

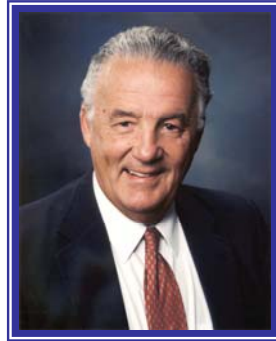


NEWSLETTER

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Northern Virginia Association of Government Accountants Awards Banquet – Coming – May 16, 2007

On Wednesday May 16, 2007 the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA is proud to present former United States Senator, the Honorable Paul Sarbanes. Senator Sarbanes will be speaking on "The Sarbanse-Oxley Act and the Strength of American Business" as the keynote address to our annual dinner and awards ceremony.

At the beginning of the 21st century, corporate scandals involving Enron, Worldcom, Tyco, and many other firms, rocked the American business landscape, ruined the lives of many workers and stockholders, and caused the world to lose confidence in American business. In order to regain investor confidence, and monitor corporations and their activities, Paul Sarbanes, Maryland's senior senator, led the charge to reform the business world. His work in creating the Sarbanes-Oxley Act has transformed the business world, and restored public confidence in Wall Street by holding companies liable for unethical actions.

In response to the failure of Enron Corporation in 2001, which, at the time, was the 7th largest corporation in the United States, he held a series of comprehensive hearings resulting in the passage of Sarbanes-Oxley. The act was designed to reform the accounting industry and restore the investor confidence that had been eroded following the collapse of Enron and subsequent corporate scandals.

As a result of his work in shepherding this historic legislation through the Congress and into law, Sarbanes was honored in June 2003 with the prestigious Paul H. Douglas Ethics in Government Award from the University of Illinois. The award was designed to honor individuals who have made a substantial contribution to promoting ethics.

Sarbanes work has created a lasting impact on the world of business. Through his actions and legislation, ethical behavior must now be standard practice for all companies, creating a positive business environment for employees and the public.

Join us as we honor the recipients of the Jeffrey Steinhoff Federal Financial Management Award, Federal Partnership Award, Pentagon Service Award, Academic Achievement in Accounting Award, and the Chapter Service Award. The cost of the banquet is \$25.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. Please RSVP to Sheree Thompson (see registration form on page 3). Registration ends May 1, 2007.

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 Join NOVAGA in welcoming Roger Stoltz of the GAO, speaking on the topic:

"How to Read a Government Financial Statement"

Roger R. Stoltz, CPA, CGFM, is an Assistant Director in GAO's Financial Management and Assurance Group. He has performed many financial statement and performance audits of federal entities and teaches courses in accounting, auditing, and financial analysis. Roger is the senior reviewer in the District of Columbia for the Government Finance Officer's Association's *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program* that encourages better reporting by state and local governments. Prior to joining GAO in 1984, he was an audit principal with Arthur Young & Company.



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Wednesday, April 18, 2007

"How to Read a Government
Financial Statement"

Roger Stoltz, Government
Accountability Office

Embassy Suites, Registration 5:15-
6:00 p.m., Meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Wednesday, May 16, 2007

NOVAGA Annual Awards Banquet

Speaker: Senator Paul Sarbanes
"The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
and the Strength of American
Business"

Embassy Suites
Registration and Cash Bar
5:15-6:00PM
Dinner 6:00PM to 7:30PM



**Reservations Email
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703-325-9829

Embassy Suites Hotel
1900 Diagonal Road
Alexandria, VA 22314

Directly across from the King Street Metro –
Yellow & Blue Lines

or park at the hotel for \$4 after 5PM.

**Please note: the parking garage is in
the process of renovation. Spaces are
limited.**

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President's Message April, 2007



As our program year continues, our accomplishments as a Chapter continue to multiply:

- Our one day training seminar on Internal Controls was attended by almost 180 professionals. The feedback we have received has been outstanding with numerous individuals complementing the depth and breadth of the program, as well as, the number of important issues addressed.
- We have welcomed over 85 new members to the Chapter. We continue to be the second largest Chapter in AGA.
- Our early careers initiative in February, "Intergenerational Differences in the Workplace and Accountability in Your Community and Environment", was attended by over 100. NOVAGA was able to contribute over \$1000 to the Earth Echo Organization.
- Our upcoming meeting event on April 18, 2007, continues our tradition of providing provocative and insightful program content. Our guest speaker, Roger Stoltz of GAO, will discuss "How to Read a Government Financial Statement". For any of you who have ever opened up a government financial statement and wanted to reconcile it to traditional bases of accounting, this presentation will offer you that opportunity.
- Our program of dinner sponsorships continues to grow and you will see many prominent names next month at our Annual Award Banquet.
- Our community service program continues to be a source of pride. NOVAGA's participation in the preparation of care packages for the USO last month was recognized by a cabinet officer. Our before meeting speakers program has brought a half dozen organizations to NOVAGA. We have another community service opportunity on April 15th in Reston with the MS Walk, I hope many of you can join us.
- The NOVAGA newsletter and website continue to a 1st rate source of information for nearly 900 members.
- In doing all that we do, I have to commend our Board members who through their efforts and good fellowship make AGA Northern Virginia the outstanding place that it is. I thank each and every one of you. You make all this possible.

Welcome New Members!

We invite our new members to attend our monthly chapter meeting. NOVAGA pays for its new members first home meeting (you must RSVP & let us know if it is your first meeting). We are sure you will find out for yourself how entertaining and great for socializing, networking, and learning NOVAGA meetings are. We want you to come back again, and again, and again...

John E. Homan, CPA, CGFM
NOVAGA President, 2006-07

NOVAGA Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 16th

Sponsors Welcome: The last three years' awards banquets were successful in large part due to the generous support of several sponsors. If you'd like to help sponsor this year's awards banquet, please contact our Corporate Sponsor Liaison, Mike Lippert at malippert@kpmg.com.

Banquet Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Employer _____

Email _____

Billing Address (if different) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you an AGA member? Yes No Chapter _____

Amount \$ _____ Method of Payment: _____

Check Enclosed

Master Card Visa AMEX Discover

Name as it appears on card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Register Early! Space is limited!

Join NOVAGA on May 16th, 2007, to honor achievements and accomplishments for the past year and hear Senator Paul Sarbanes speak on "The Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Strength of American Business"



Registration and Cash Bar
5:15-6:00PM
Dinner 6:00PM to 7:30PM



Embassy Suites
Alexandria, VA
across from
King Street Metro



Last day to register May 1, 2007
Admission Price
\$25 Members \$40 Non-Members

Register by mail Mail completed form to:	Register by email or phone:
NOVAGA P.O. Box 44079 Washington, D.C. 20026-4079	Sheree Thompson, (703) 325-9829 sheree.thompson@dodig.mil

Banquet Menu

Filet Mignon with Pinot Noir Demi Glace and Sesame Crusted Salmon
Herb Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
Field Greens with Walnuts, Dried Cranberries and Champagne Vinaigrette
Tableside Wine Service, Iced Tea and Coffee
Chef's Desert Selection
Cash Bar

**TUITION:**

\$600

CLASS MEETS:Tuesday & Thursday
6:00pm - 9:00pm**COURSE DATES:**

April 24, 26, May 1

**CONTINUING EDUCATION
UNITS:**

0.9 CEUs

Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Detecting Misappropriation

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Misappropriation, or Fraud, is generally divided into three categories: fraudulent financial reporting, corruption, and misappropriation of assets. This class concentrates on common misappropriation schemes and detection methods. Successful forensic examiners need to understand how these schemes are perpetrated and detected. You will learn how to identify, detect and document misappropriation schemes. Interviewing techniques in addition to evidence gathering techniques will be taught. Course topics will include:

- Common misappropriation schemes
- Misappropriation detection methods
- Role of internal controls
- Case study

Faculty

Chris McGrath, CPA, is an auditor who has practiced locally and internationally with the Big Four. For three years, he provided financial auditing and consulting services in Istanbul, Turkey. He taught Turkish bank and treasury auditors best practices and educated foreign investors about starting and running businesses in the Turkish environment. McGrath has been involved in discovering, documenting, and adjudicating damages due to defalcations and has supported attorneys, government agencies and private clients in this process.

Chris McGrath's Internet articles on fraud featured him in *The Practical Accountant*, *Accountants using the Internet*. He has also written and contributed to articles on *Public Sector Audit Committees* and *FSIO's Insurance Systems Requirements*.

If you have any questions, Chris McGrath may be contacted at (410) 979-7223 or jcm234@georgetown.edu.

Forensic Accounting Certificate Program

This program is part of the Forensic Accounting Certificate Program and is designed to help professionals develop expertise and competency in the area of forensic accounting examinations. The certificate program will concentrate on the core skills required to identify and detect fraud. The program surveys fraud schemes and addresses fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, and corruption. Students will learn how to develop evidence to support a fraud case through litigation support and expert testimony techniques.

The certificate program will require 63 hours of contact (classroom) hours, and will comprise seven courses. The Principles of Forensic Examination is the recommended first class, however students may take any class. The classes will be taught in three hour sessions and will aggregate nine hours each. Courses will be scheduled on weeknights (6-9 PM).

Meeting Time and Place

The NOVAGA Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month beginning September 2006 thru May 2007, except as noted in the schedule below. Registration begins at 5:15 pm with refreshments and continues with a featured speaker or program at 6:00 pm and concludes at 7:00 p.m. The time between 5:15 and 6:00 is a great time for networking

The NOVAGA Chapter meets at the Embassy Suites - Old Town, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA., except as noted in the schedule below. The Embassy Suites is conveniently located directly across from the King Street Metro station. Parking is available at the hotel at minimum cost (\$3.00).

Meeting Cost

The regular monthly meeting is \$15. Certain events held in conjunction with or instead of the regular monthly meeting may be more. The Early Career Session on February 21, 2007 was free.

The Officers and Board of Directors meet following the regularly scheduled meetings.

Meeting Schedule:

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50/50 Raffle

April 18
Friends
Of
Homeless
Animals

May 16
Pentagon
Memorial
Project
is the
beneficiary.

Menu Selections:

For the evening meeting session:



Wednesday, April 18, 2007
Iced Tea and Iced Water Station
Fresh Sliced Fruit and Berry Display
Other Hot Food Appetizers TBD



Wednesday, May 16, 2007
Filet Mignon with Pinot Noir Demi Glace and
Sesame Crusted Salmon
Herb Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal
Vegetables
Field Greens with Walnuts, Dried Cranberries
and Champagne Vinaigrette
Tableside Wine Service, Iced Tea and Coffee
Chef's Desert Selection
Cash Bar



Want to provide input?
Stay for our
Executive Committee Meetings
Immediately following each (home) monthly
Meeting at the Embassy Suites, 7-7:30 pm



Submitted by: Sheree A. Thompson, Meetings
Chair

Newsletter Deadline:

Deadline for articles for the
May Newsletter is
April 24th

Please submit information to our Newsletter Editor
(acting) at kristyann66@yahoo.com

We welcome your input!

Want to place valuable job and exciting training
opportunities as advertisements in our newsletter?????

Get maximum exposure by placing your advertisement in the
NOVAGA newsletter at the following rates:

- * 1/4 page - FREE!!! * Half page - \$100 * Full page - \$200

Submit proposed ads and questions electronically to
dennis.green@em-i.com



The Northern Virginia AGA Chapter Early Careers

On Thursday, March 22, the Northern Virginia AGA Chapter Early Careers program had a social networking event at Joe Theismann's. A good time was had by all! A special thank you goes to Kearney & Company for hosting the event. We are planning more social networking events for the upcoming year and if you would like to be involved with the planning please contact Ed Pabalan at Epabalan@kearneyco.com.



Erin Ogburn

Stuart Strange

Karl Boettcher



Jim Davis



Sarah Joy
Hunter

Chris McGrath

Ed Pabalan

Watch for the next Early Careers Event:

Thursday, April 19, 2007

6:00PM to 8:00PM

Free appetizers and one free drink!

Watch for flier coming April 11!



Community Service Spotlight

2006/2007

Laura Koschny
NOVAGA Community Service Director

NOVAGA Planned Community Service 50/50 Raffle* Community Service Organizations & Events for 2006/2007

“To Foster Awareness & Accountability over Our Community”

April 18, 2007 *****Friends of Homeless Animals (Fairfax VA)
May 16, 2007*****Pentagon Memorial Project

At each meeting NOVAGA will hold a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are sold during the social activities prior to the meetings. A drawing is held at the close of the meeting. The raffle proceeds will be shared equally by the winning ticket holder and the community service organization featured at the meeting.

MS Walk Update – It’s Here!

The MS Walk will be held on **Sunday, April 15th, in Reston**. We will **meet at Registration at 9 am** and you can walk 3.5 or 6 miles. They usually have donuts and coffee to get you started; water, fruit, and energy bars along the way; and a barbecued lunch for the walkers afterwards. Please **wear your NOVAGA shirts if you have them** or anything with AGA on it!

You can still visit www.MSandYOU.org and click on the **MS Walk logo/name** on the left side of the page. Once on the MS Walk homepage, click on **Join an Existing Team**. Select **NOVAGA** and register on-line. Visit our NOVAGA page to see pictures of past NOVAGA teams and track our fund-raising goals – we have almost **\$700 pledged** so far! You can also create your own personal web page and send email appeals to your family, friends, and co-workers. You can print out pledge sheets and credit card receipts.

What if you wake up Sunday morning, the sun is out, and you want to walk? **Just show up!** They will have forms at Registration and you can sign up there – be sure to put NOVAGA as your team.

Want to sleep in on Sunday (or finish your taxes)? Do a virtual walk! You can still visit www.MSandYOU.org and click on the **MS Walk logo/name** on the left side of the page. Once on the MS Walk homepage, click on **Support an Existing Team**. Select **NOVAGA** and register on-line. You can click on one of our names & contribute to our goals!

If you can’t make Sunday in Reston, you can also walk at these other sites (just be sure to put NOVAGA as your team). Visit the Web site for full details:

Saturday, April 14

- Manassas, VA (5 miles, fully paved)
- Oxon Hill, MD (5 miles, fully paved)
- Potomac, MD (8 miles)
- Washington DC (7 miles)

Sunday, April 15

- Reston, VA (3.5 or 6 miles, fully paved)
- Bowie, MD (5 miles, fully paved)



2004 NOVAGA
MS Walk Team

So what are you waiting for? With all these options, Sign up today and help to one day find a cure!

--Alice Arielly, NOVAGA Team Captain
(Cell 703-965-7426 - for last-minute questions & answers!)

Community Service Spotlight

Continued.....

Introducing our Community Service Organization in April.....

FRIENDS OF HOMELESS ANIMALS

Dedicated to the rescue and placement of homeless dogs and cats.

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703-385-0224

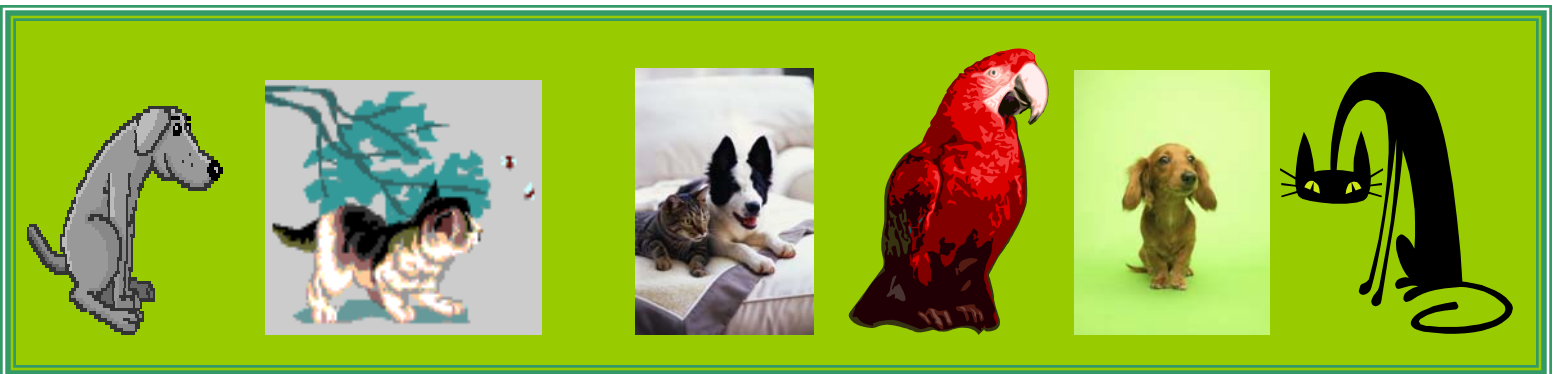
Located in Northern Virginia, Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) no-kill shelter dedicated to saving abandoned and abused dogs and cats. FOHA has been serving the Washington metropolitan area since 1973.

FOHA provides rescue, medical care, rehabilitation, and adoption services in the Northern Virginia and Washington, DC metropolitan areas. At any time, the organization typically shelters more than 100 dogs of all ages, shapes, and sizes and up to 30 cats and kittens in its cattery plus many others in foster homes. FOHA is the only no-kill shelter of its size in the area, where visitors can meet many animals until they find the perfect pet for them. Its animals are all spayed or neutered, up to date on shots, and tested (and if necessary treated) for heartworm and other medical conditions. FOHA works to find qualified adoptive homes for all the animals in its care, while keeping the commitment to providing a safe and healthy haven for as long as may be necessary. Approximately 500 dogs and cats per year have found permanent, loving homes through FOHA's efforts.

FOHA's stated mission is to:

- Bring an end to the unnecessary killing of companion animals
- Provide a safe haven for abused and abandoned animals
- Provide food, shelter, medical care, rehabilitation, and compassion to homeless animals
- Find permanent, loving homes for the animals in our care, and
- And most importantly, bring about a time when there will be no more homeless pets and every dog and cat can be guaranteed a loving home

Representing FOHA at our meeting will be its director, Mr. Joe Pillera.



Montgomery/Prince Georges County Chapter Spring Workshop!

The Montgomery/Prince Georges County Chapter is holding their Spring Workshop on OMB Circulars A-123 (Year 2), A-136 and Emerging Trends on Tuesday May 1st from 1 - 5 pm at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Participants will receive 4 CPEs by listening to quality speakers such as Terry Carnahan, Managing Director, KPMG; Dana James and Cindy George, Executive Office of the President, OMB; and Wendy Combs, Executive Director, FASAB. The fee is \$65 for members and \$85 for non-members.

To register contact: Jack Heyman at 301-943-3371 or jackheyman@yourinternalcontrols.com. For more information visit the chapter's web site at <http://www.marylandaga.com/meetings.cfm>.

Month	Dinner Meetings* <i>Board Meetings</i>	Community Service (CS)	Member Service	Education	Early Careers (EC)
April	18 – Carl Moravitz, IBM 10 – 6 p.m., <i>Ambrosia Restaurant</i>	Continue Used cell phone and Eye Glasses collection at dinner mtgs.			12 – SH - DoubleTree
May	24 -- Awards Dinner, Jeff Hart, National Pres., invited 16 - Noon Conf. Call		CGFM Luncheon TBD	1– Workshop - 4 CPE - at NIH 9 - AC – 2 CPE - Ethics at CG	24 – Awards Dinner – MVP Award presented
June		24 – 27 – PDC Chapter item raffled at PDC and chapter gift to National for charity selected	2 – DC Chapter Gala 6p.m.-12 a.m.		

* Dinner speakers' topics will relate to financial management. The location is the DoubleTree Hotel from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. with one hour CPE.

Montgomery/Prince George's Chapter

To find out what's happening at other AGA chapters in the area:

Visit the Washington DC chapter's Web site at <http://www.agadc.org>.

Visit the Montgomery/Prince Georges chapter's Web site at <http://www.marylandaga.com>. Training is also available at ISACA, NCA Chapter

<http://www.isacawashdc.org/content/events/events.htm> and the DC and Northern Virginia Chapters IIA www.theiia.org/chapters

Washington DC Chapter

Month	Luncheon Meetings <i>(Zola's)</i>	Community Service (CS)	Member Service	Education CGFM	Early Careers
Coordinators	Ken Bresnahan Corbin Neiberline	Tonya Allen-Shaw Lloyd Farmer	Lisa Robenseifner Caitlin Holmes	Mike Allen, Susan Johnson Audrey Duchesne, Rhea Riso	Laura Glass Ross Simms
April	19 th TBD	Rebuilding Together ("Christmas in April")	Virginia Vineyard Tour		
May	17 th TBD	collect eye glasses for the Lion's Club & cell phone collection for HopeLine	Boat ride / Paddle Boats <i>(tentative)</i> Member Appreciation & Awards Dinner	2 days – Theme TBD	
June			Golf Tournament Nationals Game		Early Career Lunch 6/6 @ Deloitte



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