

# CHAPTER NEWS

January 2012

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, we have wrapped up another excellent fall symposium. Special thanks go out to Rebekka Wilkinson for her tireless work in organizing and coordinating the speakers. Outside of my 20 minutes on the schedule, we heard from top professionals and really did not want the day to end. Thanks also go out to Michelle Bartlett, who took care of the heavy lifting with site arrangements and catering. If you are looking for your CPE certificate, it can be found at [http://www.utahaga.org/CPE\\_Certificates.html](http://www.utahaga.org/CPE_Certificates.html). With that quality CPE offering in fall, it looks like we can expect similar results as we get ready for our spring conference in May 2012!

If you are like me, the holidays have put you back a little in getting all your work done. It seems that if you take time off, the work just doubles for the days you come back. My daughter was also feeling the same way about her school work. After a particularly long conversation on News Year Day, we both starting laughing about our challenges when I slipped up in quoting the old adage with “Why do today what you can put off ‘till tomorrow.” Now don’t take this as some innuendo on the federal budget discussions. That is a problem, but was not on my mind at the time. I was more consumed with stress. Are you allowed to make a New Year’s Resolution to not have stress...

In any case, I have kept an old issue of *Healthy Utah* that I have turned to from time to time to remind me of helpful tips in managing stress. Now that we are in the digital age, this link replaces the dog-eared newsletter [http://www.healthyutah.org/healthy\\_life/stress.php](http://www.healthyutah.org/healthy_life/stress.php).

- Take charge
- Take a break
- Reach out, don't retreat
- Eat moderately
- Keep moving
- Practice mindful relaxation

Here's for toasting in a stress-free year!

**Todd Hauber, President, Northern Utah AGA Chapter**

# JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> LUNCHEON MEETING

**Speaker: Ron Bigelow, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget**

**Topic:** The Governor's Budget Recommendations and Budget Issues

Menu: Tossed Salad

Barbeque Pork

Rice

Green beans

Chocolate Cream Cake



AGA luncheons are held on the third Thursday of every month from **11:30 to 1:00 at the Lion House**, at 63 East South Temple in Salt Lake City.

To RSVP, email Michelle Bartlett at [mbartlett@utah.gov](mailto:mbartlett@utah.gov) or call (801) 545-5672 by 5:00 pm on the Friday before each luncheon.

AGA member price \$12, non-members \$18. **Students \$5** with student ID at the door.

Validated parking at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. Registrants may send a replacement if unable to attend. Otherwise you will be assessed for the reserved meal.

**CPE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE ONLINE**

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## **Luncheon Report –**

**There was no luncheon in December due to the Fall Symposium.**

Thanks to everyone who attended our Fall Symposium. We appreciate the support and strive to provide professional development that is applicable and affordable to us all.

If you have suggestions for speakers for upcoming luncheons, or have an idea for a presenter at an upcoming conference please contact Rebekka Wilkinson at (801) 808-0436 [rnwilkinson@utah.gov](mailto:rnwilkinson@utah.gov)

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Kyle Maurer**

Name: **Kyle Maurer**  
Employer : **South Jordan City**  
Position: **Senior Accountant**

What brings you to AGA: **Networking, Training**

What is your educational background: **Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Utah**

What Degrees do you have? **BS Accounting and MACC, University of Utah**

What professional certifications do you have? **None**

Brief employment history: **I worked at Sandy City for 10 years, starting out as an Intern and ending as the Assistant Controller. I then worked for the City of Saratoga Springs as the Senior Accountant for 8 months; I start at South Jordan City on November 14th.**

Where are you from: **West Jordan, UT**

Do you have kids, how many, how old, married, single, pets, etc : **No kids, single, no pets (yes, I'm that boring)**

What are your hobbies, interests, volunteer work: **Hobbies include baking/cooking, bad reality TV (and yes, that does include Jersey Shore), and (recently) running. I'm also starting to read more - autobiographies & non-fiction are my favorites.**

Favorite travel destination: **Anywhere warm - Caribbean is my favorite**

Real book or e book: **e book - it's more convenient getting new titles**

Accomplishments? **Graduating # 1 in my master's class at the U.; completing Saratoga Springs' financial statements before October 1st; and (hopefully) completing a half-marathon next month.**

## SERVICE

Our next opportunity for service at the Ronald McDonald House is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers prepare and service dinner at the Ronald McDonald house.

We still need volunteers to help on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please Contact Von Hortin to sign up. [yon.hortin@schools.utah.gov](mailto:yon.hortin@schools.utah.gov)

### **Reminder:**

**For those with CPA licenses don't forget it is a reporting year. CPE certifications are due to the Division of Occupational Licensing no later than January 31, 2012 to maintain your current certification.**

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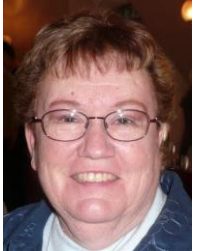
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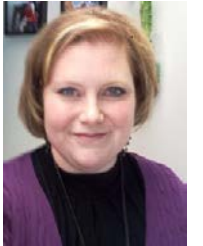
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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES-**

There was no board meeting in December 2011.