



GGFOA

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Thoughts from the President

Greetings!!

I hope all of you are having a good spring. This is a very busy time of the year for many of us as we are working to complete budgets and get ready for the auditors. Our work is never done!!!

Thanks to all of you who attended our seminar in Callaway Gardens. The topic of payroll regulatory compliance was timely, and I think we all went home with a better understanding of IRS regulations as pertains to payroll management. Thanks to Mr. Denver Gates of the IRS for an excellent presentation. Thanks also to the Career Development Committee for a job well done. I hope to see all of you at our future seminars.

Its hard to believe, but our year is half over. One of the challenges that your board has been working on is the budget. The audit for the year ended October 31, 2001 showed a significant drop in unrestricted net assets for both the General Fund and the Scholarship Fund. This was due to several things, including a decline in the fair market value of our investments (economy related), revenues on some line items coming in at less than budgeted levels, and some line item expenditures exceeding budgeted amounts. Some of these adverse conditions have already started to reverse and show improvement. The board and all of the committees are working hard to ensure that GGFOA resources are utilized in the most efficient manner possible, and to bring our net assets back to the desired levels.

Another issue we are looking at is how to compile the history of GGFOA. It has been suggested that we explore the possibility of adding a Historian position to our board structure. If you have an interest in photography and compiling this type of information, please let myself or a board member know.

Finally, please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions as pertains to our organization. An organization's most valuable asset is its people. We value your thoughts.

I hope you have a safe and fun summer. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jim Triplett

GGFOA Seminar at Lake Lanier Island

Internal Controls, Evaluation and Implementation

Emerald Pointe Resort

July 29, 2002

The seminar registration brochure may be downloaded from the website at www.ggfoa.org or contact Teresa Palmer at (706) 542-8162. For hotel reservations, contact Emerald Pointe at (800) 840-LAKE or (706) 945-8787.

GGFOA Offers \$3000 Scholarship in 2002

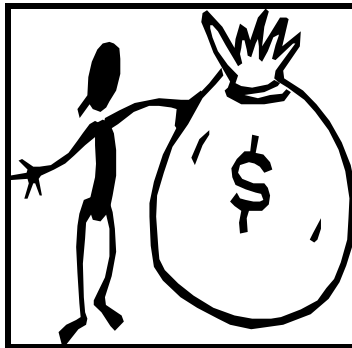
Do you know of a bright Georgia college or university student who might be interested in applying for a \$3,000 scholarship? In keeping with the goal of providing financial assistance to students majoring in accounting or finance, the GGFOA will award this generous sum to the two most qualified applicants. However, time is running out! Applications must be submitted to the GGFOA by **August 1, 2002**. Although applications have been provided to the accounting and finance departments of all colleges and universities in Georgia, we need your help to recruit those who might benefit the most. We're looking for the following:

an undergraduate or graduate student, who is preparing for a career in public finance and is enrolled full-time at a university or college in Georgia .

What a wonderful opportunity to learn! Of course, there are other requirements as well. The following must be provided:

1) a completed application;

- 2) a statement of proposed career plan and/or (if applicable) plan of study
- 3) a letter of recommendation by the head of public administration, business or other applicable program;
- 4) a copy of all official college transcripts;
- 5) a resume; and
- 6) GRE, GMAT, or LSAT score, if available (photocopy of official report is acceptable)



Applications and assistance can be obtained by contacting Charlotte Blanton, of the City of Americus, at (229) 924-4411 or the ggfoa.org website. The application can be downloaded from the website.

As GGFOA is dedicated to helping those who would like to carry on in our professional footsteps, we hope

you'll contact anyone who may be qualified. You just may be calling the lucky recipient!

Thanks for your assistance!

*** Correction ***

In the request for volunteers to help decorate at the annual conference, I listed Stephanie Black's email address incorrectly. Please contact her at sblack@lowndescounty.com or call (229) 671-2525. She still needs volunteers. You can volunteer to help decorate for one event or for each...it is up to you.

*Volunteers
needed for the
annual
conference!*

I understand that we will have some fun events planned for the conference this year... so jump on board and help Stephanie make each event special. From what I have heard I may need to pack a few beach balls and a couple of chairs.

WEB CONNECTIONS

A SMALL WORLD

For a resource of cities around the world, it's hard to beat the new Web site, www.urbanicity.org. The site, developed in partnership with the United Nations Habitat Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme, contains a comprehensive listing of Web sites for more than 17,000 world cities. The site also features a searchable list of educational courses offered around the world, along with an online magazine devoted to urban issues and a best practices database.



MARKETING MAIN STREET

Newly elected local government officials are often thrown into heated debates on economic development or land-use policy without much background knowledge. The Community and Economic Development Toolbox, a new Web site from Cornell and Penn State universities, helps to fill in the knowledge gap, providing basic information and strategies on a variety of community development needs. For example, the site (www.cardi.cornell.edu/cd_toolbox_2/cdindex.cfm) provides formulas to assess the local retail market, tips on setting design standards and a guide to grant writing.

GFOA Announces 2001 Results

Distinguished Budget Presentation

Albany	Atlanta
Bibb County	Chatham County
Cobb County	Cobb County School District
Conyers	Dekalb County
Douglas County	Fayette County
Fulton County	Fulton County School System
Gainesville	Gwinnett County
Macon	Marietta
Newnan	Savannah
Smyrna	State of Georgia
Valdosta	

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
 Columbus Consolidated Government
 Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools

*2001 RESULTS
 Award Winners for
 Fiscal Periods
 Beginning in 2000*

Popular Annual Financial Reporting

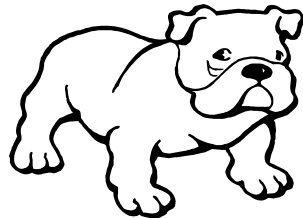
Gwinnett County
 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Acworth	Albany	Avondale Estates
Americus	Atlanta	Athens-Clarke County
Austell	Alpharetta	Bibb County
Cairo	Canton	Camden County
Cartersville	Cedertown	Cobb County
Clayton County	College Park	Cherokee County
Conyers	Cordele	Columbia County
Dalton	Dekalb County	Douglasville
Dublin	East Dublin	East Point
Fairburn	Fayette County	Fayetteville
Floyd County	Forest Park	Forsyth County
Fulton County	Gainesville	Glynn County
Gwinnett County	Hall County	Kennesaw
Lafayette	LaGrange	Liberty County
Laurens County	Manchester	Marietta
Milledgeville	Morrow	Norcross
Palmetto	Peachtree City	Paulding County
Port Wentworth	Powder Springs	Riverdale
Rockmart	Rome	Roswell
Savannah	Smyrna	Stockbridge
Thomaston	Thomasville	Toccoa
Troup County	Tyrone	Union City
Upson County	Valdosta	Woodstock

Atlanta Metropolitan Rapid Transit Authority
 Atlanta Regional Commission
 Bibb County School District
 Cartersville Board of Education
 Central Savannah River Area RDC
 Chattahoochee-Flint RDC
 Clayton County Water Authority
 Cobb County School District
 Cobb-Marietta Coliseum & Exhibit Hall Authority
 Columbus Consolidated Government
 Columbus Water Works
 Fayette County Water System
 Georgia Coastal Regional Development Center
 Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
 Georgia Teacher's Retirement System
 Macon Water Authority
 Marietta City School System
 Middle Georgia Regional Development Center
 Muscogee County School District
 Savannah Airport Commission
 Savannah & Chatham County Board of Public Education
 Savannah Housing Authority

**UGA
 Presents**



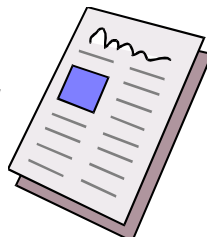
**Introductory Accounting
 Refresher Course**

**FREE Registration June 10th - June 11th
 at Buford in Gwinnett County**

For additional information contact:
 Sabrina Cape at cape@cviog.uga.edu

Newsletter Submissions

Please forward any information
 or articles for submission in
 upcoming newsletters to Amy
 Burch at aburch@valdostacity.com
 or fax (229) 333-1858.
 Questions? Call (229) 259-3516



Welcome New GGFOA Members

Kay M. Aylsworth
 Krista Bedingfield
 Victoria Bowman
 Cedric Broadway
 Michael S. Bush
 Yolanda Carter
 Regina T. Dotts
 Linda W. Dufresne

City of Adairsville
 City of Centerville
 City of Albany
 City of Albany
 Henry County
 City of Albany
 Webster County BOE
 MuniFinancial

Amanda Luke
 Sherry Maddock
 Melissa Mantooth
 Dan Martin
 Gail McCamish
 Sharon Mitchell
 Deanna Moxley
 Matthew D. Murphy

City of Tifton
 City of Griffin
 Sumter County BOC
 Clayton County BOC
 Conyers-Rockdale Library
 Henry County BOC
 Gwinnett County
 Athens-Clarke County

Welcome

Angela Edwards
 Wanda Ennis
 Adam M. Fraley
 Pam G. Herring
 Theresa J. Holmes
 Sharon D. Ingram
 Marsha Jackson
 Vanessa R. Jackson
 Tommy Johnson
 Tina Joiner
 Harry Keck
 Robert H. Logan

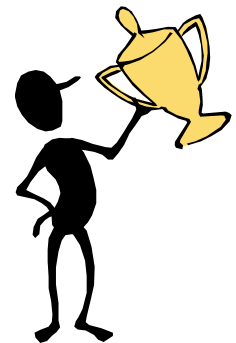
City of Riverdale
 Logics, LLC
 Mauldin & Jenkins
 City of Rockmart
 City of Adairsville
 GA Dept of Human Resources
 City of Monroe
 City of Albany
 Whitfield County
 South Georgia RDC
 Creative Logic Technologies
 City of Canton

Connie L. Parker
 Nancy R. Peterman
 Erika Reese
 Adah Marie Roberts
 Janet Shaw
 Johnette Smith
 Randall Smith
 Linda Taylor
 Lucesita Torres
 Chuck Trader
 Thomas G. Ware
 LaVerne Watkins

Henry County BOC
 Dekalb County
 City of Macon
 City of Macon
 Dekalb County
 Clayton County
 City of Roswell
 City of Centerville
 City of Smyrna
 City of St. Marys
 Branch Bank & Trust
 Worth County

GGFOA MEMBER RECRUITMENT AWARD PROGRAM

GGFOA requires a solid membership growth to remain a vital organization for promoting excellence in governmental financial management throughout the State of Georgia. It is the objective of the Membership Committee to offer GGFOA members the opportunity to be acknowledged for their membership recruitment efforts throughout the year. On March 24th the Board approved a new recruitment award program. Here are program details explaining how you can win \$200.00 cash.



Each GGFOA member who recruits a new member will be awarded one point. This information is gathered by GGFOA office staff from the "Referred By" section of the membership application. The GGFOA member who accumulates the most points during the 12-month period between annual conferences will be acknowledged at the



GGFOA Annual Conference with a \$200.00 recruitment award and a certificate of appreciation. A minimum of 5 points is required to qualify. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held including only those tied in points standing to determine the recipient of the award.

For your convenience, membership applications are available on our website at www.ggfoa.org or contact Teresa Palmer at 706-542-8162. Remember to complete the "Referred By" section of the application to qualify for the cash award.

Surfing the Wave of Change

The Georgia Government Finance Officer's Association invites you to attend the 2002 Annual Conference in Savannah, GA from September 29th - October 2nd at the beautiful Savannah Marriott Riverfront

Information to Get You Started

Savannah Marriott Riverfront

100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Phone: 1-912-233-7722 or 1-800-228-9290

Located on the Historic Riverfront connected to world-famous River Street which offers unique shops, taverns, and restaurants. Voted "Top hotel in Savannah" in 2000 by Creative Loafing.

Directions: I-16 E. I-16 turns into Montgomery Street, follow until Bay St., turn right. Follow for 1 mile. Hotel is located on the left.

Savannah Convention & Visitors Bureau

Call now and receive a 2002 visitors guide to help make the most of your trip to Savannah. Let them know you are attending the GGFOA conference in the fall. They will mail you a visitors guide, calendar of events, and a guide to Tybee Island.

CALL : 1-877-SAVANNAH

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept. 26-29. The year 2002 "Divas in Jazz Celebration" will honor womens contribution to jazz. The Coastal Jazz Association will honor blues singer Irene Reid, a Savannah native. This festival brings some of the best jazz musicians to beautiful Forsyth Park. Free. 356-2399 or visit www.coastaljazz.com.

Best of Savannah

Even though the informative sessions presented at the conference are where we spend most of our time...there are a few chances that attendees have to escape and see all that Savannah has to offer. If you have been to Savannah and have experienced a special tour, a quaint shop, or exciting museum, please share it with us. We would like to share this information...especially with 1st and 2nd year attendees... in order to make the most of their participation at the annual conference. Email points of interest to aburch@valdostacity.com or call 229-259-3516.

FAQ'S

A recommendation from the last conference was to provide more information about what, when and where before participants arrive in Savannah.

Please help the conference committee by letting them know what information you would like to have to assist you.

Email questions to aburch@valdostacity.com or call 229-259-3516.

Hauntings TOUR



A SAUNTER IN SAVANNAH

For those of you who would like a tour at night, this guided evening walk is one of the most pleasant ways to discover the secrets of Savannah. The "Hauntings Tour delivers thrills, chills and facts" for everyone.

Daily Tours 7PM and 9PM
*****Reservations Required*****
912-234-3571

GEORGIA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

For more information on GGFOA organization, please contact our central office as listed below, or visit our website at www.ggfoa.org.

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ggfoa.org

Helpful

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Amy Davis	Director	770-479-0404
Cynthia Beasley	Director	404-848-5314
Angela Cole	Annual Conference	706-653-4085
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Vicky Taunton	Communications	229-259-3515
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Charlotte Blanton	Scholarship/Awards	229-924-4411
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