

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Allison Edmisten**

**March 2006**

I have great news for those of you who are CGFM's and for those of you planning to become CGFM's...Governor Schwarzenegger has recognized March as Certified Financial Manager Month. In the following pages you will see the attached letter from the Governor on this subject. Once again, for those of you who are interested in studying for the CGFM exams, our chapter has the study guides available through our lending library. You may contact Nancy Clarke for more details. Also, the Intensive Review Courses will be held at the Professional Development Conference in San Diego in June (don't forget to register as this is a great conference). This is a 2-day review course covering all three parts of the tests, and then you can take all three tests for free. If you are interested in more information please contact me. Also, our chapter still has two scholarships available for the first two people to pass all three of the CGFM tests, so start studying!!!

Don't forget to register for our April 24th full day seminar taught by Sefton Boyars, CPA, CGFM. The topic is "Assessing Controls: The Key to Conducting Effective Audits." You have until March 29th to register.

Thank you to all of you who contributed slightly used blankets and clothing to DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc. for our February Community Service event.

As a reminder, those of you who are interested in volunteering for the new Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for 2006-2007, please contact Linda Kjeldgaard the Nominating Committee Chair. We hope to have better representation from our city members and neighboring county members next year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Allison

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail and would like to receive it by e-mail, please send a request to Dawn Peterson at [dpeterson@bor.sbccounty.gov](mailto:dpeterson@bor.sbccounty.gov)

**MARCH IS CGFM MONTH!**

The Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, has recognized and thanked AGA and CGFM's for their service to ensure that there is a high level of professionalism among our state's financial managers. The Governor recognized that March is Certified Financial Manager Month!

Many thanks go to Alex Guiang, CGFM Coordinator for Northern California, for his efforts to obtain this recognition. Great initiative Alex.

Thank you,  
David Bell  
RVP California Region

Please find the Governor's letter below.



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

March 2006

**Certified Government Financial Manager Month**

I am delighted to extend my greetings as you observe Certified Government Financial Manager Month.

The Association of Government Accountants has a long history of advocating responsible government through its extensive education outreach efforts.

By enforcing standards of ethics and expertise as a requisite for certification, your organization ensures that there is a high level of professionalism among our state's financial managers. Your noble mission guarantees that our taxpayers' money is handled by competent accountants, and I thank you for your service to our Golden State.

Please accept my best wishes for a meaningful observance and every future success.

Sincerely,



Arnold Schwarzenegger

## GASB UPDATES

### Gary Caporicci, CPA

Gary M. Caporicci is a Senior Partner and co-founder of Caporicci & Larson, Certified Public Accountants, with offices in Costa Mesa, Oakland, Sacramento, and San Diego, California. Mr. Caporicci has 30 years of audit and management experience.

He has been a frequent speaker and lecturer at many professional and governmental seminars and conferences for such organizations as the California CPA Education Foundation, the Texas CPA Society, the Institute of Internal Auditors, as well as several major CPA firms and universities nationwide.

Mr. Caporicci is a member of the Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee of the California Society of CPAs, the California and Texas Societies of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Government Accountants.

Mr. Caporicci has participated as a national special reviewer for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and as a member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Task Force on Deposits and Investment Risks Disclosure (GASB No. 40).

#### MARCH MEETING

<b>SPEAKER:</b>	Gary Caporicci, CPA
<b>DATE:</b>	March 8, 2006 (Wednesday)
<b>TIME:</b>	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<b>TOPIC:</b>	GASB Updates
<b>COST:</b>	\$17 Members \$25 Non-Members \$10 Student Member \$14 Student Non-Member
<b>MENU:</b>	Chef's Choice Buffet
<b>LOCATION:</b>	The Hilton, San Bernardino
<b>DEADLINE:</b>	Reservations are due by Friday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5:00 P.M.

Please call Christina Havens at (909) 885-7980 Ext 369 or e-mail [chavens@bor.sbcounty.gov](mailto:chavens@bor.sbcounty.gov)

#### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*For March, we would like to "shine the light" on  
Kathryn Brewington*

Kathryn is an Accounting Technician for the Department of Public Works at San Bernardino County. Her duties include reviewing and processing contract payments, reconciling, balancing, and adjusting accounting records, preparing monthly reports, and distributing costs of the department. Kathryn is working on her Associates Degree and feels "it's never too late to further your education."

One of Kathryn's favorite pastimes is to babysit her beautiful granddaughter Sistine. She also enjoys playing

with her poodle Frenchy and loves to do volunteer work (it sounds like Kathryn may be a future AGA committee member).

When asked why Kathryn joined AGA she said "I was told by my coworkers what a great organization AGA is". Of course, AGA is a great organization because of members like Kathryn who are regulars at our meeting and enjoy networking and learning about accounting and local government issues.

Kathryn would like to see Patrick Morris, the newly elected mayor of San Bernardino, as a future AGA speaker. Kathryn would like to hear what improvements Mayor Morris would like to enact in our community. We have heard how Morris would like to fight crime and he would be an interesting AGA speaker.

Kathryn would like to live in Hawaii if she could just lie on the beach all day long! I think there is a long line of applicants for that job. Kathryn prefers vanilla over chocolate ice cream and her favorite color is green (accountants like green – the color money).

If asked to design a T-shirt, Kathryn responded "EDUCATION is the key to SUCCESS".

We wish Kathryn success in her education and are proud to have her as our member of the month!

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006  
Shandin Hills Golf Club, San Bernardino

There were 98 people in attendance for the February meeting at Shandin Hills Golf Club in San Bernardino.

Allison Edmisten, President, called the meeting to order. She reminded everyone that there will be an audio conference on March 1st on the Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley.



On April 24th, there will be a full day seminar on Assessing Controls.

More information and registration forms are available in the February newsletter.

Recruitment for next year's committee members and officers has begun. If you are interested, contact Linda Kjeldgaard. We are looking for fresh ideas, so city and Riverside County members are especially encouraged.

AGA's annual Professional Development Conference will be held in San Diego this year on June 18-21. All members are encouraged to attend.

Nancy Clarke, CGFM Coordinator, announced there will be a CGFM luncheon at the end of March. This event is free to all those with CGFM Certification.



David Bobbitt, Membership Coordinator, presented a sympathy card for Daniel Cabet, who's wife passed away.



Evelyn Bobbitt, Member of the Month Coordinator, presented February's Member of the Month, Chau Chung.



Vicki Dela Cruz, Community Service Coordinator, accepted donations of gently used clothing and blankets for Doves of Big Bear. Doves mission is to eliminate domestic violence. If you wish to make further donations, please contact Vicki for more information.



Linda Kjeldgaard, President-Elect, introduced the speaker, Cedric Allen, Senior Tax Advisor with H&R Block. Cedric has presented the annual tax update at AGA luncheons for the past four years.



Cedric presented new information about tax frauds that the IRS is "cracking down on". The latest tax frauds, cons and scams were presented at the IRS tax forum. Cedric encourages everyone to take an opportunity to attend one of these forums.

Cedric also provided information on the Alternative Minimum Tax and the top 10 items that trigger "AMT". More people are now subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax.



Some of the 2005 Income Tax law includes changes to the definition of a qualifying child, dependency exemption, head of house filing status, the child tax credit, IRA deduction, charitable contribution of a car, boat or aircraft, and the definition of a foster child.

Cedric was asked to draw the winning ticket for the door prize and Nancy Clark of the County of San Bernardino, was the winner. Cedric also drew a ticket to give away his speaker gift (he has several AGA portfolio's and carry-alls) and Steven Dey of the County of San Bernardino.



The March meeting will be on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at the Hilton in San Bernardino. The speaker will be Gary Caporicci and he will be presenting GASB updates.

**AGA HOME PAGE**

<http://www.agacgfm.org> **National Website**  
[www.aga-ie.org](http://www.aga-ie.org) **Chapter Website**

**Additional Resources**

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.govexec.com/>  
<http://www.accountingweb.com/>  
<http://www.csac.counties.org/>  
<http://www.governing.com>

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



Check the County of San Bernardino Website for more information on all positions, and more.

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/>

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

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**City of Chino**

<http://www.cityofchino.org/jobs/default.asp>

**City of San Bernardino**

<http://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/>

**Town of Apple Valley**

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

**County of San Bernardino**

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/>

**Supervising Accountant III – Internal Audits**

Monthly Salary: \$4,820 to \$6,153 approx.  
Closing Date: 3/27/06

**County of San Bernardino - Courts**

<http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/courts/>

**Court Accountant**

Monthly Salary: \$4,307.71 to \$5,498.60  
After 6/24/06: \$4,436.94 to \$5,663.56  
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

**Riverside County**

<http://www.rc-hr.com/page356.html>

**Accounting Assistant I/II**

Monthly Salary: I \$1,904.34 - \$2,477.19  
II \$2,205.89 - \$2,871.89  
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

**County of Orange**

<http://www.oc.ca.gov/>

**Deputy Airport Director, Finance and Administration**

Monthly Salary: \$6,933.33 - \$10,920.00  
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

**Administrative Manager I for Contract Services and Program Support**

Monthly Salary: \$47,840 - \$68,203  
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

**Accounting Office Supervisor II/Medical Billing Specialty - Open**

Monthly Salary: \$2,918.93 - \$3,898.27  
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

**Cal State University San Bernardino**

**Accounting Technician I/II**

Monthly Salary: I \$2,477.00 to \$3,717.00  
II \$2,752.00 to \$4,128.00  
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

**University of Riverside**

<http://humanresources.ucr.edu/jobs/>

**Principal Budget Analyst I or II (DOQ)**

Monthly Salary: \$4,278.00 - \$5,990.00 or \$4,708.33 - \$6,591.67  
Department: Academic Planning and Budget  
Closing Date: Opened Until Filled

**Principal Auditor**

Salary: \$51,336 - \$92,424/yr.  
Department: Audit & Advisory Services  
Closing Date: Opened Until Filled

**Auditor**

Monthly Salary: \$3,536.00 - \$4,951.00  
Department: Audit & Advisory Services  
Closing Date: Opened Until Filled

**Accounting Assistant II**

Monthly Salary: \$2,398.00 - \$2,975.00  
Department: UNEX-Intern'l Educ Pgms  
Closing Date: Opened Until Filled



## FINANCIALS

### January 2006

Beginning Balance:		\$ 6,997.14
Receipts:		
Luncheon Meetings (102)	\$	1,420.00
50/50 (104)	\$	50.00
Interest Income (105)	\$	0.37
Total Receipts:		\$ 1,470.37
Expenditures:		
Meals (201)	\$	1,394.00
Printing Newspaper (204)	\$	41.19
Postage-newspaper (206)	\$	37.00
Charitable Contribution (211)	\$	415.00
CEC Lunches (214)	\$	105.00
Total Expenditures:		\$1,992.19
Ending Balance:		<u>\$6,475.32</u>

## CEC MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 23, 2006  
Nena's Restaurant, San Bernardino

**Attendees:** Allison Edmisten, Linda Kjeldgaard, Maury Sharifi, David Bobbitt, Dawn Peterson, Nancy Clarke, Jessica Hurst, Vicki Dela Cruz, Yusef Singleton, Evelyn Bobbitt

Allison, President, called the meeting to order.

Allison made a motion to cancel the CGFM courses due to lack of participation. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

There may be cancellation fees as a result.

The Sefton Boyars full day seminar will be held at the San Bernardino Hilton on April 24th. The price will be \$139 for members and \$199 for non-members. Allison moved to offer lunch and refreshments at the seminar. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

The Professional Development Conference is being held June 18-21 in San Diego. Volunteers will need to be in San Diego on Saturday, June 17 to help set up.

The Nominating Committee for next year will be Linda Kjeldgaard, Nancy Clarke and Jessica Hurst.

There is an Audio Conference on March 1. The topic is Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley for the Future of the Auditing Profession. The deadline to register is February 24.

Linda Kjeldgaard, President-Elect, reminded everyone that Cedric Allen will be presenting the annual tax update on February 8 at Shandin Hills Golf Club.

Maury Sharifi, Treasurer, would like to close the Arrowhead Credit Union account, now that all checks have cleared and the new account at Bank of America has been established.

Jessica Hurst, Secretary, moved to approve minutes from prior meetings. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

David Bobbitt, Membership Chair, stated that membership is holding steady at 205.

Vicki Dela Cruz, Community Service Chair, provided the final tally for the donation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. A total of \$415 will be donated to the American Red Cross.

The February Community Service event will be to provide gently used blankets and clothing to DOVES of Big Bear Valley Inc. Denise Smith from DOVES will attend the February meeting to receive the donation.

Nancy Clarke, CGFM Coordinator, stated that all CGFM study guides have been checked out. There was some discussion about purchasing additional copies of the study guides, but it was decided to wait to see if usage warrants such a purchase.

Evelyn Bobbitt, Chapter Historian, informed the group that Chau Chung is the Member of the Month. She has also selected members through the end of the year.

## INTENSIVE REVIEW COURSE AND CGFM EXAMINATIONS A SUCCESS!

The Intensive Review Course is again a big hit! Offered now for the second time at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington DC on February 1 and 2, 2006, it was once again sold out at 50 participants.

After attending the two-day review course, the candidates tackled the CGFM Examinations over the next two days (with some taking all three exams in one day!). As a result, 23 of the participants passed all three (or finished up their remaining) CGFM Examinations at this event - even more than at the similar event in July of last year! Others passed one or two examinations and are on their way to completing the CGFM process.

While this "intense" experience is not for everybody, participants were attracted to the idea of completing the CGFM process in a short period of time, having a set deadline to take the examinations and saving money (the cost of CGFM Examinations is included in the Intensive Review Course fee, which is less than the cost of the three examinations). Holding an Intensive Review Course and CGFM Examinations in conjunction with AGA National Leadership and Professional Development Conferences gives the candidates one more way to reinforce the material and take the CGFM

Examinations (candidates can also take the exams at Prometric testing centers anytime).

The extra reinforcement of the material is exactly what some people wanted and needed. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the six days of regular instructor-led training courses. On the contrary, this course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations (such as attending the courses and/or using study guides). In fact, the majority of the participants have purchased the CGFM study guides before participating in the Intensive Review Course.

AGA plans to continue offering this course and CGFM Examinations at its upcoming conferences. The next Intensive Review Course is scheduled for June 15-16, 2006 (with exams on June 17-18, 2006) in conjunction with AGA's Professional Development Conference (PDC) in San Diego, CA.

For more information or to register, please visit [www.agacgfm.org/pdc2006/cgfm\\_exam.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2006/cgfm_exam.htm)

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please give a warm welcome to the following new members:

Thomas Brown – Town of Apple Valley

Jim White – City of Moreno Valley



### THANK YOU FROM DANIEL CABET

Thank you and the chapter for your gesture of kindness. I appreciated the card, the content and kind words from everyone. Please convey my thanks to the chapter. It is always a pleasure knowing that there are colleagues who care. Again I thanks to all of you.

Daniel Cabet  
Past California Regional VP

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to all of you who contributed slightly used blankets and clothing to DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc. for our February Community Service event.

**Please donate whole blood, plasma or platelettes.  
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 or e-mail Rhonda Neill at [rneill@dpw.sbcounty.gov](mailto:rneill@dpw.sbcounty.gov) if you have questions. Donor centers are located in San Bernardino (885-6503), Riverside (687-2530), Ontario (987-3158), High Desert (760-949-6344) and Upland (920-0625). You can donate whole blood anytime but must make an appointment for plasma or platelettes.





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