

THE CENTRAL KENTUCKY AGA MESSENGER

August 2010

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 12, 2010
Meeting**

1 Hour of CPE

Topic:

**Board Responsibilities-
Lessons Learned**

Speaker:

**Cindy James, CPA,
Assistant Auditor of
Public Accounts**

Location:

**Frankfort Plant Board
Clubhouse**

Time: 11:30 am-1pm

Price:

**\$10 Members (\$5 CPE-
no lunch)**

**\$15 Non-Members (\$10
CPE-no lunch)**

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<http://www.ckyaga.com>



President's Message Amy Small

Greetings from your Central Kentucky Chapter President and Executive Committee! We hope your summer has been pleasant and enjoyable.

Please join us this Thursday, August 12th to hear from Deputy State Auditor Cindy James, CPA about "Board Responsibilities, Lessons Learned". Next month we will hear from Mark Eccles, Internal Audit Manager with KY Transportation Cabinet, about "Leadership."

Central KY AGA will be participating in the Frankfort YMCA Black Cat Chase again this October. Last year we had a really good turn out and hope to have enough people this year for two teams: a run team and a walk team. Come out with us on a lovely Kentucky evening as we run or walk our way through the streets of downtown Frankfort. Be sure to check out Samantha Bailey's article on page two for more information.

Linda Hinton and Phil Nally attended the National Professional Development Conference in Orlando, Florida from July 11th through July 14th. One of the keynote speakers was Vernice Armour, the first African American Female Combat Pilot. Ms. Armour talked about through mentality is a person who has passion, purpose, and takes positive

steps to reach their goal. As managers, what are we giving our team members access and exposure to in order for them to meet their goals? As team members, what do you need to meet your goal? These are some of the questions Vernice asked during her presentation which we can apply to our everyday lives, whether the goal be career oriented or personal.

A big "thank you" to everyone who donated items for the yard sale last Saturday benefiting the American Heart Association. We had a lot of great stuff for sale and we appreciate everyone's generosity.

Your agency can become an AGA Advantage Partner, which brings the following benefits to the agency and its AGA members (minimum of 5 members required):

- AGA membership dues for employees billed on one invoice,
- Reduced registration fees for National conferences
- Additional copies of the National AGA Magazine the *Journal of Government Financial Management*, and

- 10% discounts on the agency's purchase of AGA resource books, CGFM exam study guides and audio conferences.

See the National AGA website for more information: www.agacgfm.org.

The Central Kentucky Chapter is planning the Accounting and Auditing update to be held on November 16th and 17th at the Frankfort Civic Center. Chuck Hester will be giving us an update on GAAP and GASB. This will provide 16 hours of CPE.

Chapter Meeting News and Notes

Speaker Information

By: Laca Woodson

Cindy James: Assistant Auditor of Public Accounts.

Cindy James is a CPA with 30 years experience in state government. Ms. James started her career in the State Auditor's office and has spent 20 years there. In addition, she served the Attorney General's Office for eight years as budget officer and Director of Administrative Services. She has worked for 5 state auditors and currently serves as deputy to Auditor Crit Luallen. As Assistant Auditor of Public Accounts, Ms. James directs over 100 auditors as well as oversees the budget and administrative matters of the office. Ms. James is originally from Ashland, Kentucky, and graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in business administration. She is married to Brian James, a project engineer for Osram Sylvania. They have three children, two grandchildren and reside in Frankfort.

Community Service Update

By: Samantha Bailey



AGA 2010 Yard Sale Benefitting The American Heart Association

On Saturday August 7, 2010, the CKYAGA hosted their annual yard sale for charity. This year's recipient was the American Heart Association. Although turnout was less than what we had hoped for, we were still able to raise \$158 for the AHA. We also will be receiving a matching donation from National, bringing us to a grand total of \$316.

Other upcoming events:

2010 Black Cat Chase hosted by the Frankfort YMCA. The Black Cat Chase is a 5k walk/run event held in downtown Frankfort. Last year we had 8 participants for team CKYAGA, and this year we're hoping to increase our team!

Early bird registration is currently open, and if you're registered by August 31, 2010, you'll be entered for several door prize drawings for a free 6 month family membership to the YMCA.

I will have registration forms at upcoming AGA meetings, and have attached a copy of the race page for you to look over the race details. We will also be having training walks/runs starting in September for participants or anyone just looking to get out and about one evening a week. At this time, it's looking like training walk/runs are going to be held on Tuesday evenings around 5:30pm. They will follow this year's course, and will start in front of the YMCA (next to the Old Capital Building). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me – Samantha.Bailey@auditor.ky.gov. Happy and healthy walking/running!

<http://www.frankfortymca.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1681>

2010 PDC in Orlando

By: Linda Hinton, CPA



Phil Nally and I attended the PDC in Orlando in July and had a great time.

A photographer took the photo on the left and a few others as I watched the dolphins play at Seaworld before heading back to Frankfort. The trainer is the lady in the blue shirt with the whistle; however, in this photo, the two year old dolphin is being a typical two year old and simply playing.

I did learn a few things at the conference; there were some very interesting speakers, in particular two of them whose presentations I have summarized in the paragraphs below.

Cam Marston, a Multi-Generational Relations and Workplace Communications Expert, spoke on generational differences in the workplace. He defined people less than 30 years old as the Millennials, Generation X as 31-45, Baby Boomers as 46-64, and the Matures as over 65 years old. I won't mention which category I fall into. According to Mr. Marston, the baby boomers and matures have a group mentality that arose from the tough economic times in which they grew up. Everyone had to work together to survive. They are more likely to display trophies and awards recognizing individual achievements. However, the Millennials and Gen Xers grew up in

a more affluent time and celebrated individuality. Children, for instance, received an 11th place ribbon in races. The differences in the mentalities of the different groups can cause conflicts and communication problems in the workplace.

Pat Williams, Author and Senior Vice President of the Orlando Magic spoke on the seven keys to leadership in the 21st century. The first key is vision. Good leaders, like good chess players, see into the future, or several moves ahead of the rest of the team. The second key is to communicate the vision to others in a clear and concise manner. The third key is people skills. Being visible and available, listening, empowering people, and delegating are qualities that let team members know you care. The fourth key is character. People are more likely to catch the vision if the leader is honest, has integrity, and is humble. The fifth key is competence. Competent leaders solve problems, attract talented team members, build the team, sell their vision, teach others, and learn from others. Imagine how much you could learn reading one hour a day for the rest of your life! The sixth key is boldness. Leaders make decisions, whether others agree or not. The seventh key is the serving heart. These are leaders for the ages, such as Dr. Martin Luther King and George Washington. Leaders are in a position of authority, but choose to serve others.

Upcoming Conferences



AGA's Internal Control & Fraud Conference

Plans Under Way for September Fraud Conference

Join AGA at its Fifth Annual Internal Control & Fraud Conference, set for Sept. 15–16 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. Worth 14 CPE hours, the conference will focus on management's responsibility for ensuring a good system of internal controls and the role of all accountability professionals in minimizing the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Hear from leaders in government and private industry discuss the latest discovery techniques and lessons learned from various schemes; how poor internal controls can lead to fraud, waste and abuse; and how different levels of government are cooperating to improve services to citizens. The conference will also cover such interesting topics as cyber crime, using suspension and disbarment actions for poorly performing contractors, war against improper payments, municipal market enforcement and regulatory reforms, mortgage and bank fraud, Medicaid investigations, managing construction project risks, and Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board and GAO oversight activities.



PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Welcome to AGA's 2010 Performance Management Conference

AGA's Sixth Annual Performance Management Conference
October 13–14, 2010
Embassy Suites Baltimore - at BWI Airport
\$395 for members; \$450 for non members

This year's Performance Management Conference will be held outside of Baltimore, MD, which is known for its beautiful harbor and diverse and historic culture. In 2010, we will focus the sessions on the practical experiences and proven performance methods that have transformed the way government does business. We will spotlight those governments whose budgets have been developed and service delivery efforts have been redesigned by using performance measures as a base for change. With the call for open government across communities, the conference will highlight those entities that have designed innovative tools in communicating and reporting to the public.

Earn 10 CPE hours, plus 2 additional CPE hours can be earned by attending the complimentary workshop on Using the Reporting Tool Kit

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**Central Kentucky AGA
Treasurer's Report
Month Ended July 31, 2010**

Reconciled Cash Balance 6/30/10		\$ 9,815.07
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Receipts:

Monthly Program Fees		
Membership Fees		
Total Receipts		-
Total Funds Available		9,815.07

Less: Expenses		(221.50)
Cash Balance 6/30/10		\$ 9,593.57

Expenses:

National PDC Travel Expenses	221.50	
Total Expenses	\$ 221.50	

**Central Kentucky AGA
Change in Cash Balance
Month Ended July 31, 2010**

Reconciled Cash Balance 6/30/10		\$ 9,815.07
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Monthly Program Fees	\$ -	
Expenses		(221.50)

Net Increase in Cash Balance		(221.50)
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Reconciled Cash Balance 7/31/10		\$ 9,593.57
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