



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2019



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Hafa Adai fellow AGA members!



As mentioned, we will try to provide CPEs that are forward thinking and will help in future proofing us in our profession. Our August speakers will be Kunn Richard Ryu and Keith Elliot from Ernst & Young, who will be speaking about "Digital Transformation through RPA (Robotics Process Automation)" and will give some examples based on work with the Guam Power Authority.

The idea behind RPA isn't to get rid of accountants, but to streamline repetitive processes to allow for more efficiency in analyzing financial data. The discussion is aimed to help us understand the process and to assure us that accountants will still be needed.

The August General Membership Meeting will be the first of the next ten meetings that will count toward the raffle to attend the 2020 Professional Development Training (PDT) in Dallas. To qualify, you must be an AGA member, attend eight out of ten designated general membership meetings and participate in at least two community service events.

August is also a time where students go back to school. To do our part in the community, the Guam Chapter participated in the Bus Stop Blitz, as sponsored by the Guam Department of Education. Volunteers got their hands dirty and cleaned a Tamuning bust stop. The event will count towards service points for the PDT raffle. If you cannot make it, there will be other opportunities to volunteer coming up. Just watch out for Chapter emails and social media updates.

Nominations are open for the John Phillips award, which recognizes a government professional who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures. This award is named after Prof. John M. Phillips, CGFM, CPA, MBA.

Last month, Prof. Phillips passed away. He will be remembered as the charter member of the Guam Chapter, a retired tenured accounting professor at the University of Guam after a 22-year career, and a contributor to advancing government accountability in the Pacific region.

I had the privilege of being a student of Prof. Phillips and remember his support of being an active member of the Junior Accountants Society and pushing us to be more involved with the profession. We can continue to do this by being active with AGA. I invite you to join the CEC or take part in any committee.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting and events!

Debbie Ngata
President



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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AUGUST 2019 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa

Koko Room

One (1) CPE will be provided for all attendees.

TOPIC:

Digital Transformation Through RPA

SPEAKERS:

Ernst & Young IT Risk and Assurance Manager Kunn Richard Ryu and Senior Technology Risk Consultant Keith Elliott

SEPTEMBER 2019 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa

Koko Room

One (1) CPE will be provided for all attendees.

TOPIC:

The Lifeline of Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

SPEAKER: GMHA Administrator/CEO Lillian Perez-Posadas

EVERY 25TH OF THE MONTH CGFM INITIATIVES

To showcase our continued support in Celebrating 15 Years of CGFM, we encourage you to wear **RED** or your **CGFM pins**. Please post these images on Facebook or Instagram and tag AGA Guam Chapter.



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
Chuchuko Room

Appreciation Luncheon for our sponsors and volunteers for our 18th Annual Planting Seeds of Accountability 5K.

Sponsors in attendance were Bank of Guam, Boy Wonder Creative Agency, Ernst & Young, Calvo's Insurance Underwriters, and Deloitte & Touche LLP.

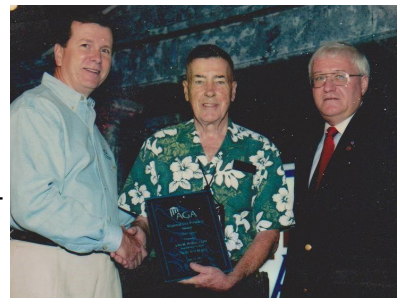
Coast 360 Federal Credit Union reps were unable to attend, but provided a statement.

JULY 2019 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



REMEMBERING THE LATE JOHN M. PHILLIPS

During the July 2019 General Membership Meeting, President Debbie Ngata called for a moment of silence for the late John Phillips. Mr. Phillips was the charter member of the AGA Guam Chapter. He was a well-respected and staunch supporter of accounting and accountability on Guam and the Pacific. Mr. Phillips worked in the federal government and academia during the infancy stages of the accounting profession on Guam and is recognized as the original “Godfather of Accounting” on Guam. His physical presence will be missed, but the indelible mark he made in our community will remain. May he rest in peace.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING 2020

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The PDT is the AGA's premier training event. Offering up to 24 CPE hours. It brings together the top officials in federal, state, and local governments, as well as from academia and the private sector, for three-and-a-half days of valuable training and networking.



The AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) was held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans on July 21 through 24, 2019. Many private and public sector professionals attended. This included President Debbie Ngata, Immediate Past President Frances Danieli, Past Accountability Director Barbara Molarte, Past Awards Director Michelle Santos, and AGA Guam Chapter raffle winner Lauren Montinola from Ernst & Young.

They earned valuable CPEs and networking opportunities!

FUTURE PDTs



2021
July 18-21, 2021



Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center
2800 Opryland Dr.
Nashville, TN 37214

2022
July 17-20, 2022



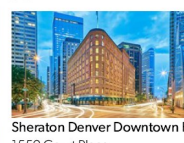
Marriott Anaheim
700 West Convention Way
Anaheim, CA 92802

2023
July 23-26, 2023



Orlando World Center Marriott
8701 World Center Dr.
Orlando, FL 32821

2024
July 14-17, 2024



Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
1550 Court Place
Denver, CO 80202



CGFM NEWS

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Maripaz N. Perez is the CGFM Director. Please contact her at mznnperez@hotmail.com for any questions about the CGFM program and its initiatives.



CGFM EXAMINATION UPDATES

The CGFM Examination will be updated starting September 01, 2019. The schedule of the update is as follows:

1. **Starting on September 1**, the CGFM examinations will follow the updated content outlines.
2. From **September 1 to October 31**, CGFM examinations will be in the initial (beta) period. The updated examinations will be administered in Pearson VUE testing centers; however, the scores will not be immediately reported to the candidates taking these examinations. The scores will be reported by December 31, 2019. **CGFM Examinations taken during this beta period will be offered at a discounted rate of \$100 per exam.**
3. **There will be no CGFM examinations administered in November or December 2019.**
4. **Starting on January 1, 2020**, the updated CGFM examinations will resume (with immediate score reporting).

ALL ABOUT CGFM

The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. Guam also promotes study groups to assist its members.

Interested in attaining the CGFM Certification?

Your AGA Guam Chapter:

- ☆ Offers CGFM Scholarships to reimburse your registration and test fees when you pass the CGFM examination within your CGFM eligibility period.
- ☆ Offers CGFM review materials to members.
- ☆ Offers CGFM Exam Questions Scholarship to reimburse your purchase of the CGFM Practice Exam.
- ☆ Periodically provides CGFM preparation courses on Guam and also promote study groups to assist its members.



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Margie Francisco is the Community Service Director. Please contact her at Margie.Francisco@gu.ey.com for any questions about AGA Guam Chapter Community Service events.

BUS STOP BLITZ 2019

DATE: Saturday, August 10, 2019
TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Bus Stop across GPO, next to Shell Gas Station/Pacific Tyre (Little Einstein)

Volunteers are encouraged to bring other tools to help paint and clean the bus stop (i.e., brooms, weed whacker, etc.). Participation during this community service counted towards their eligibility for the AGA National Professional Development Training in 2020, which will be held in Dallas, Texas.



Relief Society Women's Organization

is accepting donations of new or "gently used" school backpacks and/or school supplies from September 3 until September 20, 2019.

Donations will be accepted during the AGA meeting on September 25, 2019!
 Donation boxes will be placed in the lobby areas of GDOE Building A & B.

This is a service project by the Relief Society Women's Organization to benefit the homeless children serviced by Guma San Jose Homeless Shelter in Deddo.

The Relief Society Women's Organization will hold an event on Sept. 21 where the donated backpacks will be cleaned and sanitized and delivered to Guma San Jose along with any collected school supplies.

San Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase!



WHEN: September 3 to 20, 2019

Accepting donations of new or "gently used" school backpacks and/or school supplies during the AGA Guam Chapter September General Membership Meeting.

WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 2019

WHERE: Francisco Perez Beach at Pago Bay

TIME: Registration begins at 6:00 a.m. Clean-up promptly started at 7:00 a.m.

Guam joins 91 countries worldwide to participate in the International Coastal Cleanup!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Time: 7:00 a.m.

FREE t-shirts while supplies last.

Trash bags & gloves are provided.

We recommend participants bring comfortable shoes and a hat.



Bureau of Statistics and Plans
Guam Coastal Management Program
 Contact: Marilyn Guerrero @ 671-475-9647/66
bup.guam.gov/guam-coastal-management-program/

www.guamcoastalmanagementprogram.org/

www.oceanconservancy.org/cleanup



A MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GUAM COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FUND FOR FROM GRANT # PA12K0541910197



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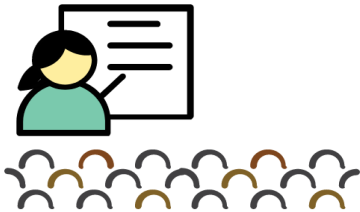


Rodalyn Gerardo is the Education Director. Please contact her at rodalyngerardo@yahoo.com for any questions about the Education program and its initiatives.

Education & Professional Development Plan

The AGA Guam Chapter provides numerous education and professional development opportunities to its members.

- ☆ **GOAL 1:** Education to help accountability professionals' meet CPE requirements.
- ☆ **GOAL 2:** Education to help individuals attain the skills to pass the CGFM exam.
- ☆ **GOAL 3:** Professional development to help all current and prospective members to obtain additional skills.
- ☆ **GOAL 4:** Provide awareness and marketing of educational events.



CPE OPPORTUNITIES

August General Membership Meeting

- DATE:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019
TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Hilton Guam Resort & Spa Koko Room
TOPIC: "Digital Transformation through RPA"
SPEAKER: Ernst & Young IT Risk and Assurance Manager Kunn Richard Ryu and Senior Technology Risk Consultant Keith Elliott

One (1) CPE will be provided for all attendees.

September General Membership Meeting

- DATE:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019
TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Hilton Guam Resort & Spa Koko Room
TOPIC: The Lifeline of Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
SPEAKER: GMHA Administrator/CEO Lillian Perez-Posadas

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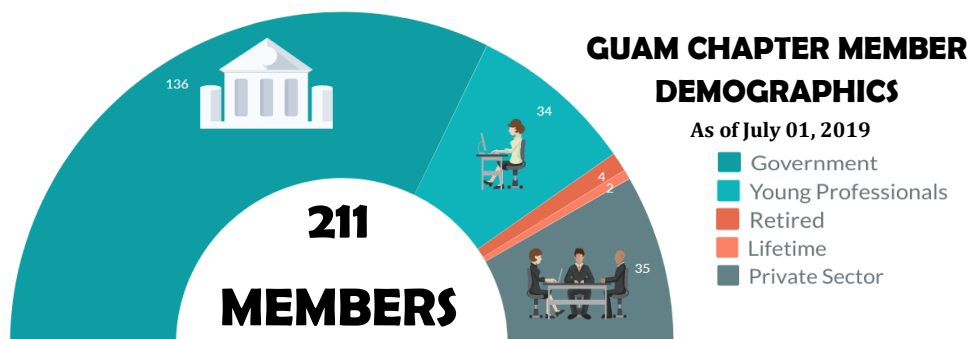
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The AGA Guam Chapter has over 200 member ranging from entry-level employees to senior executives and elected officials that work in places such as the local government, post-secondary educational institutions, federal agencies, public accounting firms, and private sector industries. Our membership is comprised of individuals from various disciplines including accounting, auditing, budgeting, finance, contract management, program management, grants management, academia, etc.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR AGA GUAM CHAPTER MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST!

Gilda M. Mafnas, GWA, 21 years
 Demetria Robinson, GWA, 21 years
 Jocelyn Pascua, GWA, 15 years
 Marietta Vicente, GWA, 15 years
 Flinea Concepcion, GPA, 13 years
 Gaudencio Rosario, DOA, 12 years
 Jason Katigbak, CPA, CFE, CIA, UOG, 10 years
 Joe San Nicolas, GWA, 10 years
 Michele Brillante, OPA, 6 years

Amacris Legaspi, CGFM, OPA, 4 years
 Andriana Quitugua, CFE, OPA, 4 years
 Christian Rivera, 4 years
 Ira Palero, OPA, 2 years
 Vanessa Valencia, OFB, 3 years
 Yukari Buccat, Deloitte, 2 years
 Mercedes Poliarco, GPA, 2 years



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Pamela Aguigui is the Scholarship Director. Please contact her at paguigui@gpagwa.com for any questions about AGA Guam Chapter Scholarship initiatives.

For more information, refer to <https://www.aga.guam.net/scholarships>.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The AGA Guam Chapter provides academic scholarships for students who intend to pursue degrees in business administration or public administration disciplines. These scholarships are as follows:

Herminia Dierking Scholarship Program

This program is sponsored and funded jointly by the AGA Guam Chapter and Private Sector contributors in recognition of the achievements of the late Herminia H. Dierking, a Legislator, Educator, Humanitarian, AGA Guam Chapter Past President, AGA Pacific Rim Past Regional Vice President, and a past recipient of the AGA National Chapter Service award. This Scholarship is open to students who intend to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance and Economics, or Public Administration at the University of Guam).

AGA Guam Chapter Scholarships

This program is sponsored and funded jointly by AGA and Private Sector contributors in order to "Advance Government Accountability" and transparency in all accountability professionals from Accounting Technicians to Accountants. This Scholarship is open to students who intend to pursue an Associate's Degree in Accounting at the Guam Community College.

For additional information, refer to: <https://www.aga.guam.net/scholarships>.





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MISSION

*Advancing
Government
Accountability*

GOALS

To serve professionals in the government financial management community by:

- ☆ Providing quality education;
- ☆ Fostering professional development certification; and
- ☆ Supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

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