



## New Members

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## President's Message

*AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders, committed to advancing government accountability.*

### **Greetings AGA Members & Friends!!!**

Long time, no see! I know we have not talked for a while, but since our last conversation, your chapter has really been on the move! I have so many wonderful things to share with you, but so little time, so let me just jump right in!

So far this program year, we have had three successful dinner meetings, two well-attended luncheons, seven informative audio conferences (**Thank you Patrick Nedd and Gary Millet!**), and very valuable participation in several community services events!

I would like to send an enormous **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our joint meeting with the **National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)** at **New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Company** on October 18th! **KUDOS** to those who attended our November 15th and January 17th meetings at the National Finance Center! **DANKE SCHEON** to those who attend our February meeting on the 21st at **Zea's Rotisserie & Grill**. Your continued support has really been appreciated!

**Special Thank You** to one of our former chapter members, **Julia K. Humphries** (now of the Jackson, MS Chapter), for joining team **AGA NOLA** and participating in the **16th Annual Komen New Orleans Race for the Cure** on Saturday October 20, 2012. We had a great race for a good cause and raised **\$370 dollars** for the Cure. Thank you **Marilyn Hayden, Julia, Gloria Samuels, the Tamborella Family, Linda Lloyd, and an anonymous donor**, for your very generous donations!!! **Amanda Green, CGFM, Community Services Chair** coordinated our participation in the **WYES Showboat Auction** on October 13th, the **Second Harvest Food Drive** that ended October 31st, the **WYES Membership Drive** on December 2nd and the **Toys for Tots** campaign that ended the day of the chapter **Christmas Party** on December 7th. Speaking of the chapter **Christmas Extravaganza!!!**, we had a great time and good eats at **Smile's Restaurant!** Many thanks again to all who attended!

Whew! More to come later in the newsletter.

Knica M. Lloyd, CPA, CFE  
Chapter President 2012-2013

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013  
Joint Meeting with the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance

Speaker: Mr. Rafael C. Goyeneche, III

President, Metropolitan Crime Commission

Topic: Commission's Current Events & Projects

Please RSVP ([klloyd@lla.la.gov](mailto:klloyd@lla.la.gov)), Faye Martin ([fmartin@lla.la.gov](mailto:fmartin@lla.la.gov)) **Tuesday, March 19, 2013**

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**Event Date:** March 21, 2013 (Thursday)

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Networking with Cash Bar  
6:00 PM Dinner Meeting

**Location:** Five Happiness Restaurant  
3605 S. Carrollton Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118

**Menu: Buffet**

Egg Rolls

Chicken Wings, Sweet & Sour Chicken, Pecan Shrimp

General Tso Chicken, Triple Dragon in Garlic Sauce

Beef w/Snow Peas & Mushrooms, Combination Fried Rice

Soda, Ice Tea

**AGA/AFWA Member Cost: \$28/Non-Member Cost: \$30**

# MORE FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## ONGOING EVENTS

***It is time to renew your chapter membership!*** You should have received your Annual Membership packet, via email or mail. Please remember, you have the option of renewing on-line at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org). I would like to encourage you to renew your membership and continue receiving all the wonderful benefits AGA has to offer. I am certain you understand the value of your membership. Please consider sharing the value and benefits of AGA membership with your friends, colleagues, and fellow employees.

***Chapter Officers 2013 -2014 - Have Say in Your Chapter's Administration!*** Did you know that the officers who serve on the chapter's executive committee determine the chapter programming that is presented to you each program year? If you would like to participate in the coordination of your chapter's events, come on aboard! Check out the positions available below. All are voluntary positions that provide enriching leadership opportunities!

**Available Committee Positions 2013-2104:** President-Elect, Treasurer, Accountability Officer, CGFM Chair, Community Service Chair, Membership/Early Career Chair, Education Chair, Newsletter Editor, Meetings Chair, and Programs Chair. If you are interested in serving on the chapter executive committee next program year, please contact me ([aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com](mailto:aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com)) or one of your current officers and indicate your interest.

***March is CGFM Month!!!*** Since its inception in 1994, the **Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)** has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals.

More than 15,000 individuals have received the designation so far. Now it is your turn! Experience the benefits of certification first hand—the **CGFM** is the mark of excellence in your profession.

For more information, see **The Value of CGFM** at [www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/The-Value-of-CGFM.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/The-Value-of-CGFM.aspx)

## FUTURE EVENTS

***National Community Service Project Habitat for Humanities!*** The time has arrived for us to start planning for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual AGA National Community Service Project with Habitat for Humanity! Jeff Hart will be leading our fellow AGA members from around the nation to New Orleans for the event. Project dates are May 6-9, 2013, between the two weekends of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Please take time to assist with this worthwhile event. We will need volunteers to help with picking up and delivery of donated lunches, airport transportation if needed and working with the team at the site to which they are assigned. Please contact me at [aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com](mailto:aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com) or one of your current officers and let us know your availability to assist.

***Date Change - Joint Dinner Meeting With AGA Baton Rouge Chapter!*** Our joint dinner meeting with the **Baton Rouge Chapter** will be held on **April 25<sup>th</sup>**, not April 18<sup>th</sup> as originally set. Our speaker **Ms. Evelyn Brown, AGA National President** will talk about "**Ethics**". Stay tuned for further details.

***Save the Date! Our Annual Spring Seminar*** is a luncheon will be held on Thursday May 16, 2013 from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. at Mike's on the Avenue, 628 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA. The Spring Seminar will count for 3 hours of CPE. Our Education Chair is working very hard on this program. Stay tuned for further details.

Thank you members for continuing to support your AGA New Orleans Chapter. See you all at ***Five Happiness!***

## **March Speaker**



### **Rafael C. Goyeneche, III** **Biographical Sketch**

Rafael Goyeneche is a New Orleans native. He graduated from De La Salle High School, received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and his jurist doctorate from Loyola Law School. Upon graduation from law school, Rafael served as an assistant district attorney in Orleans Parish between 1980 – 1986. During his tenure in the D.A.'s office Rafael worked in trials, screening and was appointed chief of the Economic Crime Unit, a unit responsible for investigating and prosecuting white collar crime.

Rafael joined the staff of the Metropolitan Crime Commission in 1986. He was named president of the Metropolitan Crime Commission in 1989. He is responsible for managing all aspects of MCC operations.

Rafael was the award recipient of the U. S. Attorney General William French Smith Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cooperative Law Enforcement in October 2011 and the New Orleans Hispanic Heritage Foundation's Galvez Cup in November 2011.

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