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Sunset at the Guam Airport. Who else misses traveling?

MESSAGE

October 22, 2020

Hafa Adai,

The "BER" months have come strong, I can't believe it October is almost done. This means Christmas is just around the corner. The pandemic has been a very stressful time for many, but if we think about it there are many blessings that have come our way. We need to focus on this as the year is coming to a close.

I am blessed that I am celebrating our chapter's 50th year and look forward to its continued growth and strength in its members. We awarded and recognized posthumously Carmen Santos as our Professor John Philipps Excellence in Government Accountability Awardee. Since May 1 we have had 16 new members, thanks to Jojo Guevara our membership chair, who has recruited 5 of them. We are well on our goal of 50 new members.

Accountability Chair Dr. Doreen Crisostomo has released our chapter Citizen-Centric Report. We are proud to say that we have been producing this report since Program Year 2009-2010. We also recognized "50 GovGuam Professionals Under 40 Years of Age". These professionals have been selected based on their leadership growth and potential. We look forward to their continued contributions in our community.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

We will be providing scholarships to a deserving college student at our membership meeting on October 28 and listening intently to first-time senatorial legislative candidates. I urge all members who are able to please donate \$50 to fund our community service to the homeless or to the scholarship fund. This is in lieu of your service hours for the last 6 months. Donations can be sent to our Post Office Box 1124 Hagatna, Guam 96932, or transferred to our account via PayPal.

Thank you and stay safe.



Best regards, Pilar Pangelinan **Chapter President**







Invitation Message

Hafa Adai!

HAVE DONATED!

Please join us with Dean Dr. Annette Santos and National President Alfonzo Alexander as we launch the UOG StudentCPT club on October 31, 2020, Saturday at 8:00AM. The Student Center for the Public Trust (StudentCPT) is a national network of college students who demonstrate a commitment to ethical leadership. The club provides an interactive environment while creating opportunities for students to network and develop professional leadership skills.

Register in advance for this meeting: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkc-CrqTMvG9W9Pj5vjCw56OcK 5NKs-KD

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact UOG advisors, Dr. Doreen Crisostomo doreentc@triton.uog.edu or Dr. John Rivera jrivera@triton.uog.edu.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

As the island continues to get through this pandemic safely, we will continue to host Zoom meetings to ensure safety of our members and speakers. **Meetings are held every fourth Wednesday of the month at 12 noon.** Meeting invites will be sent to members at least two weeks in advance.

The AGA Guam Chapter will be holding its **October 2020 General Membership Meeting** on **Wednesday**, **October 28**, **2020 via Zoom at 12:00 p.m.**

We will be hosting a **Guam Election First-Time Senatorial Candidates Forum**. Confirmed attendants include John Albert Ananich, Michelle Lynn Armenta, Vincent A.V. Borja, Christopher L. Carillo, Joseph Iglesias Cruz, Don Antonio Ada Edquilane, Dominic Joaquin Hernandez, Frank G. Leon Guerrero, Joaquin Vicente Leon Guerrero, and Sandra Reyes Seau.

We will also be awarding and presenting the **Herminia Dierking Scholarship** to our recipient.

The Herminia Dierking Scholarship will assist me by reducing my tuition costs, which is extremely helpful towards attaining my Accounting degree and would grant me a chance to sit for the CPA exam.

NOLI SANCHEZ, SENIOR - UOG

Fall 2020 Scholarship Recipient

Noli Sanchez is a senior from the University of Guam. He is pursuing his major in Accounting in hopes of becoming a CPA. He also aspires to have a career in the Finance industry.



Presented are the dates of the upcoming General Membership Meetings and the tentative topics to be covered. Please note these are planned topics, subject to the availability of speakers, and may change. Our goal is to offer CPEs at these meetings.

Email reminders will be sent prior to the meetings and will indicate the confirmed speaker and subject matter to be covered.

Should you have any questions or have any recommendations, please contact Program Director Dr. Doreen Crisostomo or President Pilar Pangelinan. We welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

Date	Tentative Topic
07/22/2020	GGRF / My Total Retirement 🗹
08/26/2020	Overview / Challenges in GovGuam's Procurement
	– To be rescheduled
09/23/2020	Government Accounting and Auditing Updates 🗹
10/28/2020	Candidate Forum Senator / Congress
11/25/2020	ERP Computer Software and Application
12/23/2020	AGA Christmas Party (coordinated by JAS)
01/27/2021	Robotics Process Automation / Blockchain
02/24/2021	Tax Updates / What You Should Know for Tax Year
	2020
03/24/2021	CGFM Month / Professional Development
04/28/2021	Economic Outlook / State of Our Island's Economy
05/26/2021	Ethics in Government / Increasing Trust in Our
	Government
06/23/2021	Oath of Office / End of Year Celebration

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC) MEETINGS

CEC Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at noon. If you are interested in joining discussions for Chapter events or joining a committee, feel free to contact Pilar Pangelinan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS, CONTINUED

SAVE THE DATE: 2021 VIRTUAL GUAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (GPDC)



If you would like to be part of the planning committee or have any input for the conference, please contact our Education Director, Rodalyn Gerardo, or our Chapter President, Pilar Pangelinan. *Our next planning meeting will be on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 2PM* via Zoom (link to be emailed).



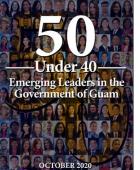
October 2, 2020 meeting attendees. Join us for the next meeting!

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Honoring Our Past 2020 Prof. John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award (September 2020) 🗹 Legacy of the AGA Guam Publication (April 2021) **Recognizing Our Present** Who's Who in Government Accountability (December 2020) Recognition of entities for their Citizen-Centric Reports (CCRs) (November 2020) Recognition of AGA Guam Chapter's Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFMs) (March 2021) Preparing For Our Future GovGuam 50 Under 40: Emerging Leaders in the Government of Guam (October 2020) Awarding recipients of the Herminia Dierking Scholarship (UOG) and the AGA Guam Chapter Scholarship (GCC) (October 2020 and February 2021) Hosting the 2021 Virtual Guam Professional Development Conference (May 2021)



Click <u>here</u> to view the 50 Under 40: Emerging Leaders in the Government Of Guam publication.



Congratulations! TO ALL THE EMERGING LEADERS FEATURED IN OUR 50 UNDER 40 PUBLICATION!

OCTOBER 2020

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations

ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

<u>24 YEARS</u> DR. FILOMENA M. CANTORIA, CPA UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

22 YEARS Romana L. Blailes Palau public auditor

RENA L. KLOULECHAD Palau public auditor

SATRUNINO TEWID Palau public auditor

JOWAS WASISANG Palau public auditor

<u>11 YEARS</u> CLARIZA MAE G. ROQUE, CGFM GUAM OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

10 YEARS DR. ARTEMIO HERNANDEZ, CGFM guam international airport authority CAROLINE SENDA Deloitte and touche LLP

Friendly keminder...

Be sure to update your member profile for any changes in personal, work, and contact information. This will ensure you receive all your benefits and notifications.

<u>3 YEARS</u> Keith C. Elliott, CPA Ernst & Young Llp

ELSA C. FLORES UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BUSINESS OFFICE

DANICA LAGMAN Deloitte and touche LLP

MICHAEL S. MORENO PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION

1 YEAR XIA JIN ERNST & YOUNG LLP

SIARRA N. JOHNSTON E-MEMBER/STUDENT

JASON M. ONEDERA ERNST & YOUNG LLP

ELAINE SONG ERNST & YOUNG LLP

NEW MEMBERS AILEEN J. PANGELINAN E-MEMBER/STUDENT

DR. PAMELA PERALTA UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

OCTOBER 2020

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS, CONTINUED

Name, nickname:

My Name is Alisha Candoleta. Most people call me Lish

Why did you join AGA?

I'm new in the accounting field and also a student. Joining AGA will help me network with accountants in various fields. AGA also offers resources and trainings that will help me in my career and school.

What do you like most about being in AGA?

I will be able to network with government accountants, obtain materials, training, mentorship, and coaching from accountants in the government.

Tell us a bit about yourself?

I'm an Accounting Technician II at the Port Authority of Guam. I'm also a student at GCC pursuing my AS in Accounting.

What do you like most about what you do?

I enjoy taking on the challenges of analyzing numbers and using financial formulas. Also, there's no limit to how high you can go, there's so much to learn and room for improvement and reaching higher positions.

Interesting fact about yourself...

I love to craft! I make customized products as my therapy.



...I RECOMMEND TO ATTEND MEETINGS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT AGA HAS TO OFFER, AFTER READING MORE ABOUT AGA, THERE'S A LOT OF RESOURCES AND TRAINING THAT ARE BENEFICIAL TO YOUR FUTURE/CURRENT CAREER.

ALISHA CANDOLETA ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II, PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM ACCOUNTING STUDENT, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEMBER SINCE SEPTEMBER 2020

Three words to describe yourself... *Friendly, caring, and creative*

If you didn't get into accounting, what job would you have done?

In 2014-2015 I was attending GCC to get certified and become an LPN. So I think I probably would have stuck to that.

Give 3 favorites (song, food, and movie; or show, color, holiday; or any mix of favorites).

My favorite color is yellow (more like mustard), Christmas is my favorite time of the year, and Vampire Diaries is my all-time favorite show.

Advice to members to get the most out of their membership. I'm fairly new to AGA, but I recommend to attend meetings and learn more about what AGA has to offer, after reading more about AGA, there's a lot of resources and training that are beneficial to your future/current career.

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS, CONTINUED

Meet our member...

I ENJOY THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY AGA. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE IS ALWAYS A CLASS, OR EVENT FOR CPES OR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT IS AVAILABLE.

THOMAS ELADIO BATTUNG AUDITOR – GUAM OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY MEMBER SINCE AUGUST 2020

Name:

My name is Thomas Eladio Battung, but most people call me Tom.

Why did you join AGA?

I joined AGA for career growth and personal development.

What do you like most about being in AGA? *Personally, I enjoy the training and development resources that are provided by AGA.*

It seems like there is always a class, or event for CPEs or personal development that is available.

Tell us a bit about yourself? I'm 24 years old and currently work at the Office of Public Accountability. In my free time, I like to play sports, take photos, as well as try out new things. What do you like most about what you do?

The people you meet. In my experience, I've just been around so many people willing to help me grow and learn.

It makes me very appreciative of the field I am in. I'm very thankful for those people.

Interesting fact about yourself... After graduating in 2017, I went on a four-month trip around the United States visiting 11 states in total.

Three words to describe yourself... *Friendly, athletic, venturesome*

If you didn't get into accounting, what job would you have done?

If I didn't get into accounting, I might've been in marketing. I have some experience in that area of work. Even after graduating, I would do digital work for clients on occasion.

Give three favorites (song, food, and movie; or show, color, holiday; or any mix of favorites). *My favorite color is purple.*

Recently, I've enjoyed watching a show called "Community." It's on Netflix at the moment. I am also looking forward to the Christmas season.

Advice to members to get the most out of their membership.

In any organization I have joined, I always believed in the quote "you get out what you put in."

Did you know...

CGFM EDITION

 $50\ \text{bits}$ of CGFM information in honor of the $50\ \text{th}$ Anniversary

I'VE SUBMITTED THE CGFM APPLICATION FORM AND PROOF OF MY DEGREE. WHAT DO I DO NEXT?



Wait for your eligibility letter from AGA. It is usually sent out within one to two weeks of receipt of your CGFM application. Please refer to the Certification Process on the AGA National website for more information.



HOW LONG IS THE ELIGIBILITY PERIOD?

Candidates have 18 months from the date your application is processed to pass the three CGFM examinations.

CAN I EXTEND MY ELIGIBLY PERIOD?

Yes. If your eligibility period ends before you pass all three examinations, you will need to reapply as a new candidate and pass all of the examinations during your new eligibility period.



ON WHAT CONDITIONS WILL THE EXTEND MY ELIGIBILITY PERIOD FOR?

Extensions of eligibility may be granted to individuals who have passed at least one of the CGFM examinations before the end of his or her eligibility period.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF THEY EXTEND MY ELIGIBILITY PERIOD WHILE TAKING MY CGFM EXAMS?

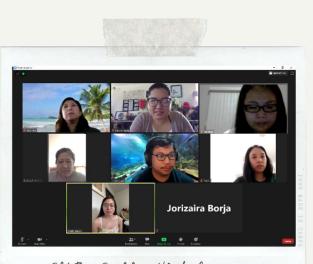


An extension will not establish a new eligibility period, but offers the candidate an additional 30–60 days to complete all of his or her exams

CGFM CORNER



www.agacgfm.org/CGFM



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To join the next one, contact Maripaz Perez, Certification Director.



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TRANSFORMATION



and other member benefits

THE 2020 FALL ISSUE IS OUT!

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Accountability Talks Podcast

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Cybersecurity Hub

ERM Hub



LINKS AND RESOURCES

The following is a summary of a few of the many helpful resources available on AGA National's website.

Free Members-Only Webinars

... free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are one hour long and offer one CPE.



SAVE the DATE: November 18, 2020

The Financial Systems Summit (FSS) is now the Technology & Transformation Summit (TTS), renamed to better reflect the broader scope of topics included in the program!

November 18 | Virtual | 8 CPEs **Registration and fees**

Virtual AGA member Government Employees Comp **Private Employees** Comp Nonmember **Government Employees** \$125 **Private Employees** \$249

Free Members-Only Webinars

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are 75-minutes long and offer 1.5 CPEs.

Group registration is not available for these webinars. Join AGA today to earn free CPEs!



Need CPEs?

Aside from the free members-only webinars, AGA National offers at cost (discounted for members), the following:

- Journal CPE Online Quizzes •
- Self-Learning Training
- Discounted CPEs from Becker Professional Education Resources
- Webinars
- Other in-person events

Refer to the Trainings & Events page on AGA National's website.

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PROGRAM YEAR 2020 FIRST QUARTER IN REVIEW

July 2020 Membership Meeting

Wilshire Consulting Managing Director Maggie Ralbovsky and Guam International Airport Authority Deputy Executive Manager Dr. Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez regarding GGRF Updates, Economic Outlook, and Investments.





August 2020 Membership Meeting

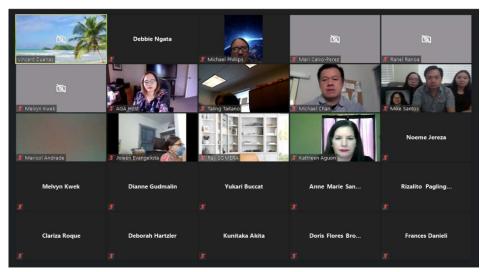
Due to some technical difficulties, our guest speaker was postponed. Instead, the meeting covered our Strategic Plan for the Program Year, planned activities for the 50th Anniversary, and we met some of the new members who were given the chance to introduce themselves.

September 2020 Membership Meeting

Presentation of the 2020 Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award and guest speaker Rizalito Paglingayen, Senior Manager at Ernst & Young LLP, regarding Government Accounting and Auditing Updates (including impacts of COVID-19 on government entities).



Thank you to the Phillips' and Santos' families for joining us!



Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award Carmen Kwek Santos, Vice-President of the Guam Community College

C Zoom Group Chat

From Taling Taitano to Ever

Welcome to the Phillips family! Your dad is sorely missed.

en Aquon to Ev Awww, We miss him and I definitely miss "chaperoning" him to AGA conferences.

From Mary Okada to Ever Congratulations to Mike, Meagan, and SamanthallI

From Mike Santos to Ev

Thank you very much AGA. From Taling Taitano to Even

We love Carmen and miss her greatly

From Lawrence Jay Alcairo to Ever

Congrats and thanks for joining us A From Pilar Pangelinan to Everyo

congrats mike and family... we miss Carmen.

Congratulations to the Santos family! Carmen made the profession and her family very proud. My dad would be very honored.

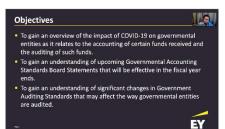
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From Michael Phillips to Even

On behalf of our family, thank you to the Guam Chapter of the AGA for this award and Congratulations to the Santos family. Your mother's legacy will continue on...

From Doris Flores Brooks to Everyo

congratulations as a beautiful way to remember Carmen for all the good work she had done.



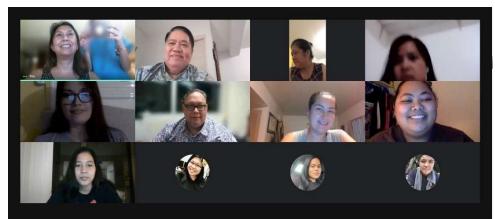
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AGA OUTREACH

ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR ACCOUNTANTS (AJA) - GCC



ON OCTOBER 15, 2020, PRESIDENT PILAR AND THE AJA Organization invited our membership committee to present the value of Aga membership



JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT'S SOCIETY (JAS) - UOG







ON OCTOBER 22, 2020, JAS INVITED OUR MEMBERSHIP AND Certification committees to present on the value of Aga and the advantages of the CGFM certification.



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Download the Department of Public Health and

Social Services GUAM COVID ALERT app to help protect our island while protecting your privacy.

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The Guam COVID Alert mobile app is

now available for download from the

will also continue its efforts to

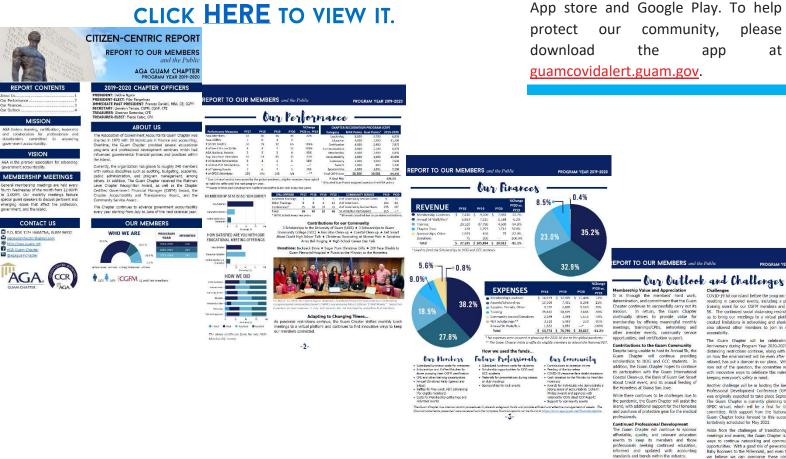
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM AND GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR RECEIVING THE CERTIFICATE OF **EXCELLENCE FROM AGA NATIONAL***

* Note these agencies have had their CCRs reviewed and awarded, others may be pending review. For CCRs submitted to National click here.



OUR CHAPTER CCR HAS ALSO BEEN RELEASED. CLICK HERE TO VIEW IT.



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