



## Message from the President

The Chapter celebrated Christmas on December 11 at the Inn on the Alameda. Over 35 attended the lunch enjoying great food and a presentation by Jeff Hoehn from the Carrie Tingley Foundation. Jeff delivered several furry friends, see picture to the right, to brave kids staying at Carrie Tingley Hospital. If you were unable to join us in December you have several other opportunities in the next few months to attend AGA events. Page 3 of newsletter provides more detail of the upcoming luncheons and the event we look forward to all year, the annual Professional Development Training (PDT). The PDT planning committee is still busy securing speakers and topics, more details and registration will be released within the next few weeks.

In the last newsletter we reported on our October Luncheon - Government Accountability and Audit Findings Report. You can find the presentation by our guest speaker RubyAnn Esquibel on the website at the following link <http://agasantafe.org/office-of-the-state-auditor-luncheon/>

We also asked for feedback on your experience with the 2015 audit, and factors that contributed to a successful audit. In summary our members contribute less findings to organization, teamwork and willingness to work with the auditors. Government Accountability will be the topic at the March 17 lunch at the PDT with guest speaker State Auditor Tim Keller.

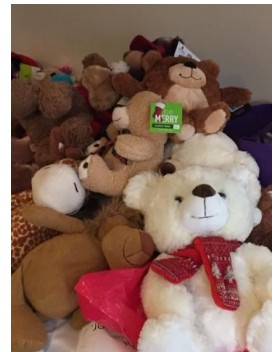
AGA is all about Advancing Government Accountability, and our luncheon in January guest speaker Laura

Beltran-Schmidt will provide us with a "SFY15 Government Season Debrief". Laura will review common audit findings from a CliftonLarsonAllen perspective and internal controls that could prevent these type of findings.

Mark your calendar to join us for one, some or all of our events. I hope we see you soon!



Donna Sandoval, CGFM



Furry friends going to brave kids at Carrie Tingley

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The New Mexico and Albuquerque  
AGA Chapters are proud to present our  
2016 Professional Development Training

**What's Hot and What's Not in Government Accountability**

*Save the Date* } Buffalo Thunder Casino & Resort { *More Info Coming Soon. Sign up for updates with mgorena@rpclp.com.*

**March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**CGFM Day March 16<sup>th</sup>**



Mauricia Chavarria-Quam and Jackie Rivera from ALTSD enjoying the Christmas lunch.

## Visit the AGA New Mexico Chapter Website

We redesigned our website, and you now have easy access to information about membership, meeting the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC), CGFM, newsletters, events and job postings. We want your feedback, if you have suggestions contact Elena Tercero our Webmaster at [Elena@littleglightaccounting.com](mailto:Elena@littleglightaccounting.com).



<http://agasantafe.org/>

One of our most recent additions to the website is our Citizen Centric Report (CCR). The Chapter submitted the CCR to promote government accountability. Take a few minutes and read our CCR we always welcome any input from our members. You can access the CCR with the link below.

<http://agasantafe.org/category/citizen-centric-report/>



### Chapter Recognition



The New Mexico Chapter is adding up the points for this program year. The Chapter earns points by providing educational events, promoting membership and the CGFM certification, distributing AGA information through our newsletters and demonstrating government accountability. Last program year the Chapter received a platinum award at the National PDT, we hope to receive the same award this year in Anaheim, California. If you are interested in becoming part of the CEC and helping us, we will be asking for volunteers for the next program year soon.



*Scott Roybal from GSD and Vince Lithgow, CCGFM from NM Finance Authority at the Christmas Lunch*

#### **Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Maintenance & Status Uses** - Here are some quick reminders on the uses and maintenance of the CGFM

**Maintaining CGFM Certification** - To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's **Code of Ethics**. In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFMs must be in an active status.

**Active Status** - To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to: 1) Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year, 2) complete at least 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects (within the designated two-year cycle), and 3) maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed. By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's **Code of Ethics** and that they have fulfilled the **minimum CPE Requirements**.

**Retired Status** - Individuals who have permanently retired from AND are not working in the field of financial management can request an adjustment of their status to "retired" by the AGA National Office. Individuals should include their date of retirement and confirm that they are not working in the field of financial management.

CGFMs must have an "active" status at the time of retirement in order for their status to be changed to "retired". Please see the AGA National Office web-site for additional clarifications for the retired status definition.

**Inactive Status** - If a CGFM fails to meet the requirements to maintain

the CGFM in an active or retired status, the CGFM becomes inactive. Inactive CGFMs may not present themselves as CGFMs, either in writing or orally, or display the CGFM certificate. Any reference to the CGFM designation on a resume, bio or other statements of qualification must clearly indicate that the CGFM is inactive.

**Voided Status** - The CGFM designation will be voided if the holder is inactive for longer than five consecutive years or enters inactive status for a third time.

**Certification Revocation** - The Professional Certification Board reserves the right to revoke any certification for cause as determined by the PCB. Cause may include, but is not limited to a violation of AGA's Code of Ethics, repeated violations of the CGFM policies, or actions discreditable to the CGFM Program.

**Use of CGFM** - Only **active** CGFMs may use the "CGFM" after their names. **Inactive** CGFMs may not present themselves as CGFMs. **Retired** CGFMs must clearly indicate their retired status by using "CGFM-Retired" after their names and using "Retired" or "Retired status." CGFM **candidates** may not use the CGFM designation after their names until after they receive an official award letter from AGA. The CGFM designation may not be used after the name of those who have not earned the CGFM.

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## **Advancing Government Accountability**

### **January Luncheon**

**Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

**Time: 11:45am – 1:15pm**

**Location: Cowgirl  
319 S Guadalupe St, Santa Fe, NM 87501**

**Speaker: Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CFE, CGFM, CICA  
Assurance Director within the Public Sector Industry of CliftonLarsonAllen**

### **FY15 Government Season Debrief – A CLA Auditor’s Perspective**

**Brief Description: Now that we’ve all had some time to breathe and recover from the FY15 government season, this luncheon will discuss some of the common findings we (CLA) see within our State Agency audits, as well as some general internal control areas for improvement.**

**Cost: \$15 Members & \$18 non-members**

**R.S.V.P. by Friday, January 8, 2016 12:00pm**

**To Wanda Gonzales827-4865 or  
by email [supwmg@nmcourts.gov](mailto:supwmg@nmcourts.gov)**

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## **We have the Perfect AGA Training for you....**

- ⇒ **January 13 Luncheon- FY15 Government Season Debrief—A CLA Auditor’s Perspective**
- ⇒ **February 17 Luncheon —State Treasurer’s Office**
- ⇒ **March 9 Webinar—Grants**
- ⇒ **March 16—18 Annual Professional Development Training (PDT)**
- ⇒ **March 23 Webinar—Internal Controls**



**Leon Young speaks at webinar available nationally on “Ethics in the Workplace”.  
Bryan Maestas, CGFM listens, and is the New Mexico moderator.**



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*Michael Chmura, the paparazzi keeps following me!*