

CAPITAL CAPSULE



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ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
DOVER CAPITAL CHAPTER 101 — DELAWARE

Demo Days are back

In August the First State Financials Project Team announced that their new training room is ready to receive visitors. State agencies are invited to send representatives — limited to 2 people per agency because of seating — to weekly demonstration and discussion sessions. Sessions are on a first-come-first-served basis from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Financials Project offices in Silver Lake office complex on Walker Road in Dover. Participants will learn more about key aspects of the new financial system. The project team also hopes the training sessions will help them under-

stand some of the issues that will need to be addressed as they move toward implementation.

Upcoming sessions include:

- September 21 — Personal Expense Reimbursements
- September 28 — Cash Receipts

No sessions will be held 8/31, 9/7 or 9/14 due to project team training.

For more information about Demo Days and other info about the project, visit their website <http://erpfinaicals.delaware.gov/>

Meeting Notice

The Dover Capital chapter of AGA will open its FY 2007 season with an informational luncheon meeting at Roma Restaurant, South Rte. 113, Dover, at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13th.

The executive board will present plans for FY 2007, including changes to the format for the monthly meetings, professional credit for meeting attendance, and chapter development.

Be sure to get your reservation and lunch choice in to Carol Baxter no later than September 11th, so she can give them a head count.

Price is \$12.00. Choose from the following menu items:

- ~ *Lasagna*
- ~ *Fettuccini Alfredo*
- ~ *House salad with grilled chicken**

All entrees include fresh baked bread, garden salad and beverage. *Served with a cup of soup

RSVP: By Monday, Sept. 11, 2006

Carol Baxter – 739-9208

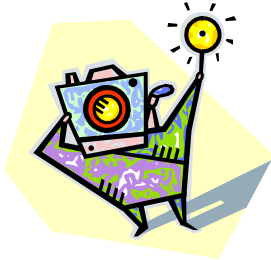
Email: Carol.Baxter@state.de.us

Yes, the CAPITAL CAPSULE newsletter is BACK! But I need input. Committee chairs this means YOU! Officers this means YOU! Members this means YOU!

Let me know what you'd like to see. What is interesting? What is worth your time? Who deserves kudos? What is coming up in the next month — or the next few months?

The newsletter will be out by email in the week before the monthly meeting. That way it can serve as a meeting reminder. Extra print copies will be available at the meeting if someone wants a hard copy but are not able to print one.

This is your newsletter — send me your news! Ann.Fletcher@state.de.us or you can call 302-674-7383. Thanks!



Watch for pictures in future issues of the Capital Capsule!

From the President's Perch

First, I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to a productive year for yourselves and the Chapter.

The Executive Committee met on July 20 to lay out a plan for the 2006—2007 Chapter year. Part of that plan results from information that Candy Casto (President-elect) and I gathered at the AGA Professional Development Conference in San Diego, CA, June 18—21, 2006.

At the conference our Chapter was recognized with a Chapter Recognition Award. We have just completed our fourth year of operation and this is the second time we have won the award for exceeding our point goal in the Chapter Recognition Program. Membership, meetings and speakers all earn points, so a hearty thanks to all for their efforts.

We are planning an extended program for the coming year, part of which is this Newsletter. We hope that the Newsletter will help keep our members and guests better informed of our Chapter activities and our members' accomplishments (including babies and weddings, though not necessarily in that order). Please keep us informed of your major events so that we can acknowledge them at our meetings and in the Newsletter.

Finally, all suggestions and comments are appreciated. Feel free to contact me at 302-697-0829 or, if you have something in print, my Fax is 302-697-0451.

Frank

Kudos!

Congratulations to chapter members

Judith A. Lomax

and

Ann M. Fletcher

who have both been awarded the professional designation

Certified Internal Controls Auditor (CICA)

by the Institute for Internal Controls.

For more information about this designation visit

<http://www.theiic.org/>



Congratulations to
AGA member

Amy Retzlaff!

Baby *Madison*

arrived at 11:44 p.m.

on June 23rd.

She weighed 8 lbs.

and was 21 in. long.

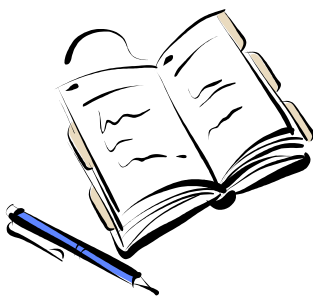


Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming training opportunities in November:

1. A class on ***Internal Controls***, presented by Dave Hancox from the New York State Comptroller's Office on November 13 at Polytech High School, Woodside, DE.
2. A 4 hour class on ***Ethics***, presented by Janet Wright from the Public Integrity Commission on November 14 at the State Fire School, Dover, DE.

Watch for notices with more information and registration forms or you may call Kim Zink at the Office of the Auditor of Accounts, 302-739-4241, ext. 104



Members on the Move

We have learned of the following personnel changes among our members.

Ann Nutter left her position at Appoquinimink School District to become the new Business Manager at Polytech School District.

Karen Chrisler is leaving the State Auditors Office to accept a State Ac-

countant V position at Division of Accounting on September 3, 2006. She is taking Becky Surguy's place. She will be responsible for the CAFR.

Shaina Cooper is leaving the State Auditors Office to accept a State Accountant IV position at Division of Accounting on September 11, 2006.

Dawn Haw-Young is leav-

ing DNREC, Division of Water Resources, to accept a State Accountant IV position at Division of Accounting on September 11, 2006.

Shaina and Dawn will be working with Karen Chrisler.

We wish all these members all the best in their new endeavors.



From the AGA National Association:

From September 1 until November 30, 2006 the AGA national association is offering a rebate of \$20 for CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive a \$20 rebate,

1. A complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and copy of the transcript) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2006.
2. the CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - Dover Capital Chapter" written at the bottom of the form. If the application is submitted online, the applicant must use this phrase to answer the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?:".

The chapter that encouraged the most applications submitted as part of this promotion in the three-month period of September-November 2006 will also receive \$20 X the number of applications that quoted that particular chapter! PLUS every chapter listed on the application (in the promotional phrase as described above) will receive 50 BONUS CREDITS (Chapter Recognition Program) per application!

CGFM application form can be found on <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMApplicationform.pdf>.

Contact CGFM Chair Judy Lomax for more information.

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<i>??? Will your name be here? Volunteer! Your chapter needs you!</i>				