



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Hafa Adai yan Buenas!

My how time flies! We are now in the first quarter of the 2018—2019 term and so much has happened.

We had our two major events: the 17th Annual AGA 5K Walk/Run and the Guam Professional Development Conference (GPDC). Milestones were met. The 5K brought 265 runners and monetary sponsors gave \$6,800 despite rising costs on Guam. The 5K was a great success with members and their families volunteering for it. The GPDC increased to over 150 participants. We were honored to have our AGA National President John Lynskey join us for the GPDC as a speaker. I hope you had a chance to meet a very friendly and grateful leader.

The Guam Chapter finished off the 1st quarter with the Annual Guam International Coastal Clean-Up with the Guam Community College at the Francisco Perez Beach, Pago Bay. We were also honored to have the First-Time Senatorial Candidates and Attorney General Candidate share with us their platform and what their plans are for Guam. For the very first time, the Guam Election Commission was at our September General Membership Meeting to register voters to vote in November.

My Supervisor, Zeny Nace, would tell me that it's good to try things for the first time. As Chapter President, I joined John Lynskey on a great adventure of deep sea fishing. I don't know how to fish so you can imagine my apprehension. I was afraid to see Jaws. Well, I didn't meet Jaws and I survived the fishing trip because I am writing this message. I would like to recommend to all members to try something new. If you want to under-

stand AGA more, work with great professionals, widen your network with industry colleagues, join the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) or run to be a Chapter Officer. The first time is great because you will see the behind the scenes happenings done by committed members.

You will find there are about five new CEC Directors:

- 1) Michelle Santos (RCUOG) - Awards Director;
- 2) Bobbie Molarte (RCUOG) - Accountability Director;
- 3) Fierce Catoc (D&T) - Research
- 4) Margie Francisco (E&Y) and Vanessa Valencia (OPA) - Community Service Co-Directors; and
- 5) Justin Castro (GDOE) - Secretary.

Join us in our upcoming community service projects: Feeding the Homeless, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Toy Drop, and Annual Christmas Party.

I am hopeful that you are as excited as I am about this program year. I am very much looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our monthly General Membership meeting luncheons!

Cheers to another great program year!

*Frances T. Danieli*, MBA, CGFM  
President

### CONNECT WITH AGA GUAM CHAPTER



# July General Membership Meeting

## July General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2018  
11:30pm—1:00pm

### LOCATION

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa

### TOPIC

5K Sponsors and Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon



Congratulations to our July Lunch Raffle Winner!

Amy Cho  
Ernst & Young

We invited the sponsors of our 17th Annual 5K Run to an appreciation luncheon to thank them for all their support! With their generous contributions, they help fund the Herminia Dierking Scholarship for University of Guam students and the AGA Guam Chapter Scholarship for Guam Community College students.



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**THANKS ALL OUR SPONSORS,**  
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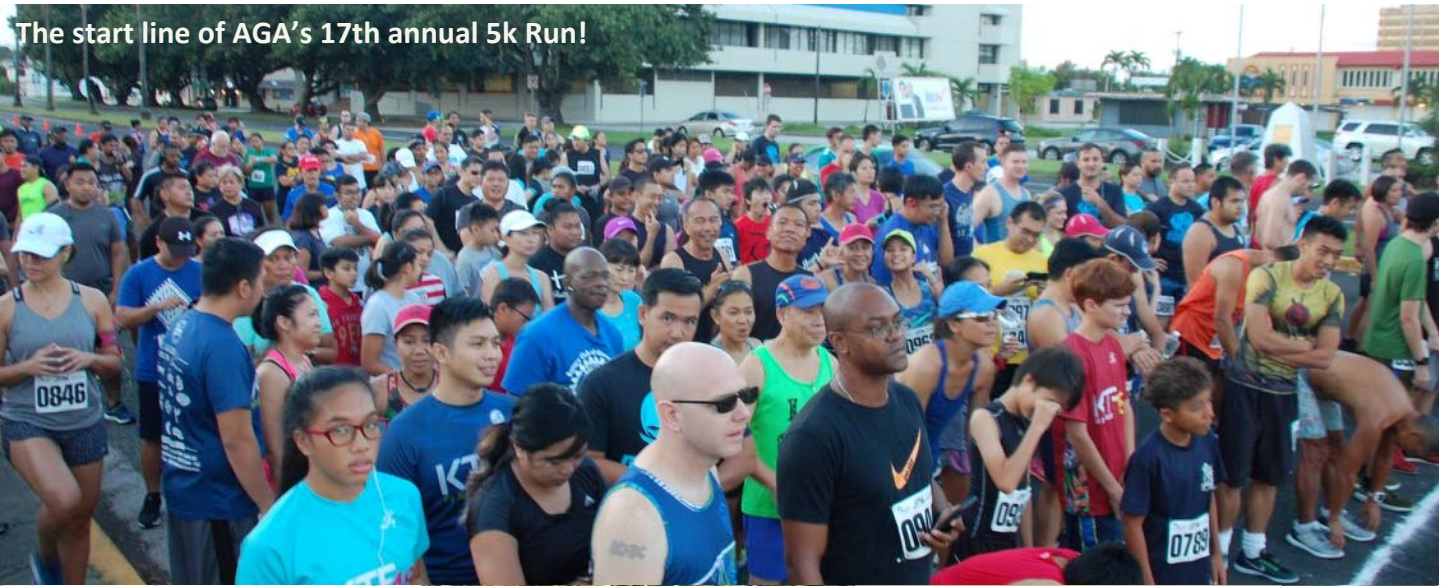
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The start line of AGA's 17th annual 5k Run!






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**17TH ANNUAL 5K**

**Always Growing Accountability**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018**

**CHAMORRO VILLAGE, HAGATNA**



**CGFM**









# August General Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, August 29, 2018**

11:30pm—1:00pm

## **LOCATION**

Westin Resort Guam

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

John Lynskey, AGA National President

## **TOPIC**

Presidential Goals and  
AGA's New Governance

No Raffle was held during the  
August Membership Meeting

**J**ohn Lynskey discussed his future goals as the AGA National President. Mr. Lynskey wants to promote and expand CGFM education with colleges and universities. In addition to the CGFM certification, he wants to promote AGA membership and careers in public service.

Mr. Lynskey wants to revise the AGA Governance Structure. He plans on creating a National Council Committee (NCC), which will have a representative from each AGA Chapter around the world. The NCC is intended to provide Chapters a stronger voice.



**P**resident Frances Danieli and National President John Lynskey also presented five AGA National Awards the Guam Chapter received during the July's Professional Development Training in Orlando.



## **Platinum Chapter Recognition Program Award:**

Clariza Roque, CICA

PY 2017 - 2018 Guam Chapter President

## **Chapter CGFM Award:**

Jojo Guevara III, CGFM,

PY 2017- 2018 CGFM Director

Maripaz N. Perez, CGFM, CGAP, CICA, CIA,

PY 2017-2018 CGFM Co-Director

## **Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award:**

Doreen T. Crisostomo, Ph.D, CGFM, CFE, CIA,

PY 2017 - 2018 Accountability Director

## **Community Service Award:**

Frances Danieli, CGFM,

PY 2017 - 2018 Community Service Director

## **Regional Vice President Award:**

Jojo Guevara III, CGFM,

PY 2017 - 2018 Pacific Rim RVP

# September General Membership Meeting

## September General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

11:30pm—1:00pm

### LOCATION

Hilton Guam Resort & Spa

### TOPIC

Guam Election First-Time  
Candidates Forum

No Raffle was held during the  
September General Membership Meeting.

**F**irst-time candidates for the Guam Election were invited to discuss their platform for elected office. First-time candidates in attendance were (in alphabetical order):

- Jenei Aguon
- Celestin Babauta
- Leevin Camacho (Attorney General candidate)
- Lasia Casil
- Harold Cruz
- Jack Hattig III
- Kelly Marsh
- James Moylan
- Sabina Perez
- Clynton Ridgell
- Amanda Shelton







# PDT 2018

## 2018 Professional Development Training

July 22–25 | Orlando, Fla.

**P**DT was held this year at the Orlando World Center Marriott and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Almost 2,000 private and public sector professionals attended. This included President Frances Danieli, Secretary Justin Castro, Education Director Rodalyn Gerardo, Scholarship Director Pamela Aguigui, and AGA Guam Chapter raffle winner Jared Andrada.

They earned valuable CPEs and networking opportunities!







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# GUAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

**ALWAYS GROWING ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Association of Government Accountants Guam Chapter hosted the 2018 Guam Professional Development Conference (GPDC) from August 29 through 31, 2018 at the Westin Resort Guam. The GPDC showcased a multitude of topics to include Ethics, GASB updates, Leadership, and Project Management. This year's theme is "Always Growing Accountability", which reflects the education goals of our Chapter. Part of our goals each program year is to provide education to help accountability professionals' meet Continued Professional Education (CPEs) requirements and professional development to help all current and prospective members obtain additional skills. There were 150 attendees who received as much as 24 CPEs each.













# CGFM News



MARIPAZ PEREZ

Maripaz is the CGFM Director. Please contact her at [mperez@gpagwa.com](mailto:mperez@gpagwa.com) for any questions about the CGFM program and its initiatives.

During the 2018 **Guam Professional Development Conference**, AGA Guam Chapter CGFMs held an “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Government Officials” session. It presented a review of Sections 1 to 3 of the CGFM Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting. The session covered the following topics:

- ⇒ Introduction and Budgeting
- ⇒ Cash, Accrual Accounting, and Accounting in States and Local Government
- ⇒ Fund Accounting and Reporting
- ⇒ Government-Wide Financial Reporting
- ⇒ Federal Financial Accounting Standards



## 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.

## Maintaining CGFM Certification

CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics, renew the designation annually, and complete 80 hours of applicable continuing professional education every two years.





# Membership



Debbie is the Membership Director. Please contact her at [Debbie.Ngata@gu.ey.com](mailto:Debbie.Ngata@gu.ey.com) for any questions about your AGA membership.

DEBBIE NGATA

**H**appy Anniversary to the following AGA Guam Chapter members celebrating their membership anniversaries in July, August, and September 2018!

## JULY 2018

Barbara Howard, CPA Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance, 25 years  
Nancy Cueto, UOG, 10 years  
Rizalito Paglingayen, E&Y, 8 years  
Margaret Artero, GDOE, 3 years  
Marie Garcia, GDOE, 3 years  
Helen Legaspi, GDOE, 3 years  
Arlita Mabini, GDOE, 3 years  
Thelma Perez, GDOE, 3 years  
Ariana Villaverde, OFB, 3 years  
Michelle Aranda, UOG, 1 year

## AUGUST 2018

Gilda M. Mafnas, GWA, 20 years  
Demetria Robinson, GWA, 20 years  
Jocelyn Pascua, GWA, 134 years  
Marietta Vicente, GWA, 14 years  
Felina Concepcion, GPA, 12 years  
Gaudencio Rosario, DOA, 11 years  
Joe San Nicolas, GWA, 9 years  
Michele Brillante, OPA, 5 years  
Amacris Legaspi, OPA, 3 years  
Adriana Quitugua, OPA, 3 years  
Christian Rivera, OPA, 3 years  
Jason Andrada, E&Y, 2 years  
Tammy Batac, DOA, 2 years  
Hyo Kim, E&Y, 2 years  
Ira Palero, OPA, 2 years  
Vanessa Valencia, OPA, 2 years  
Yukari Buccat, Deloitte, 1 year  
Mercedes Poliarco, GPA, 1 year

## SEPTEMBER 2018

John M. Phillips, CPA, 48 years  
Lee H. Vensel, Deloitte, 19 years  
Yukari Hechanova, OPA, 17 years  
Deborah Hartzler, Deloitte, 14 years  
Joy Bulatao, GDOE, 9 years  
Debbie Ngata, E&Y, 9 years  
Alfred Delos Reyes, GWA, 8 years  
Josephine Mendoza, Deloitte, 8 years  
Pamela Pineda, Deloitte, 8 years  
Alma To, Deloitte, 8 years  
Adelia San Nicolas, Accountant, 7 years  
Ritzmar Erni, Calvo's Insurance Underwriters, Inc., 2 years  
Mary Jane Bugaay, Deloitte, 1 year  
Michelle Santos, UOG Research Corporation, 1 year



# Community Service News



On **September 29, 2018**, the AGA Guam Chapter participated in the 24th Guam International Coastal Clean-Up (GICC), as our September Community Service Event.

Where: **Perez Beach** (Pago Bay)

Time: **Registration begins at 6:00 a.m. at the stage. Clean-up promptly starts at 7:00 a.m.**

Gloves, bags, data cards, and t-shirts were distributed on a first come, first serve basis.



**MARGIE FRANCISCO**

Margie is the Community Service Director. Please contact her at [Margie.Francisco@gu.ey.com](mailto:Margie.Francisco@gu.ey.com) for any questions about AGA community service

You will earn community service credit for volunteering and may qualify for the raffle to attend the AGA National Professional Development Training in July 2019, in the beautiful city of New Orleans.

Stay tuned for dates and details for upcoming AGA Community Service Events such as the Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

### 2018 Angel Tree Program

During the holiday season, the Angel Tree Program helps the children of incarcerated parents by providing them with championship and gifts. We will participate in the program by sponsoring and donating their requested Christmas gifts.

### Donations for CNMI Relief Effort

We are accepting monetary and physical donations to help our families and friends in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands recover from Typhoon Yutu. A donation drop-off box will be set up during the October General Membership Meeting.





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