

**Our Next After-Work  
Good-Time and CPE  
Event!!!**

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**Wednesday  
January 16, 2008**

**Featuring:**

**David M. Fisher, Director,  
Defense Business  
Transformation Agency  
"Progress & Prognosis for  
DoD's Business  
Transformation &  
Continuous Process  
Improvement**

**5:15-6:00 pm, Reg. & Social  
6:00-7:00 pm, Meeting**

**Price:**

**FREE:** If attending 1st meeting,  
become a member at the meeting (ask  
for copy!).

**MEMBERS:** \$15 paid in advance  
(credit card or check) or \$20 paid at the  
door.

**NON-MEMBERS:** \$20 paid in advance  
(credit card or check. \$25 paid at door.

**One CPE Credit  
Please RSVP ASAP:**

**[lgarcia@adobe.com](mailto:lgarcia@adobe.com) or call her at  
(703) 727-3644**

**Location:**

**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.**

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**Charity Event:**

**Phoenix RisingTherapeutic  
Equestrian Program**

## *“Progress & Prognosis for DoD’s Business Transformation & Continuous Process Improvement”*

**Speaker:**

**Mr. David M. Fisher  
Director, Defense Business Transformation  
Agency**



Come listen to Mr. David M. Fisher, Director, Defense Business Transformation Agency (BTA), speak about the mission of the BTA, which is to guide the transformation of business operations throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) and to deliver Enterprise-level capabilities that align to war fighter needs. Mr. Fisher also addresses the Progress & Prognosis of DoD's Business Transformation & Continuous Process Improvement efforts.

Mr. Fisher will also give an overview of the BTA, what they do, how they do it, where they fit into the ecosystem of the DoD, BTA's progress from their first two years of existence, and then highlight their focus areas for FY 2008. **This discussion promises to be a can't miss event!**

**Message from the President,  
January 2008**

Dear Chapter Members:

Happy 2008!! I hope this message finds that everyone enjoyed their holidays and actually took some well deserved time off to recharge the batteries! Can you believe its 2008???...well, we're back at it and after a very, very busy Nov-Dec. (see pps. 3-6), there is a lot in store coming up in 2008.

Our next event is January 16, 2008 and it is almost sold out (again)! Mr. David M. Fisher, Director, Defense Business Transformation Agency (BTA), will be speaking about the mission of the BTA, where they fit within DoD and their progress since being created two years ago. Hurry up and register, there are only a few remaining seats left! Mr. Fisher's bio can be found at: <http://www.defenselink.mil/bta/leadership/fisher.html>



For those of you who had not heard, the U.S. Government Accountability Office has issued a guidance document, **Government Auditing Standards: Implementation Tool -- Professional Requirements Tool for Use in Implementing Requirements Identified by \*Must\* and \*Should\* in the July 2007 Revision of Government Auditing Standards**. This Professional Requirements Tool lists the requirements for audit organizations and auditors included in the July 2007 Revision of generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS), also commonly known as the Yellow Book. If you have not looked into this, here is the link: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-210G>.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Our next monthly event is February 20<sup>th</sup> and will be lead by featured speaker, **Zack Gaddy, Director, DFAS**, who will be discuss the “Impact & Implications of DoD’s Integrated Personnel-Pay Initiative.”
- Don’t forget to also early register for the **2008 AGA National Leadership Conference**, which is February 21-22, 2008, at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C.: <http://www.agacgfm.org/conferences/downloads/NLCRegBrochure.pdf>.
- Lastly, the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Government Performance Summit 2008** is also coming up soon, February 25-27, 2008. Details on the event as well as registration can be found at: <http://www.governmentperformance.org/>.

Sincerely,

Bill Hughes, CPA, CGFM

## What's Been Happening?

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ballroom to accommodate all the CPAs that needed the annual training before the end of the year. Overall, we had almost 70 people attend the 2-hour session from 3-5 pm.



Dr. Douglas Ziegenfuss, Professor and Chair of the Accounting Department at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, was again our Virginia Society of CPAs sponsored trainer. He brought his dry wit and humor to the session and made a sometimes difficult topic an enjoyable and thought-provoking time.

Dr. Z reminded us that all CPAs that work mostly in Virginia must be licensed in Virginia – it's inexpensive (\$24 per year) and easy, so don't subject yourself to fines of \$5,000 to even \$30,000 for practicing without a license! Remember that the Virginia Board of Accountancy now sends all renewal notices via email, so make sure yours is current. Check for information and status at [www.boa.state.va.us](http://www.boa.state.va.us).

Since many of us are very community oriented and work with nonprofits, Dr. Z reminded us to be careful when you perform pro bono work – you shouldn't use your CPA designation.

Did you know the #1 reason for expelling or terminating CPAs from the AICPA is tax evasion or aiding in tax evasion? Wouldn't it be easier to be ethical and honest and just pay your taxes? For more information visit <http://www.aicpa.org>.



What else have we learned over the years? The Tone at the Top matters! It's what those of us in positions of authority do that others follow and emulate – and as CPAs, many of us are looked up to in the community. So be sure all your actions are above reproach and always do the right thing. Ensure you exhibit integrity, objectivity, and character. Remember that we, as CPAs, have a responsibility to 'act in a way that serves the public interest, honors the public trust, and demonstrates commitment to professionalism'

(BOA regulation 18 VAC 5-21-120 B). Bill Hughes thanked Dr. Z by presenting him with a business card holder memento and an NOVAGA certificate.

### **RVP Awards Presentation**



After some time to socialize, network, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, we were ready for our monthly meeting. Last year's Regional Vice President, Karl Boettcher, took the opportunity to thank two Regional Coordinators for their help in the National Capital Region achieving Platinum status last year. Karl presented certificates to Mia Leswing, RVP for 2005-2006; and Kay Daly, Regional Education Coordinator. Karl thanked Jim Davis, Regional Community Service & Early Careers Coordinator; and John Homan, last year's NOVAGA President, at last

month's meeting.

### **The Holiday Project**



Our featured community service organization was The Holiday Project, whose president, Robin Wiley, spoke to us on how important it is to bring Holiday cheer to those in nursing homes and hospitals in the National Capital Region. The Holiday Project started in the San Francisco area and came to the DC area in the 1970's. You can help by volunteering for a visit, becoming a team leader, serving on the steering committee (they need a pro bono accountant!), of donating funds (their CFC number is 50159). For more information on how you

can help, see the article in last month's newsletter or visit [www.holidayproject.org](http://www.holidayproject.org). Debra Delmar won the 50/50 raffle and donated her 50 percent back (thanks Deb!), giving the Holiday Project a \$52 donation from NOVAGA members.

**Toys for Tots**



Continuing on the tradition of charity, several members helped the US Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Program. President Bill Hughes presented our toys and games during to the Marine Corps as part of the MorganFranklin Toy Drive.

**FIAR Plan**

Next came the main event of the evening! Director of Programs, Deb Delmar, introduced Bob McNamara, Director of Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense. Mr. McNamara, a CPA, has spent many years helping DOD's financial reform. He was a charter member of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and is a strong supporter of not only AGA, but the American Society of Military Comptrollers. His presentation was on The Road to a Clean Audit Opinion for the Department of Defense (DOD).

Mr. McNamara told us that DOD's goal is more than just receiving a clean opinion on its financial statements – it's to improve financial information for decision makers. Why is getting a clean opinion so hard? First is DOD's size and complexity – in terms of GDP, DOD dwarfs the largest countries in the world, with a \$602 Billion budget. If ranked in the Fortune 500, it would be ranked first and ahead of Wal-Mart, Exxon, and GM – the current top three! Second are its almost 3,000 (mostly antiquated) systems! Add to that the source documentation requirements (let's see, where did we put that 1869 deed?), and having to prove to management why it's important to get a clean opinion, and you begin to see the difficulties.



## What's Been Happening? (Cont'd)

The DOD's Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness (FIAR) Plan is the department's guide for comprehensively improving financial management and preparing to audit. The plan is updated semiannually and the September 2007 plan was the 5<sup>th</sup> submission to Congress and OMB. The current plan uses an incremental approach, incorporates lessons learned, and adapts and sustains an advance progress achieved.

The department achieved an unqualified opinion on \$215 billion (15 percent) of its assets and \$969 billion (49 percent) of its liabilities in 2006, and has completed 75 percent of its FY 07 milestones. Additionally, it has reduced internal control weaknesses from 70 to 19 since 2003. It has shifted focus from getting clean opinions on individual balance sheet lines, to segments of its financial statements.

What does the future hold? DOD recognizes that implementation of new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems is a key to achieving a clean opinion. Although they once considered a clean opinion possible by 2007, they no longer have a DOD target date. Instead they estimate that the individual services can achieve clean opinions by 2017.

After a lively question-and-answer session, Deb Delmar thanked Mr. McNamara for his presentation.

### Mini-Max Training Event

NOVAGA sponsored a 4 hour CPE Mini-Max Training on December 5, hosted by KPMG in Washington, DC. Almost 50 dedicated attendees battled the snow storm to listen to the speakers discuss the topics of the Financial Management Line of Business, Implementing the Common Governmentwide Accounting Classification Structure at Agencies, and the DOD Business and Financial Management Transformation: Standard Financial Information Structure. Photos of the speakers are shown below:



Dianne Copeland, Director of the Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO), discusses implementing the Common Governmentwide Accounting Classification Structure at Agencies.



Mary Mitchell speaks about the Financial Management Line of Business (FMLOB). Ms. Mitchell recently announced her retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to the federal government!! Article: <http://www.fcw.com/online/news/150825-1.html?topic=egovernment>

### Meeting Time and Place

The NOVAGA Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month beginning September 2007 thru May 2008, 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 (\$4.00).

### Meeting Cost

Free for a member's first meeting, (must RSVP & let us know this is your first meeting) can become a member at the meeting so long as the membership application is left with the new members committee.

- \$15 paid in advance (credit card or checks to meeting committee or Treasurer) for members.
- \$20 paid in advance (credit card or checks to meeting committee or Treasurer) for non-members.
- \$20 paid at the door for members.

### Remaining Meeting Schedule:

#### Wednesday, January 16, 2008

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**Defense Business Transformation Agency**

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#### Wednesday, February 20, 2008

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**Speaker: Zack Gaddy, Director, DFAS (1 CPE)**

**Embassy Suites, Registration 5:15pm – 6:00pm, Event 6:00 – 7:00pm**

#### Wednesday, March 19, 2008

**All Day Educational Event (8 CPE’s)**

**“Fraud, Waste & Abuse”**

**Speakers: [TBD]**

**Location and Time TBD**

#### Wednesday, April 16, 2008

**TBD**

#### Wednesday, May 21, 2008 (Banquet)

**Speaker: [TBD]**

**Embassy Suites, Registration 5:15pm – 6:00pm, Event 6:00 – 7:00pm**

Article Source: <http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/topics/112607/Richmond.aspx> (web site) from the AGA CGFM Home page.



## **AGA TOPICS Newsletter: Why Travel? Follow Richmond's Lead and Bring Courses to You**

AGA's Richmond Chapter shows that it's no trick to do many things at once: provide high-quality CPE at a low cost while helping chapter members prepare for the CGFM Examinations.

In May the chapter sponsored AGA's Government Financial Management (GFM) Training Program, worth 48 CPE hours, providing the site for the courses and the attendees, while AGA provided the instructor and the materials. The GFM Program consists of three courses: *Governmental Environment* (8 CPE hours), *Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting* (24 CPE hours) and *Governmental Financial Management and Control* (16 CPE hours). [Read a description of the courses.](#)

This year, Richmond joined chapters in Guam and Washington, D.C. in bringing all three classes in the series to their chapters. Richmond plans to sponsor the program again this coming May. In addition, AGA's Baltimore, Dallas/Fort Worth and Washington D.C. Chapters are working to bring the GFM Program for its members next year. In the past, Austin, Nashville, N. Utah, Portland, Baltimore, New York Capital, Maine, Washington D.C. and Wisconsin chapters have sponsored the entire program or one of the courses.

**Alfred (Fred) Washington, CGFM, CTP**, who coordinated the Richmond Chapter review course held in May, said the benefit of sponsoring the classes locally was a significant price reduction for the attendees, as compared with traveling to D.C. to take the course. "We only charged enough to cover our expenses," Washington said. "Our AGA chapter sponsored all three courses at a total cost of approximately \$22,750. This cost includes instruction fees, study guides for all exams, facility rental and refreshments for the six-day program and other incidentals. These cost were recouped by enrolling 35 people in the class for \$650 each, with little to no additional travel expense for the participants."

This year's program was so successful that the Richmond Chapter has already begun preparing to offer the full course in May of 2008.

**Candace Hall, CGFM**, a higher education specialist with the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts, took the three courses offered by the Richmond Chapter, then went further and sat for the three CGFM exams. When she successfully passed all three parts of the CGFM exam, she received a bonus and is now eligible for a promotion.

"We have to be certified if we want to be able to advance in our jobs," she said, adding that the courses covered certain types of transactions that she deals with every day while also clarifying how all the pieces of puzzle fit together.

Government agencies, including Commonwealth of PA, NASA, Government of the District of Columbia, Office of the Public Auditor in Saipan, U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Geological Survey have taken advantage of bringing the courses to their workplace, along with private-sector companies, such as Cotton & Company LLP, Deloitte Consulting, Grant Thornton LLP, Kearney & Company, KPMG LLP and Reznick Group, P.C. AGA has branched out tremendously when it comes to making education as convenient and specific as possible. In addition to the GFM Training, AGA can bring a number of courses to your chapter, agency or workplace, and they can be tailored to meet the needs of the staff. The courses are: *Internal Controls for Auditors*, *Internal Controls for Managers*, *Internal Controls in the Federal Government*, *Single Audits*, *Federal Financial Management*, *Fiscal Anatomy of a State or Local Government Program*, *Ethical Decision-Making*, *Transitional Leadership*, *Contract Auditing* and *Fraud Detection and Prevention*.

To schedule the GFM Training or any other AGA-sponsored course, contact Julie Sanders at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 309.

### NOVAGA, Member / Community Services Plan for 2008

<b>Month</b>	<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Member Service</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Early Careers</b>
<b>Jan 2008</b>	<b>Phoenix Rising Therapeutic Equestrian Program 1/16</b>	<b>Ski Liberty - \$77/Day 1/18</b>	<b>DoD Business Transformation Update 1/16</b>	<b>Happy Hour Following Education</b>
<b>Feb 2008</b>	<b>Annandale (VA) Lions Club Charities, Inc. 2/20</b>	<b>Capitals – Hurricanes Game By \$95 tickets for \$55) 2/8</b>	<b>Update on DFAS Transformation 2/13</b>	<b>Happy Hour Following Education</b>
<b>March 2008</b>	<b>Charitable Package Proj USO TBD (Sat)</b>	<b>National Gallery of Art Brunch and Tour \$37 3/2</b>	<b>All Day Educ Event 8 CPEs 3/19</b>	<b>Happy Hour Following Education</b>
<b>April 2008</b>	<b>MS Walk 4/6 The Nat Rehab &amp; Rediscovery Found 4/16</b>	<b>Wine Tour 4/12</b>	<b>Impact &amp; Implic of DoD's Integrated Pers Pay Initiative" [TENT] 4/16</b>	<b>Happy Hour Following Education</b>
<b>May 2008</b>	<b>Pentagon Mem'l Project Fund 5/21</b>	<b>National Zoo TBD</b>	<b>NOVAGA Annual Awards Banquet – Spkr TBD 5/21</b>	<b>Happy Hour Following Education</b>

The Northern Virginia Chapter of Association of Government Accountant's (AGA) looking for new members, so come on out and join the local chapter. AGA is Advancing Government Accountability by being the thought leader in the U.S. Government Financial Management. (AGA) supports the careers and professional development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector and academia. AGA reaches thousands of professionals and provides more than one hundred thousand continuing professional education (CPE) hours annually. Here are just a few of the exciting member programs currently under way at AGA.

**JANUARY 16, 2008 MEETING FEATURED COMMUNITY SERVICE  
ORGANIZATION:** By Laura L. Koschny, CGFM NOVAGA Community Service Director

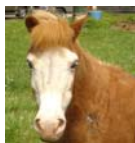


## Phoenix Rising Therapeutic Equestrian Program

The mission of the Phoenix Rising Therapeutic Equestrian Program (PRTEP) is to provide, promote, and support therapeutic riding programs for individuals who have disabling mental, physical, emotional, social, and learning conditions. It is situated at Cornerstone Farm in Catlett, Virginia. Founded in April 2005, PRTEP provides safe and affordable therapeutic riding lessons for physically, mentally, and emotionally challenged individuals in Fauquier, Prince William, Culpepper, Stafford, and Fairfax counties. PRTEP is a North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) center in good standing with participants range in age from 2 to senior adults. Its program includes:

- Traditional Therapeutic riding instruction in small groups or individual lessons
- Sensory Integration Trail
- "Cowboy Poetry" Curriculum for at-risk youth & special needs children (Academic program)
- Participation in the Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia (TRAV) at the Horse Center located in Lexington, VA

The therapeutic riding program focuses on using the horse as a tool/partner to give mentally or physically challenged children a greater sense of independence, self-confidence, and accomplishment while improving flexibility, balance and muscle strength. The Sensory Integration Trail helps riders benefit from the input of all their senses while riding. The unique sounds and smells of the trail and its natural surprises are augmented by special sensory integration stations. PRTEP is a 501(c)(3), Combined Federal Campaign participant. Horses that heal are at the "HEART" of PRTEP. Its horses have exceptional dispositions. Their gentle, empathetic nature provides our special riders with wonderful opportunities to gain a greater sense of independence, self-confidence, and accomplishment while improving flexibility, balance, and muscle strength.



PRTEP member Cherie Root will be speaking to us on behalf of her organization.

[www.phxrisingcenter.org](http://www.phxrisingcenter.org)  
(540) 359-5074

P.O. Box 165  
Warrenton, VA 20188-0165

**\*\*\*\*ATTENTION NOVAGA MEMBERS (& FRIENDS)\*\*\*\***

Tired of facing the same old, boring Saturday activities & like something different?  
Interested in doing something nice for a Service-member?  
Willing to volunteer your time & talents?      Like to PARTY & have FUN???



**WHAT?** For a second year, NOVAGA is putting together a group of members & friends to participate in a USO sponsored Operation Care Package stuffing party. We will, in assembly line fashion, be preparing care packages for Service folks away from home.

**WHEN?** Saturday, March 8, 2008 -- beginning at 9:00am to NLT 3:00pm.

**WHERE?** Warehouse 1415 at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 22060

**WHY?** To let our Service folks know they are appreciated & make their days a little brighter!

*Complimentary doughnuts & coffee will be provided in the morning!  
Complimentary pizza & soft drinks will be provided for lunch!*

**Last year was a BLAST!!!** More details are coming up in the January 2008 newsletter, but if you know now that you (and perhaps friends/family members who are at least 13 years of age) are interested in participating, please drop an e-mail to NOVAGA Community Service Director, Laura Koschny, at [laura.koschny@ed.gov](mailto:laura.koschny@ed.gov).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**The Education Committee is hard at work planning the Chapter's annual Professional Development Conference. This year's theme will be "Fraud, Waste and Abuse" and will include speakers from GAO, DODIG, FBI, the Virginia Comptroller's office and others. The date for the conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Alexandria, Va. on **March 19, 2008**. We are also holding two audio conferences. More information will follow in the next newsletter. The Education Committee can use your help. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the Education Committee director, Pat Remington at [patremington@comcast.net](mailto:patremington@comcast.net) or 703-428-1054.**

## Early Careers Events

Thank you to everybody that has helped make November an exciting month for Early Careers. This month, we had two events: a happy hour on November 15th, and a Wizards game on November 17th. **Both events went extremely well!!!!**

### Networking Happy Hour

The happy hour was held at Carpool in Ballston to congratulate all those who had worked so hard to complete their audits and complete their PARs on time. They truly deserved the break from work to commiserate with each other and play some pool. We had the chance to find out who the pool sharks were, but will keep that a secret to protect their identities. Here were a few scenes from the activity with more available at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/NOVAGAEC/NOVAGAECHappyHourCarpool>:



Brian, Andrew, Claire, and Karl having a great time!



Andrew and Nicole enjoying a few drinks and some pool



Bill Hughes passing on some presidential know-how to our 2007-08 President-Elect, Dennis Green.



Karl Boettcher making some new friends at the event!

### Washington Wizards Game

The Wizards game was absolutely awesome. Hats off to Anna Dixon for getting us all amazing seats where we could enjoy!. We packed all 30 of our seats in the lower level and enjoyed watching the Wizards tear up the Portland Trail Blazers. We even got the chance to meet G-Wiz as he walked through our area. Luckily, everybody got along fairly well with him. Here are a few pictures from the event with more available at <http://picasaweb.google.com/NOVAGAEC/NOVAGAWizardsGame>:



The whole crew smiles for the camera!!!



G-wiz stopped by to say hi



Early Careers seems to be attracting quite the young crowd these days!!

## Early Careers Events

### Beginner Rock Climbing

We are all interested in learning how to climb our way to the top, so it seemed appropriate to actually take lessons that discussed just that. The only catch we had was that we learned to climb to the top of a rock rather than the career ladder, but there isn't much of a difference. A number of early career professionals took rock climbing lessons on December 8, 2007. The group that attended learned how to tie necessary knots, help their partner and climb the rock without worrying about falling. All are skills we need to excel in life! Here are some great pictures from the event:



More pictures from the event can be found at <http://picasaweb.google.com/NOVAG/AEC/Climbing/UpAtSportRock>





## **Join the Movement**

### ***Registration is NOW OPEN for Walk MS 2008!***

Submitted by Alice Arielly, NOVAGA 2008 Walk MS Team Captain

We're excited to start out a brand new year with a brand-new **Walk MS** event name, logo, website, and new online system. Last year, Walk MS included 7,000 people and generated over \$1.4 million!

The 2008 **NOVAGA** team is already registered and you can become part of us to raise much-needed money for MS. We will walk this year at **Reston** on **Sunday, April 6, 2008**, where you can walk either 3.5 or 6 miles.

Register now at [MSandYOU.org](http://MSandYOU.org). Click on [Walk MS \(April\)](#). Click on [Register](#) on the left side of the page or [Register Now](#) in the middle of the page. Click on [Join an Existing Team](#). Click on the [Search for a Team](#) button – there are lots of teams already registered – scroll down & select **NOVAGA**. Click on [NOVAGA](#) to see our team page, including a picture from last year's walk. From there you can click on [Join NOVAGA](#) where you will be able to join & create your own personal web page. Or you can simply select the name of one of the team members and support us directly in our goals if you can't walk yourself. Donating online is fast, easy, and secure!

Watch for fun-filled contests and other opportunities for you to participate in the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the walk! Don't miss out on any of the fun!

If you have any questions, please contact me at [the79rose@yahoo.com](mailto:the79rose@yahoo.com) or contact the National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at (202) 296-5363 or [WalkMS@MSandYOU.org](mailto:WalkMS@MSandYOU.org).



Part of last year's NOVAGA Team

# CORPORATE SPONSORS!

## **We want you!!**



The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (NOVAGA) is commencing its first ever Corporate Sponsorship campaign this year! Join us today as a Corporate Sponsor and enjoy unmatched access to senior-level government, education and industry accountability professionals at our monthly dinner meetings, frequent training and networking events, annual Spring Conference, and annual awards dinner. Combined with the exposure generated for your firm through high-visibility placements in our monthly newsletter, event signage, and website listings, NOVAGA Corporate Sponsorship ensures that your firm will be both recognized and appreciated by our membership.

For more information, please contact Mike Lippert, Corporate Sponsorship Chair, at 202 533-5638, [malippert@kpmg.com](mailto:malippert@kpmg.com).

Month	Luncheons*	Community Service	Member Service	Education	Early Careers	CEC Meetings
January	Zola Lunch Jan 23 Ken Carfine, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Treasury	Collect spare change at monthly luncheon - Make-A-Wish Foundation	AGA Dinner Date, Time, and Location TBD		1/30 Details TBD	1/8/08 - noon
February	Zola Lunch Feb 20 Steve Isakowitz, CFO, US Dept of Energy	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	Capitals Game (Partner with NOVA) 2/6/08	AC - 2/6 – Internal Controls  National Leadership Conference – February 21-22; Washington DC; 14 CPEs		2/5/08 - noon
March	Zola Lunch March 26 Speaker TBD	Dress for Success Suit Drive	Museum Tour Date, Time, and Location TBD			3/4/08 - noon
April	Zola Lunch Apr 16 Speaker TBD	Habitat for Humanity	Virginia Wine Tour - 4/19 (Partner with NOVA)		4/23 Details TBD	4/1/08 - noon
May		Eyeglass Collection for Lions Club & Cell Phone collection Verizon Wireless	Tidal Basin – 5/18 - Paddle Boats on the Tidal Basin and picnic	Spring Conference May 7 and 8, 2008 - Ronald Reagan Building		5/6/08 - noon
June		So Others Might Eat	Nationals Game Date, Time, and Location TBD			6/3/08 - noon
July		Boy's and Girl's Club (Baseball Outing)				7/1/08 - noon

## Montgomery/Prince Georges Chapter Activities

**01/10/08 - 01/10/08 Early Careers Social Hour**

**Event Description:** *Description:* Our chapter is pleased to announce social hours specifically geared to our Early Career members on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

**Location of This Month's Event:**  
Rir Vegas Bar and Grill at 7141 Wisconsin Ave. in Bethesda, MD

**Time:** The event begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Contact:** [AnLih Tung and Chris Deeb](#)

**Phone:** 301-931-2050 or 301-443-0089

**For More Information:** [Early Careers Social Hour](#)

**01/16/08 - 01/16/08 January Dinner Meeting**

**Event Description:** *Presentation:* Carrie Hug, Office of Federal Financial Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget

**Community Service Activity:**  
Please bring your used cell phones (sponsored by the Montgomery County Police), and please bring your used eye glasses (sponsored by the Lions).

**Dinner Selection:** Stuffed flank steak with mashed sweet potatoes, zucchini and yellow squash, chef's choice of salad, soft beverage and dessert

**Reception:** 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Dinner and Speaker:** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (approximate ending time)

**Location:** Hilton Hotel (formerly the Double Tree Inn) at 1750 Rockville Pike

**Cost:** \$30 per person - Checks made payable to "AGA".

**Metro and Parking:** The Doubletree Hotel is located across the street from the Twinbrook Metro Station (Red Line). Self-Parking is complimentary in the hotel garage. Metered parking is available behind and on either side of the hotel.

**Contact:** [Scott Turnbull](#)

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**For More Information:** [January Dinner Meeting](#)

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