closing Date: January 6, 2012
Salary: \$5,629—\$6,958 per month
Website: <http://www.aqmd.gov>

Agency: San Bernardino Superior Court
Job Title: Budget Analyst
Closing Date: January 9, 2012
Salary: \$4,940—\$6,311.07 per month
Website: <http://www.sb-court.org>

Agency: Riverside County
Job Title: Chief Accountant
Closing Date: December 29, 2011
Salary: \$6,658.74 - \$9,153.65 per month
Website: www.rc-hr.com

Agency: City of San Bernardino
Job Title: Director of Finance
Closing Date: Open Until Filled
Salary: \$11,356 - \$13,804 per month
Website: <http://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/cityhall/hr>

Agency: University of California, Riverside
Job Title: Financial Operations Manager
Closing Date: Open Until Filled
Salary: \$81,550—\$132,400
Website: <http://jobs.ucr.edu/index.html>

Agency: City of Rancho Cucamonga
Job Title: Senior Accountant
Closing Date: January 31, 2012
Salary: \$5,261 - \$6,751 per month
Website: <http://www.cityofrc.us>

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National and Regional AGA News



AGA's Audio Conference Schedule for 2011

The audio conferences are routinely held on Wednesdays from 2 – 3:50 p.m. Eastern Time, unless otherwise noted. Please check the AGA website before each audio conference to ensure there were no changes.

Access the latest information about AGA's Audio Conferences at www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/default.aspx.

Upcoming Audio Conferences 2011-2012

- Jan. 11** Getting a Handle on Internal Controls
- Jan. 25** Jumpstart Your Entity's Performance and Processes with an Extreme Government Makeover
- Feb. 8** The New Stewardship Imperative—Federal Financial Management at the Crossroads
- Mar. 7** Data Mining to Prioritize Investigations of Contract Fraud
- Mar. 21** Performance Management

AGA Calendar:

National Leadership Conference

February 16 - 17, 2012

Washington, D.C.

Federal Performance Conference

April 24 - 25, 2012

Washington, D.C.

Professional Development Conference

July 29 - August 1, 2012

San Diego, CA

July 14 - 17, 2013

Dallas, TX

July 13 - 16, 2014

Orlando, FL



Are you prepared for AGA's CGFM Exams?

The CGFM Training Series

Consists of three courses, offered throughout the U.S.

- ★ Develop a broad base of knowledge in government auditing, accounting, financial management and budgeting
- ★ Get up-to-date information on the latest policies and procedures
- ★ Discover how to work more effectively in government environments and on related projects

Treasury Report

From Sydnie Harris

September 2011	
Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,064.38
Receipts:	
Conference & Seminars (101)	\$ 129.00
Luncheon Meetings (102)	\$ 1,675.00
50/50 Raffle (104)	\$ 34.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,838.00</u>
Expenditures:	
Meals (201)	\$ 1,706.59
Conference Costs (210)	\$ -
CEC Lunches (214)	\$ 60.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,766.59</u>
Ending Balance:	<u><u>\$ 5,135.79</u></u>

November 2011	
Beginning Balance:	\$ 6,483.35
Receipts:	
Luncheon Meetings (102)	\$ 1,040.00
Chapter Dues (103)	\$ 183.00
50/50 Raffle (104)	\$ 48.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,271.00</u>
Expenditures:	
Meals (201)	\$ 1,130.59
Conference Costs (210)	\$ 1,000.00
Charitable Contribution (211)	\$ 82.00
CEC Lunches (214)	\$ 307.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$ 2,519.59</u>
Ending Balance:	<u><u>\$ 5,234.76</u></u>

October 2011	
Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,135.79
Receipts:	
Conference & Seminars (101)	\$ 3,576.00
Luncheon Meetings (102)	\$ 440.00
50/50 Raffle (104)	\$ 10.00
Donation Income (108)	\$ 10.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 9,171.79</u>
Expenditures:	
Meals (201)	\$ 953.59
Speaker Gifts (207)	\$ 427.50
Door Prizes (208)	\$ 20.00
Office Supplies (209)	\$ 9.49
Conference Costs (210)	\$ 1,092.13
Charitable Contribution (211)	\$ 20.00
CEC Lunches (214)	\$ 95.73
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$ 2,618.44</u>
Ending Balance:	<u><u>\$ 6,553.35</u></u>

December 2011	
Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,234.76
Receipts:	
Luncheon Meetings (102)	\$ 1,175.00
50/50 Raffle (104)	\$ 36.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,211.00</u>
Expenditures:	
Meals (201)	\$ 1,250.59
Charitable Contribution (211)	\$ 36.00
CEC Lunches (214)	\$ 134.00
Membership Expense (222)	\$ 73.77
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,494.36</u>
Ending Balance:	<u><u>\$ 4,951.40</u></u>

Membership News

From David Bobbitt

Here are our current numbers (membership fiscal year ends April 30th):

	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12 YTD	FY 2011/12 Goal
Current Members	143	121	180
New Members	10	7	19
Suspended Members	34	34	16

Nominate the Member of the Year

If you would like to nominate someone for Member of the Year, please complete the form on page 13.

AGA CEC Minutes

From Josue Palos

Meeting Date: October 30, 2011 AGA meeting held at the Mexicali Grill, Riverside

Present: Reggie Arhin, David Bobbitt, Ali Chemkhi, Phaedra Green, Sydnie Harris, Tanya Harris, Josue Palos and Linda Tostado.

Started by taking a tour of the meeting room. There is a possibility of having a future meeting at the Mexicali Grill. A buffet style lunch is provided and projector and screen are included in the cost. Discussed the upcoming AGA-PDM lunch that will be held on November 9, 2011. Tanya will not be there so David will present the speaker. Riverside County Supervisor Tavaglione will not be able to speak at the December PDM, so we need to search for a replacement. Teresa Treviño from RCTC is one possible replacement. After December, our speakers are Larry Walker for January, Ralph Alfaro from VTD in February, Charles Hester in March, and Eric Berman in April. May is still open. Maybe Tavaglione can speak at the May PDM? Mark Dauberman, the seminar speaker, still had not been paid due to a mix-up. Sydnie asked if it will be okay to pay him his fee and we all agreed that it was okay to pay. Eric Berman will not charge for his scheduled appearance in May. The PowerPoint presentation from the PDM meetings are yet to be posted on the AGA website. This will be done to save paper and if attendees are interested in the topic, they can download the PowerPoint from the website.

Our November 21, 2011 meeting with Angie, Regional Vice President for AGA, has been confirmed. Make sure we update and review our checklist of things to do and keep on top of it. We need to purchase a mouse for the laptop used at the PDM's. Quarterly Report Points are due December 31st. Make sure we keep up with our goals. Tell Tanya if tasks are completed or not. We will be receiving \$190 from AGA national to form an event by January 20, 2012, that promotes and increases early career membership. Need to work on a plan for the event. Ali suggested maybe teaming up with an accounting association. Tanya asked Ali if he can come up with a rough plan by the end of the week.

The AGA PDC in San Diego will be from July 29 to August 1, 2012. Hotel will be paid for up to two people, and anyone extra will have to foot the bill for themselves. Rates are guaranteed until July 6, 2012. Tanya mentioned that we should try and look into completing a Citizen Centric Report (CCR). Josue volunteered to look into it. The chapter can get 350 points if a CCR is completed. Discussed the possibility of recognizing people in the community, public sector, or government that try to advance the profession and include a blurb about them in the newsletter.

Sydnie passed out the financials and stated that the seminar netted approximately \$400 after the fee for Mark Dauberman. We had a total of 47 people for the luncheon in October, of which 23 attended the conference as well. David stated that we have 117 total members and 5 new members. Linda commented on different social events we can do to network among members and/or raise funds. She mentioned a fundraiser at Applebee's and a Flapjack fundraiser where we sell tickets and keep a percentage of the proceeds. Reggie spoke about the CGFM and how he will be making sales pitches to different departments regarding the importance and value of hiring professionals with a CGFM license.



AGA CEC Minutes

From Josue Palos

Meeting Date: November 21, 2011

AGA meeting held at the Mission Inn, Riverside

Present: Reggie Arhin, David Bobbitt, Conchita White-Eagle, Phaedra Green, Sydnie Harris, Tanya Harris, Josue Palos, Linda Tostado and Angie Lowi-Teng.

Meeting started off by discussing previous November's PDM. We broke-even until we had to pay the Hilton a fee for using the podium and the screen. Tanya discussed that when we hold the PDM's in Riverside at the Mexicali Grill, the podium and the screen will be included in the price for the room. Tanya mentioned that Angie, our guest speaker for December, will be speaking on mandated costs. She asked if we wanted her to speak about something else, and all agreed that mandated costs is a good topic. She might add a blurb about chapter membership. Sydnie passed out the financials and mentioned that Mark Dauberman, the speaker for the previous seminar, was paid in October. It was mentioned also that Eric had updated the website to include the PowerPoint presentations from the PDM's. Tanya asked if anyone had additions to the checklist. Nobody had any changes. It was also mentioned that Linda will be taking over the newsletter and for everyone to send the information to her as soon as possible.

Reggie asked about inventory and where everything was kept. David has the projector, and Tanya has the rest of the items (mugs, folders, etc.). Any suggestions for chapter recognition are to be sent by the second Friday in December. Tanya asked where we were at regarding the Citizen Centric Report (CCR). No one really had a chance to look at it. The chapter received the \$190 for recruitment, which has to be spent by January 20, 2012 with no exception. It was discussed that we might be able to bring snacks and other items to one of David's classes and talk about AGA. We can also do it at one of the VITA classes at Cal State San Bernardino. We need to check the date of when the first VITA class is because it might be after the deadline. Josue is to check on that. Along with the \$190, we also received a deposit in the amount of \$183. It might be for recruitment as well. Angie said to talk with Jessica Jones at national and that she might know what it's for. There will be an AGA-PDC in San Diego next year, and they are in need of hosts to hand out gifts, door prizes, registration, etc... There will be one room that AGA will provide to a member of our chapter. Tanya, Phaedra, and David say they might be interested in participati-

ng. Angie will send an e-mail to Tia at San Diego AGA with the names of possible attendees.

David stated that we currently have 122 members, 7 new members, and 34 suspended members. Linda mentioned that we have letters allowing us to hold dinner nights at either Chili's or TGIF. If we do hold a dinner party, should the proceeds be for scholarships or for AGA? It was decided that the proceeds will go to the scholarship. Linda also spoke of the possibility of having a happy hour/mixer in January. Josue mentioned that the collections for the first quarter are now complete, and in December, we will have a new charity. December will also be the collection of unwrapped toys at the monthly PDM. There is also the year long canned food and toiletry drive. Conchita will try and have a troop support booth at the December luncheon. Reggie spoke about the additional CGFM information that was posted on the chapter website. Brian Watters from national will send Reggie additional information regarding CGFM. Reggie spoke with Riverside County HR and they told him that the department heads are the ones that need to be informed if we want to push the CGFM.

Angie spoke about the CCR and stressed the importance of each chapter having one. She mentioned that Sacramento is currently working on theirs. We might already have all the info that we need for the CCR in our newsletter, so it could be a lot easier than originally thought. Angie also mentioned that national can help us with conference calls if we ever need to. She mentioned to keep our website current, which it currently is, and to make sure to follow our Chapter Recognition Program. Lastly, she mentioned if we filed a 990-N with the IRS to keep our exempt status and to speak with Cristian B., Director of Finance at national.



NOMINATION FORM: MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Date: _____

To: AGA CEC, PO Box 692, San Bernardino, CA 92402-0692 or e-mail events@aga-ie.org.

Nominator: _____

Contact Info: _____ (email address)

_____ (phone - optional)

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Department: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reason(s) for Nomination:

Volunteer and Community Services

From Josue Palos

Members interested in helping the community are encouraged to participate in a community event of their choice and provide information to the chapter for inclusion in the newsletter.

50/50

Help our local Organizations by contributing to our 50/50 fundraiser; 50% of the proceeds will be given away to the winning ticket holder. The remainder of the proceeds go to the Children's Fund of San Bernardino County. Tickets will be sold at the main table near the entrance of the AGA meeting:

- 1 for \$1
- 3 for \$2
- 5 for \$3
- 10 for \$5



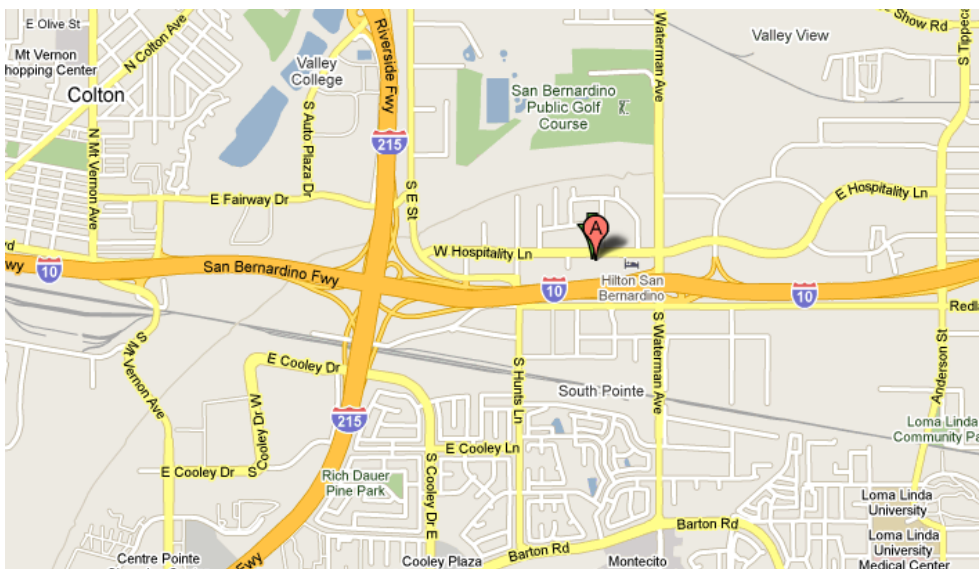
The following pages, 15-16, are "Thank You!" letters from Children's Hunger Relief for your generous donations. Way to Go AGA!!

Please donate whole blood, plasma, or platelets. It's the gift of life!

Our chapter has an ongoing blood drive with the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties for the community blood plan. Please write "GCAG" in the donor group. If you have questions, donor centers are located in San Bernardino (909-885-6503), Riverside (951-687-2530), Ontario (909-987-3158), and High Desert (760-949-6344), Upland (909)920-0625.

Year Long Canned Food and Toiletries Drive

We will be holding a year long canned food drive. Bring in any non-perishable foods and toiletry items at any of our monthly meetings. They will be donated to the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County.



Professional Development Meeting

Hilton

285 E. Hospitality Lane,
San Bernardino, CA

From the I-215 FWY, East on I-10, North on S. Waterman ,
West on Hospitality Lane
On south side of street

Volunteer and Community Services (cont...)

From Josue Palos



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*Your donations make a difference in
the lives of many children around the
world. Thank You!*

November 2, 2011


Dear Friend,

I am so grateful for your gift of \$20. Every gift you send enables us to act as the “physical extension” of your love and compassion as we help save lives in so many ways. Please thank of yourself as helping the children through us as we meet their needs on your behalf.

Today it is my pleasure to introduce a lady – a 73 year old grandmother-who reminds me a lot of you. A compassionate loving person who actually does something to make this a better world – for our children and grandchildren. In fact, Judy is so dedicated to helping children she was just awarded our “Good Samaritan” of the Year Award!


I hope her amazing story – which I’ve enclosed for you, will delight, encourage and perhaps even inspire you.

Your Friend,



Colonel V. Doner
Chairman

P.S. Judy really needs our help this week to help feed her sweet Ugandan orphans. Just \$30 can help feed a child for a whole month. \$400 can buy a cow to provide fresh milk for the children.

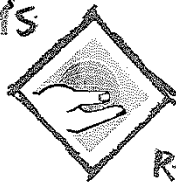

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November 23, 2011

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Friend,

I want to personally thank you for your generous gift of \$82.

During this very special time of year, when we give thanks for all of our blessings as Americans and Honor the Birth of Jesus Christ, Whom taught us how to practice love and compassion during our brief journey on this earth, I wanted to share with you how we you and I together are bringing Christ's Love and hope to hopeless children and their families.

As you may already know from watching the news, an estimated 12 Million people are near starvation in East Africa. Just think of it, Twelve Million babies, siblings, children, parents and their grandparents all on the brink of starvation!

In the face of that horrific statistic I am happy to share with you that because of your generosity Children's Hunger Relief Fund is even now serving as the physical extension of your Love, compassion and generosity as we deliver 1,000,000 (one million) meals to starving children in Ethiopia and Somalia.

I am enclosing a special report from our Emergency Relief Team so that you can see with your own eyes the miracles you have helped us share with thousands of desperate families.

A miracle occurs when the unexpected happens, when the impossible is accomplished- like Jesus feeding the 5,000 with one basket of bread and fish, or our CHRF volunteers showing up from America in the middle of a vast and barren desert in order to feed thousands of starving children.

I want you to see how you are enabling our Angels on the ground in Somalia and Ethiopia to spread Love and Save Lives. How you are enabling endless Miracles as our team continues to deliver hundreds of thousands of life saving meals!

Thank You for Providing Those Miracles,

For the children

Colonel V. Doner
Chairman

P.S. Remember that just 30 cents can save a child's life by providing them with a nutritious meal. It only takes \$54 Dollars to feed a child through this coming winter and spring, so please help if you can

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