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#### NEW MEMBERS FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING IS FREE!

If you are a new member and you are attending your first luncheon, it's **FREE!** Please note this when making reservation.

# Monthly Footnotes

September 2015

# Welcome Members and Non-Members

### **September Luncheon Meeting**

TOPIC: Sauk Prairie Recreation Area Master Plan (Former Badger Ammunition Plant)

**SPEAKER: John Pohlman** 

**DATE:** Thursday, September 17, 2015

REGISTRATION: 11:30 a.m. LUNCH: 11:45 a.m.

COST: \$6 for Members, \$12 for Non-

**Members** 

PLACE: The Rigby Pub, 119 E Main Street, upstairs

**MENU:** Meals include soda, coffee, or tea and

are served with fresh cut pub fries.

- Cheeseburger classic 1/3 lb. burger served with cheddar cheese, lettuce and tomato on side
- Spinach and Artichoke Chicken Sandwich strips of grilled chicken breast topped with melted spinach & artichoke dip on a grilled ciabatta bun with lettuce and tomato.
- Veggie Wrap in a warm tortilla, with roasted red pepper hummus, mixed greens, tomato. Topped with a sauté of red & green peppers, yellow onion, and broccoli, and sundried tomato basil aioli.

**RESERVATIONS:** Contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015 with your name, membership status, meal choice (and for carpooling information) at (608) 266-2814 or <a href="mailto:sherriv@live.com">sherriv@live.com</a>.

Register on-line at www.aga-wis.org

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#### ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER

#### John Pohlman

John Pohlman has worked for the DNR since 1992. He started out evaluating potential impacts from a range of development projects on rare species and their habitats. Later, he helped lead the assessment of the places in Wisconsin that Department staff and the public thought were the most critical to meet conservation and recreation needs for the next 50 years (the outcome of which is known as the Land Legacy Report). More recently, he has been involved with developing management plans for DNR properties throughout the state. He started working on the master plan for the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area in 2013.

John has an undergraduate degree from Grinnell College and a Masters Degree from the UW-Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies.

In case you missed it, the DNR released the draft master plan last week: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/masterplanning/saukprairie/

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA

Welcome to the new program year!

In May we held our annual AGA symposium which had a great panel of speakers and had a great turnout of attendees. The chapter board has gone through the comments from this event to see what we can do to improve it as well as doing the planning for next year's educational events.

Did you know AGA offers members 4 free CPE events each year? Check out the article on page 7 of the newsletter and calendar of events to see when the next dates are. Be sure to take advantage of the membership value

Enjoy the rest of summer....

Mary

# **Chapter News**

#### AGA Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 11, 2015 - 5:15 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Balance as of 7/31/15 was \$24,347.33.

Present: Roger Birkett, David Mellem, Lily Radivojevich, Mary Laufenberg, Sherri Voigt

#### Membership

- 83 members, 7 suspends and 2 retired
- Some recruitment scholarship funds left so we will extend the chapter recruitment program to use up funds

#### **CGFM**

- 2-4 people currently studying for exam
- We need to follow up on progress

#### Community Service

- All remaining donated items were delivered to the Salvation Army. We have a photo for the newsletter.
- The Salvation Army requested socks and underwear for the next drive.
- Discussed a Tupperware fundraiser for the MS Walk.

#### Accountability

- Two UW-LaCrosse instructors are interested in the Case Challenge.
- Contacts will be made to Edgewood and UW-Madison also.

#### **Chapter Recognition**

No current deadlines

Salvation Army Donations collected at AGA lunch meetings (socks, backpacks, diapers, baby items)

#### Newsletter

Get any articles or photos to Lily in the

#### Education

- The next luncheon is scheduled for September 17. The speaker is John Pohlman on the former Badger Ammunition Plant.
- Discussed offering audio conferences and what topics/dates.
- January tax update speaker has been contacted and confirmed. Location discussed since Imperial Garden East has closed.

#### Other

 National AGA updated the bylaws July, 2014. A review has been done and most changes are minor. A draft of the updated chapter bylaws will be reviewed at the October board meeting. Due date is April 30.



#### PHOTOS FROM THE 2015 AGA SYMPOSIUM

#### 38th ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE May 12, 2015



Steven Deller, PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison



From left to right: John Homan, AGA National President-Elect, Sheila Weinberg, Truth in Accounting, Founder and CEO, Sherri Voigt, Southern WI AGA Registrar, Mary Laufenberg, Southern WI AGA Chapter President: David Mellem, Southern WI AGA Membership Chair



Sheila Weinberg, CPA, Truth in Accounting Institute



**John E. Homan**, CGFM, CPA, CGMA, MBA, AGA National President-Elect and Senior Manager with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP



**Donald Moynihan, PhD,** Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison



Dave Bartholomew, Director of Internal Audit with CUNA Mutual Group and Adam Faltersack, Internal Controls Manager at CUNA Mutual Group

Mark Johnson, University of Wisconsin Head Coach of the Badgers Women's Hockey Team.



### \$20 Incentive Program Extended for Recruiters of New Members

### Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter New Member Recruitment **Program**

The Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter extended the \$20 recruiter incentive payment portion of the Member Recruitment Campaign for recruiting new AGA members.

**Incentive Payments:** You can earn an incentive single payment of \$20 as a Southern Wisconsin Chapter member simply by recruiting one or more new chapter members.

This campaign previously ended January 2015. Since funds from last year's program area still available, the Chapter board decided to extend the campaign. The member recruitment program will run until the funds are used up.

The new chapter member membership application must be submitted to and accepted by the AGA national office. The member recruiter must notify the chapter membership chairperson at david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov or 608-264-5415 ext. 25 by this submission deadline. Funds available for this recruitment effort are limited and will be paid on a first notice, first paid basis. Current AGA Membership Categories and annual dues are as follows:

Full Government Member \$ 90 Private Sector Member \$150 Early Career Member \$ 45 Student Member \$ 30 Retired \$ 30

Membership applications and instructions are available on the AGA national website at www.agacgfm.org under the Membership drop down menu near the top of the website homepage.

> As always, new members receive a free lunch meeting!



## National News

#### AGA Awards Federal Government Agencies for Excellence in Fiscal Accountability Reporting

AGA presented its prestigious CEAR Award to 19 federal departments and agencies, and awarded 11 'Best in Class.' | Read more

#### Get to Know the AGA Staff

Put a face with the voice at the other end of the phone; learn more about the goings-on at AGA. | Learn more

#### **Got an Ethical Dilemma?**

<u>Submit your ethics question</u>, and an answer to your anonymous question may be published in the *Journal*.

#### Help Us Reach 5,000

AGA's LinkedIn group continues grow. Make sure you're part of the community and the conversation. Connect now

#### **ARE YOU MOVING?**

Please notify both your chapter and AGA National of your address change. Update your address online at the national website in the members' only area: www.agacqfm.org



#### **SHARE YOUR NEWS**

Please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at <a href="mailto:radivojevich@danesheriff.com">radivojevich@danesheriff.com</a>
Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month.

## **CPE News**

#### Did You Miss It?!?!

# Do More with Current Funding: Blending and Braiding Funds

AGA National offers 4 free webinars for members each year. Each is work 1 CPE. The first session was held August 12. If you missed it, you can catch the presentation slides on-line. The recording will be posted later (sorry, CPE during live event only). Log in at <a href="https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/Sign-In.aspx">https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/Sign-In.aspx</a>. Click on Member Resources in the left panel. The information is in the center column.

While there, check out past webinar materials (some include the recording). Sample titles are:

Introductory Level Approach to Turning the "Super Circular" into a User Friendly Tool

Prevent, Detect and Mitigate Fraud in Your Organization

The Federal Budget Process: How It Works from Conception to Programs

If you ever come up with a topic or speaker you think the local AGA chapter should offer, let us know!!! We are always looking for ideas. (contact Chapter President Mary Laufenberg at <a href="mailto:maryfred6998@gmail.com">maryfred6998@gmail.com</a>)



Over the past couple of months, we were contacted with some ideas. If we are able to locate a presenter, we will be offering some additional training over the winter. Keep watching our calendar of events for

#### Calendar of Events 2015 – 2016

July 7, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

August 11, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

# September 17, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, John Pohlman, DNR, "The Sauk Prairie Restorary Area Master Plan", Rigby Pub

October 6, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison October 21, 2015 – Fraud Prevention Audio Conference

November 2, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison November 12, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, November 18, 2015 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

December 8, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison December 16, 2015 – Ethics Audio Conference

January 5, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison January 28, 2016 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update,

February 2, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison February 3, 2016 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members February 25, 2016 – Lunch Meeting

March 1, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison March 24, 2016 – Lunch Meeting,

April 5, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison April 28, 2016 – Lunch Meeting

May 1, 2016 – Community Service Event – MS Walk
May 3, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison
May 11, 2016 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South
May 25, 2016 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

June 7, 2016 - Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

Note: Community service, VITA, and social events will be announced during the year.

\*\* subject to change as more detailed topic information becomes available\*\*



#### Officers and Directors 2015 - 2016

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**CGFM Chair** – To be announced

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