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AGA Inland Empire “Do Good People Commit Fraud?” All-Day Seminar

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Time: 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

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

CPE: Nine Hours (9)

Cost: \$129 Members, \$179 Non-Members

Please visit www.aga-ie.org for more info & updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 9, 2011,
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
San Bernardino Hilton
285 E. Hospitality Lane,
San Bernardino
Speaker: HDL

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 7, 2011,
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
San Bernardino Hilton
285 E. Hospitality Lane,
San Bernardino
**Speaker: Riverside County Supervisor
John Tavaglione**

President's Message

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Greetings AGA Community,

I am so excited to serve as your new AGA President. I realize I have big shoes to fill as Phaedra has done an outstanding job running this chapter. As a result of her efforts and the hard work and dedication of the Chapter Executive Committee and all committee chairs they earned the Silver Award at this summer's Professional Development Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. They deserve a huge congratulations. Now the pressure is on to maintain the same level of commitment and service that you are accustomed to.

In this coming year, we have an exciting line up of speakers. We normally host an all day seminar in the fall but have added an additional all day seminar in the spring. We are planning to hold an AGA Social and Networking event. We want to make sure that there are enough events for you to get involved and fulfill CPE requirements while meeting counterparts from surrounding cities and counties.

This month our guest speaker was Jacob Bholat. He is a dynamic and very funny speaker that is an expert in the Sales and Use Tax arena. He gave us good tips on how to reduce your overall tax costs by identifying refunds, unclaimed exemptions and credits and how to reduce audit assessments.

Next Month, is our fall All-Day seminar. We are fortunate to have Mark Dauberman present a Fraud and Internal Controls seminar. All Attendees will receive 8 Fraud CPE hours. Please make sure you send in your Registration and secure your seat at the Conference. You don't want to miss out on this invaluable learning opportunity.

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 Josue.Palos@atc.sbcounty.gov.



Tanya S. Harris, CPA

President, AGA Inland Empire



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2011 Member of the Year

Patricia Cole

As the Assistant Administrator for the Economic Development Agency (Agency) Pat oversees the Information Technology Division, all payroll, personnel, and budget preparation for the Agency and its departments. She also assists departments in formulating policies, plans and programs; coordinates interdepartmental programs; and oversees Agency operations when the Administrator is unavailable.

Pat Cole started her career with the County of San Bernardino 28 ½ years ago as an Accounting Student Intern with the Auditor/Controller-Recorder's office where she worked her way up from Accountant Trainee, Accountant I, Systems Accountant I, and eventually Systems Accountant II. Next she moved to the Solid Waste Management Department as the Chief of Financial Services where she was responsible for developing, administrating and overseeing all budgetary and complex interagency (cities, state, etc) financial issues for the department. From there she went to Central Collections as the Accounting Manager and was responsible for planning, organizing and directing all the accounting and fiscal activities. In 1999 Pat became the Payables Manager for the Auditor/Controller-Recorder and was responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the County-wide Accounts Payable and the entire County of San Bernardino Payroll, processing payments to all County vendors and employees in compliance with the County Policies and Procedures, and State and Federal regulations.

In 2002 Pat made the move to the County Administrative Office as an Administrative Analyst III overseeing and working with the Economic Subgroup departments of the Economic Development and Public Service Group. In July 2006 Pat was promoted to Deputy Administrative Officer and assigned to the Economic Development Agency and in January 2009 her position was reclassified to the Assistant Administrator title of which she currently holds.

Her Educational background consists of a:

- Bachelor of Science with a Major in Business and a concentration in Accounting from Cal State University San Bernardino.
- Masters in Business Administration (MBA) with an emphasis in Information Systems Management from Cal State University San Bernardino. Graduate of the first County of San Bernardino Management and Leadership Academy class.

Pat is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Government Financial Manager

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. 3	SB Hilton	The Current Economy and Loss of Revenues	HDL Companies
Dec. 7	SB Hilton	State Budget Update	Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione California State Association of Counties President
Jan. 11	SB Hilton	Forensic Accounting, Fraud Prevention, Detection, Investigation	Stephen Getzoff Clumeck Stern Schenkelberg & Getzoff
Feb. 8	Riverside Location TBA	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

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Professional Development Meeting

From Linda Tostado

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hilton, San Bernardino

(Directions on page 16)

“Peer Reviews and CPA Licensure Updates”

Speaker: Don Driftmier
CA Board of Accountancy

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, October 7, 2011, 5:00 pm

IMPORTANT:
Please remember if a reservation is made but unattended, then the attendee is responsible for payment. (But if you let me know before the meeting that you will be unable to attend, I might be able to sell your ticket to someone who requests a reservation after the deadline.)

SORRY - NO REFUNDS FOR LUNCH CANCELLATIONS

About Our Speaker

Mr. Driftmier was appointed to the California Board of Accountancy by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in May 2004. He serves on various CBA committees, held the office of Vice President from 2006 to 2007, and also served as President from 2007 to 2008. He previously served in the United States Army and was previously a partner with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. Mr. Driftmier serves on the boards of two dozen other philanthropic and business organizations, and is a guest lecturer at various universities.

Let us know what you think!!

Share your thoughts with us at our Facebook page:
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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/>

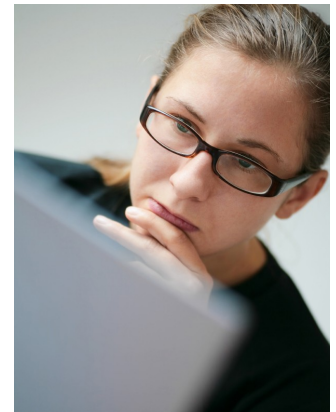
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Welcome Aboard to our Newest Members:

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We have exciting new updates to the Chapter’s website. We have added a CPE 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 Josue.Palos@atc.sbcounty.gov to be posted in *The Bottom Line*.



AGA - Inland Empire of California Chapter "Do Good People Commit Fraud" Seminar

October 12, 2011 From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Earn 9 CPE Credits)

San Bernardino Hilton - 285 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92408

About the Seminar

Featured Morning and Afternoon Speaker, Mr. Mark Dauberman, CPA



Mark Dauberman taught his first university accounting class in 1969 and has been involved in accounting education since. He obtained his bachelors degree in accounting from California State University at Northridge (CSUN) in June of 1970, and has taken graduate courses at CSUN, Claremont Graduate School, UCLA, and USC.

Almost every entity is the victim of fraud, ranging from minor employee theft to sophisticated schemes having far-reaching effects. This program covers fraud from the potential victim's perspective. We will discuss who commits fraud, how it is committed, and the conditions under which a fraud scheme is more likely to occur. Attendees will learn about the different types of fraud perpetrators, the approaches that are most effective for identifying them and avoiding becoming a victim.

Conventional internal controls may be effective when it comes to the prevention of errors or deterring a potential fraud perpetrator. When someone is intent on committing fraud, however, conventional controls will do little to prevent it from occurring. This program will discuss approaches to the development of internal controls that are more likely to be effective at preventing, or at least deterring, fraud. In addition, we will discuss effective techniques for detecting fraud.

(8 Hours of Fraud CPE)

Luncheon speaker, Mr. Donald A. Driftmier, CPA



Mr. Driftmier was appointed to the California Board of Accountancy by Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in May 2004.

For CPA candidates, there is the new 150 hour requirement that now makes California "substantially equivalent" to the rest of the nation. We are the 49th state and Colorado is now getting on board to be the final state. Basically it is 30 more semester units. Peer review is also mandatory if your practice includes audits, review, and full disclosure compilations. If you are in private industry, government or a tax practice only, peer review will pass you by.

Who Should Attend: All Accounting, Auditing, Budget, Finance and Fiscal Analysts
Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Refreshments are included in the cost of the seminar

Cost: \$129 Members, \$179 Non-members

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Do Good People Commit Fraud" Seminar

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

San Bernardino Hilton

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8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cost is \$129 Members and \$179 Non-Members

*Sponsored by the Inland Empire Chapter of the
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Earn 9 Hours of CPE

Payment must be received by Friday, October 7, 2011

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Price of seminar includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Registration and payment must be received by Friday, October 7, 2011. For additional information, please contact Tanya Harris at 951-955-8375 or by email at tsharris@co.riverside.ca.us or you may contact any AGA Board Member. You may also visit our website at <http://www.aga-ie.org> or Facebook us at Association of Government Accountants - Inland Empire Chapter

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Chapter Recognition Awards

AGA National's Chapter Recognition Awards were presented at the Professional Development Conference July 10-13, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia



David Bobbitt, left, is receiving the Gold Award for being the RVP for the CA region presented by Lisa Casais, right, AGA National President.



David, right, is receiving the IA Chapter Silver Award on behalf of our Chapter presented by Lisa Casais, AGA National President.

Congratulations to all members!!

Employment Opportunities

From Conchita WhiteEagle

Agency: San Bernardino County
Job Title: Financial Auditor—Behavioral Health
Closing Date: October 5, 2011
Salary: \$4,655.73 - \$5,941.87 per month
Website: www.sbcounty.gov

Agency: Riverside County
Job Title: Budget/Reimbursement Analyst
Closing Date: December 31, 2011
Salary: \$4,489.87 - \$5,851.65 per month
Website: www.rc-hr.com

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


Agency: Claremont University Consortium
Job Title: Assistant Controller
Closing Date: Open Until Filled
Salary: Commensurate with experience
Website: www.cuc.claremont.edu

Agency: Claremont University Consortium
Job Title: Accounting Associate
Closing Date: Open Until Filled
Salary: \$15-16 per hour
Website: www.cuc.claremont.edu

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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

- Sept 28** Continuous Monitoring—Management's Window to Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse
- Oct 5** SSAE 16 Reporting on Controls—Revised SAS 70 Report and Service Organization Control Report
- Oct 19** Performance Management
- Nov 2** Major Challenges to the Public Sector Auditing Profession

AGA Calendar:

Federal Performance Conference

TBD

Professional Development Conference

July 28 - August 1, 2012

San Diego, CA

July 14 - 17, 2013

Dallas, TX

July 13 - 16, 2014

Orlando, FL

Internal Control and Fraud

September 19 - 20, 2011

Washington, D.C.

Performance Management Conference

Nov. 3 - 4, 2011

Seattle, WA



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- ★ Discover how to work more effectively in government environments and on related projects

Treasury Report

From Sydnie Harris

July 2011	
Beginning Balance:	\$5,311.91
Receipts:	
Total Receipts	\$ -
Expenditures:	
CEC Lunches (214)	108.00
Total Expenditures:	\$108.00
Ending Balance:	<u>\$5,203.91</u>

August 2011	
Beginning Balance:	\$5,203.91
Receipts:	
Total Receipts	\$ -
Expenditures:	
CEC Lunches (214)	\$106.00
Office Supplies (209)	\$ 34.30
Total Expenditures:	\$140.30
Ending Balance:	<u>\$5,063.61</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	116	180
New Members	10	4	19
Suspended Members	34	35	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 17...

AGA - Meeting Minutes:

From Linda Tostado

Meeting Date: May 11, 2011

AGA meeting held at the Hilton, San Bernardino

Phaedra welcomed everyone to the last meeting luncheon. She introduced the three students attending the luncheon; Maria Cutz, Sally Mercado and Marcella Morgan. She also mentioned there were 24 prizes to be raffled off at the end of the meeting and tickets were sold out.

Phaedra introduced Rod LeMond, CPA from Western Municipal Water District as the speaker who would be discussing the day's luncheon meeting topic "Auditing/Internal Controls in Government."

Mr. LeMond began discussing the role of auditing in government. He gave the definition of internal controls as a process for assurance that objectives related to the efficiency and effectiveness of operations, reliability of financial reports and compliance with laws and regulations are met.

Risk Assessment also plays an important part in shaping the internal controls. He defined risk assessment as an ongoing process of identifying, analyzing and managing risks to achieving the objectives of internal control. Integrated controls include: control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communications; and monitoring.

Rod finished with management's opportunity to set the objectives embodied in the definition of internal control. To meet the objectives management must have in place the internal processes and procedures that comprise internal control.

Phaedra presented Mr. LeMond with an AGA gift and thanked him for his presentation. She then had Mr. LeMond choose the winner of the door prize.

Linda then presented the scholarship recipients Leticia Nava with a certificate and the scholarship award. Phaedra introduced the current year officers and thanked them for their service. She then introduced the next year's officers and handed the gavel over to Tanya Harris, the new President.

Linda and Phaedra proceeded with the raffle. The following is the list of winners:

- Patricia Cole – 3 days/2 nights stay at Avi Resort & Casino
- Elvia Martinez – 2 season passes for Universal Studios
- Rhonda Neil – 2 Green Fees with cart at Shandin Hills Golf Club
- Evelyn Bobbitt – 4 Club seats to Rancho Cucamonga Quakes game
- Pearl Williams – 4 Bullpen Box tickets to Inland Empire 66ers game
- Mylene Williams – 4 Lower Level seats to Ontario Reign Hockey game
- Elvia Martinez – 4 Gift certificates for one race at Ontario K1 Speed
- Janet Chen – 2 Unlimited Ride Passes at Scandia Amusement Park
- Cathy Lovell – 4 miniature golf passes at Castle Park
- Carla Towns – Dinner for 2 at Mama's Cucina Italian (Pala Casino)
- Mary Barber – Sunday brunch for 2 at the San Bernardino Hilton
- Laura Walls – Sunday brunch for 2 at the San Bernardino Hilton
- Charlene Nickerson – 1 Bottle from Joseph Filippi Winery
- David Bobbitt – 1 Bottle from Joseph Filippi Winery
- Evelyn Bobbitt – 1 Bottle from Joseph Filippi Winery
- Leticia Nava – 1 Bottle from Joseph Filippi Winery

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AGA CEC Minutes

From Leticia Nava

Meeting Date: July 27, 2011

AGA meeting held at Claim Jumpers, San Bernardino

Present: Ali Chemkhi, Sydnie Harris, Tanya Harris, Leticia Nava, Josue Palos, Eric Patrick, Linda Tostado and Conchita WhiteEagle.

President: Tanya Harris Discussed Survey Monkey results which included the following suggestions that we are going to look into further:

1. Holding our monthly meetings in Riverside every other month starting approximately in the new year.
2. Coming up with ideas for an AGA mixer type of event where the members would have the opportunity to network.
3. Seek discounts to places for AGA members and make AGA more attractive to the members by giving them an incentive to join. Also providing members with a list of the benefits of joining AGA.

Tanya also discussed speakers for the upcoming year and the October meeting. Ideas were thrown out about possibly inviting the City of Bell or other state employees. Also it was discussed that it would be beneficial to talk about CGFM and possibly taking sections out and explaining them at the monthly PDM meetings.

Treasurer: Sydnie Harris Discussed Post office box closure and asked for feedback on starting a new PO box. Sydnie was given the old PO Box information and will look into starting a new one.

Education Chair: Ali Chemkhi Discussed the annual plan and wanted to make sure everyone was aware of their duties as this report needs to be submitted to AGA national soon. Tanya will look into the deadlines and responsibilities of each CEC member and let us know.

Awards Chair: Linda Tostado Discussed Applebee's fundraisers – Flapjack Fundraiser and The Dine to Donate Program. She will look into the fundraisers a little further so we can decide what will be best for our organization.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Date: August 16, 2011

AGA meeting held at Chili's, San Bernardino

Present: Sydnie Harris, Tanya Harris, Leticia Nava, Eric Patrick, Linda Tostado and Conchita WhiteEagle.

President: Tanya Harris Discussed Survey Monkey results in which she tallied up the responses. Still planning on looking further into:

1. Holding our monthly meetings in Riverside every other month starting approximately in the new year.
2. Coming up with ideas for an AGA mixer type of event where the members would have the opportunity to network.

Tanya also discussed speakers for the upcoming year. Speaker for September is confirmed as Jacob Bholat. David Bobbitt has secured Mark Dauberman for an all day seminar in October. Also Tanya mentioned that Eric Berman from Brown Armstrong said he would love to come support us for an all day seminar in March possibly. Tanya ordered membership materials. Tanya also went over the Chapter Recognition Report and identified areas that we can earn points on and she will make a list for everyone with due date so that we can get our report filed before September 30, 2011. Tanya also introduced Reggie from County of Riverside who will serve as our CEC CGFM Chair. Tanya also discussed the membership drive Ready Set Grow Member Get a Member Campaign and it was suggested that David Bobbitt pull a list of past committee members to try and get more involvement.

Treasurer: Sydnie Harris Opened a new PO Box Association of Government Accountants, P.O. Box 692, San Bernardino, CA 92402-0692

Webmaster: Eric Patrick set up an AGA Facebook account which also will give us points on the Chapter Recognition Report.

Awards Chair: Linda Tostado Discussed Macys Shop for a Cause event which we might be able to participate in next year because this years event is on August 27.

Meeting adjourned.

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- Rachel Ayala – 1 Bottle from Joseph Filippi Winery
- Rhonda Neil – 2 Guest checks & 1 T-shirt for IN-N-OUT Burger
- Abraham Tostado – 2 Guest checks & 1 T-shirt for IN-N-OUT Burger
- Jessica Hurst – 2 tickets to the Superstars of Rock & Roll at California Theatre
- Howard Ochi – 2 tickets to the Superstars of Rock & Roll at California Theatre
- Pat Tuttle – \$25 Gift Card Best Buy
- Leticia Nava – \$25 Gift Card Home Depot
- Josue Palos – \$25 Gift Card Target

Tanya mentioned the next speaker would be determined and the next meeting would be in September. . She then went on to announce that we are still looking for interested individuals to volunteer for a leadership position on the 2011/12 CEC.

Meeting adjourned.

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

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Chapter Chair Positions

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Recruit a Member, Share the Network, Win an iPad



This year's Member-Get-a-Member program "Ready, Set, Grow" offers you a chance not only to introduce your colleagues to the many benefits and opportunities of AGA membership, but also to earn exciting prizes. Current members are the ideal ambassadors to communicate the advantages of AGA to prospective members. Everyone who helps recruit new members between May 1 and **Sept. 30, 2011** will have a chance to win the new Apple iPad with Wi-Fi. Refer six or more members and earn free membership dues

As we approach 2012, our goal is to make AGA stronger than ever. Here is your chance to be our partner in advancing AGA's position in the government accountability profession. Help AGA, help yourself and help your associates all at the same time.

[Visit the recruitment page today.](#)

Ex-RCC instructor pleads guilty

By Richard K. De Atley

(from the Press Enterprise, September 22, 2011)

A former Riverside Community College graphics instructor has pleaded guilty to charges stemming from allegations that he and a colleague sent more than \$474,000 in school computer business to a company he secretly owned.

Ross Godfrey Clark, 62, entered the pleas Tuesday afternoon as his case neared trial. He had faced 111 felony counts.

Under a plea agreement, Clark could face a maximum of four years in state prison, said Deputy District Attorney Abbie Marsh.

His sentencing is set for Oct. 21.

Clark pleaded guilty to conflict of interest, misappropriation of public funds, grand theft, identity theft, falsifying a state tax return and perjury. He hid his role in the company by using the stolen identity of a deceased partner, investigators said.

Co-defendant Terry Lee Keiser, 64, is named in five of the charges for her alleged role in the scheme, including felony embezzlement, grand theft and conspiracy.

She did not share in ownership of the company, so does not face conflict-of-interest charges. Keiser is scheduled for a trial readiness conference on Oct. 7.

Clark and Keiser were both associate professors in the graphics department at RCC when they were charged in 2010. Their employment with the college ended Aug. 3 of this year, RCC spokesman Jim Parsons said Wednesday.

Prosecutors said Clark owned Apple Government & Educational Solutions, also called AGES -- the company that got the contracts with the graphics department.

Investigators concluded that Clark was buying products and services for the graphics art department from himself, without competitive bids.

The charges covered the years 2002 through 2009 and included sales of computer equipment, software and machine repairs.

Clark and Keiser's authority to order and approve computer repairs and equipment from an outside

contractor was unique on campus. The college's Information Services Department handled the rest of the school's computer needs.

The two successfully fought a 2003 move by the school's ISD to take over the graphics department computer maintenance. They claimed incompetence by the on-campus department, but investigators said the real motive was to protect AGES.

The investigation by the school's police began in April 2009 when someone at the college noticed that a secondary address on an AGES purchase order had the same return address as Clark's home.

Clark's defense attorney did not return phone calls Tuesday and Wednesday.

After the preliminary hearing this year, attorney Andrei Lapine conceded there had been "creative financing" but said the outcome actually benefited the college. He had challenged contentions that Clark had gained anything.

Prosecutors said it was immaterial if the college was helped; Clark did get some personal benefit from the illegal arrangement, and lied about it to investigators.



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 Hunger Relief Fund—Somalia Aid Program**. 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

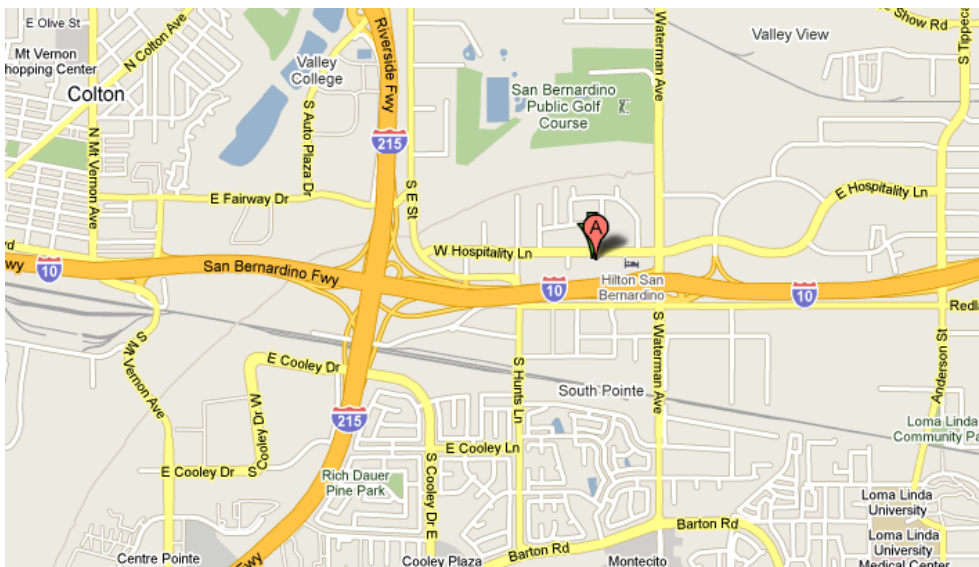


Please donate whole blood, plasma, or platelets. It's the gift of life!

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

NOMINATION FORM: MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Date: _____

To: AGA CEC, PO Box 692, San Bernardino, CA 92402-0692 or fax to (951) 413-3628

Nominator: _____

Contact Info: _____ (email address)

_____ (phone - optional)

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Department: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reason(s) for Nomination:
