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President's Message

As we usher in the new year, I would like to reflect on what we accomplished in 2006:

The Roanoke Chapter hosted two very informative conferences that covered a variety of topics. Both received positive feedback from attendees which we will use as we plan future conferences.

The Chapter sponsored two very successful community service projects in December:

The first project was a toy drive for Toys for Tots. The Chapter collected an entire box of toys prior to

the Christmas pick up.

The second project was a Christmas dinner and party hosted for the residents of



Fairview Home in Dublin.

Please see page 3 of the newsletter for pictures and more on the Fairview Home event.

As we move forward into 2007, I urge all of you to

please consider becoming actively involved in the Chapter. I know a lot of folks have joined for the benefit of the inexpensive CPE, unfortunately, it takes a lot of people to plan and host each event. Any assistance we can get is greatly appreciated.

As always, please contact me or any of the other Chapter officers if you have suggestions for future events or if you need assistance with anything.

Deanna L. Cox
Chapter President

Roanoke Chapter News

Upcoming Events

The Chapter is in the process of planning its spring conference to be held in late February or early March.

We are currently taking suggestions for topics and speakers so please email Deanna or any of the other chapter members so that we may consider everyone's input.

Chapter Officer Elections

We are only a month or so away from chapter officer elections. Please be thinking about making a nomination for the various offices.

National PDC-Nashville

The National PDC is being held in Nashville, TN this year. Several people from the Roanoke Chapter have expressed an interest in going.

If you have an interest in attending the conference and would like to travel with someone, please contact Deanna.

Roanoke Chapter News (Continued)

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meeting locations and dates will be announced a few days prior to each meeting. As member participation increases, the meeting locations and dates will be rotated in an effort to give all members a chance to attend and become involved in the Chapter.

The Roanoke Chapter will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 10th at 5:45pm at the Wytheville Community College. All members are encouraged to attend. Guests are always welcome.

Committee Chairs

Membership - Brenda Flora and Frances Vaught co-chairs
 Education - Deanna Cox
 Comm. Service - Lisa Wensil
 Newsletter - Sarah Fink
 Webmaster - Cain Johnston
 CGFM - Linda Woody
 Historian - Frances Vaught

Please welcome the following new member:
Kathy Jones, Craig County

Other AGA Information

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL NEWS

The Roanoke Chapter is part of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Visit the Mid-Atlantic website at www.geocities.com/agamidatlantic for up-to-date information on the Mid-Atlantic leadership.

NATIONAL NEWS

For National news, please visit the AGA's website at www.agacgfm.org.

CPE OPPORTUNITIES

National Leadership Conference, Wash. DC., February 12 and 13, 2007
 Registration Info for the above is available at www.agacgfm.org.

CPE hours may also be earned by taking a quiz online on each *Journal of Government Financial Management*. CPE certificates are printed immediately upon completion.

MEMBER INFORMATION ONLINE

Update your personal information online. Just go to www.agacgfm.org to the "Member Information" Section.

Renew your membership for 2006-2007 by logging onto the AGA website under Member Services.

To join the AGA, obtain an application on the above website.



CGFM INFORMATION

All members are encouraged to become CGFM's. Information about how you can become a CGFM is on the AGA's website.

The Roanoke Chapter has purchased study guides that may be checked out by Chapter members for use in studying for the CGFM exam.

Fairview Home Community Service Project

On December 20th, the Chapter hosted a Christmas dinner and party for the residents of Fairview Home in Dublin. Fairview Home is an adult home for mentally and physically disabled adults. The residents enjoyed a dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing and cookies. For the Christmas party, the residents were entertained by Saford and Dana Blankenship who performed karaoke. In addition, Santa made an appearance and handed out gifts to all of the residents. The residents all seemed to really enjoy the entertainment and for those of us who attended, it was truly a heartwarming experience.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the following people:

Brenda Flora, with RFCA who organized the entire event single-handedly.

Nikki Stafford, Lal Harter (aka Santa) and Shirley Dehart all of RFCA and Gordon Jones of Pulaski County, all of whom attended and assisted with the party.

Saford and Dana Blankenship who provided the karaoke.

Dale Buckner with Oak Creek Builders who accompanied the Blankenships on karaoke.



Lal Harter (Santa) chats with a resident



Saford, Dana and Dale sing karaoke



Gordon Jones, Dale Buckner and Saford Blankenship sing "We Wish you a Merry Christmas"



Santa poses with a resident