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**Happy
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This is a very exciting time of year for CGFOA and especially for the Education Committee and Conference Committee. CGFOA's Annual Conference is the finale of months of planning by the volunteers of these committees. The planning marathon started in January, which is when the Education Committee met to draft the conference sessions. Cheryl Pattelli and Catrina Asher are the amazing chairs of this committee and have dedicated a significant amount of time to ensure commitments are met and assignments are made so our education offerings are on point. The remaining members of this committee are moderators for the sessions they planned, speakers or panelists. We could not produce this conference without the efforts of these committee members and I am very grateful for each of them and thank them for their service. In addition to the committees we have some very loyal sponsors that make the conference possible. Please take a moment and thank them for their support.

Here are a couple of highlights of this year's conference. The theme is Go For Gold: Train to Win, which plays into the Office Olympics Banquet on Thursday night of the conference. Come to the banquet dressed in an Olympic theme and the best dressed has an opportunity to win an amazing prize. Also on Thursday is the annual business meeting. We announce the election results for board members and present the Finance Officer of the Year award during the meeting. I hope you enjoy the conference and if there is anything that you loved or disliked about the conference please let us know through your reviews so we can continue to improve.

If this is your first time attending or you're a veteran attendee, take a moment this week and download the CrowdCompass AttendeeHub app. Once you have downloaded the app search for CGFOA and press download. After it has downloaded press on the menu button and log in using your first and last name, which will prompt the app to send a verification to the e-mail you registered with. Once you verify the account through the link in the e-mail the app will have all the classes you selected during registration.

I hope you have an amazing and safe holiday season!

See you soon,
Jeff Edwards
CGFOA President

Fun Facts about Thanksgiving!



When the guests around your Thanksgiving table are busy stuffing their bellies, here's one way to break the lull in conversation: dazzle them with some tasty turkey trivia.

Here's 10 to get you started. We bet you they'll eat them up!

1. **A tradition is born:** TV dinners have Thanksgiving to thank. In 1953, someone at Swanson misjudged the number of frozen turkeys it would sell that Thanksgiving -- by 26 TONS! Some industrious soul came up with a brilliant plan: Why not slice up the meat and repackage with some trimmings on the side? Thus, the first TV dinner was born!
2. **Going shopping?:** Not if you're a plumber. Black Friday is the busiest day of the year for them, according to Roto-Rooter, the nation's largest plumbing service. After all, someone has to clean up after household guests who "overwhelm the system."
3. **This land is my land:** There are four places in the U.S. named Turkey. Louisiana's Turkey Creek is the most populous, with a whopping 440 residents. There's also Turkey, Texas; Turkey, North Carolina; and Turkey Creek, Arizona. Oh, let's not forget the two townships in Pennsylvania: the creatively named Upper Turkeyfoot and Lower Turkeyfoot!
4. **Leaving a legacy:** When Abe Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday, it was thanks to the tireless efforts of a magazine editor named Sarah Josepha Hale. Her other claim to fame? She also wrote the nursery rhyme, "Mary had a Little Lamb."
5. **Gobble, gobble?:** Not so fast. Only male turkeys, called toms, gobble. Females, called hens, cackle.
6. **Have it your way:** If Ben Franklin did, the turkey would be our national bird. An eagle, he wrote in a letter to his daughter, had "bad moral character." A turkey, on the other hand, was a "much more respectable bird."
7. **Born in the U.S.A.:** Thanksgiving is not just an American holiday. Canadians celebrate it too. Except they do it the second Monday in October.
8. **Break out the menorkeys:** The first day of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving come together today for the first time since 1888. Scientists say the confluence won't occur again for another 70,000 years, give or take a millennium.
9. **Doomed from birth:** Those poor turkeys; they don't stand a chance. Just look at the name we gave them. A turkey less than 12-weeks-old is called a fryer-roaster.
10. **Talking turkey:** Why is it called a turkey? Oh boy, this will take some explainin'. Back in the day, the Europeans took a liking to the guinea fowls imported to the continent. Since the birds were imported by Turkish merchants, the English called them turkeys.

Fun Facts about December!

The 12th month of the year brings us Christmas, Chanukah, and New Years Eve.

December is the last month in the Gregorian calendar. Its name is based on the Latin term for ten. In the Roman calendar, December was the tenth month until the addition of January and February at the beginning of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere December has the shortest daylight hours and marks the beginning of winter. December provides the longest days in Southern Hemisphere, as it is the beginning of summer. December is a month home to many religious holidays.

Below are some fun facts about December:

- 1 The birthstone of December is turquoise.
- 2 Zodiac signs for December are Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) and Capricorn (December 22 - January 19).
- 3 The birth flower of December is the narcissus.
- 4 World's AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1st.
- 5 December 3 - International Day of the Disabled Person
- 6 Universal Human Rights Month
- 7 National Read a New Book Month
- 8 In December, Nobel Prizes are awarded.
- 9 On December 4, 1791, The Observer newspaper (the first Sunday newspaper) was first published in Britain.
- 10 Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25th.
- 11 On December 7, 1941, The United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese planes which killed more than 2,300 Americans.
- 12 On December 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed.
- 13 Kwanzaa is celebrated on December 26 - January 1 every year.
- 14 National Stress Free Family Holiday Month
- 15 December 27th is National Chocolate Day
- 16 On December 29, 1862, the bowling bowl was invented.
- 17 Poinsettia Day is on December 12th.
- 18 On December 3, 1967, the first heart transplant was completed.
- 19 On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first flight.
- 20 On December 14, 1791, the Bill of Rights was passed.

Did you know...

A CGFOA Board member or the administrator will present your **GFOA Award** to you and your staff at a council meeting. Call the CGFOA office to set it up, 303-922-4647.

We have a **lending library**: <http://www.cgfoa.org/Resources/LibraryBooks.aspx>

We provided over \$8,000 in **conference scholarship** awards this year. Never let money be the reason you don't attend CGFOA education.

We are having our **Annual Holiday Lunch** on Friday, December 8 at Comida at Stanley Marketplace, register now: <http://www.cgfoa.org/Opportunities/Calendarofevents.aspx>

CGFOA membership now runs for a full year from the date you join; no need to renew every January anymore, you'll get an email when your membership is about to expire!

**Conference Update**

Go for Gold: Train to Win has been open for registration since early September. We have over 450 registered attendees including 46 sponsors. The opening session is presented by Ruben Gonzalez, The Luge Man. At the age of 21, Ruben, decided to compete in the Olympics, took up the sport of luge, and 4 years later was racing for the Gold against the best in the world. He went on to become the only person to ever compete in four Winter Olympics EACH in a different decade. **Our Olympic themed conference will include Opening Ceremonies (Opening Event) and an Office Olympics Banquet! Be sure to bring your entity flag, dress for the olympic sport of your choice and help with the fun by sponsoring an Office Olympics game for the banquet! Contact Leslie Fischer to have your Office Olympics Game included: leslief@townofbreckenridge.com**

As always, the conference provides an opportunity for 3+ days of CPE education. This year's program has SIX tracts - Accounting and Grants, Budget, CTAC, Investments and Banking, Professional Development and Public Engagement.

I recently sent an email asking you to choose your banquet meal. This email was only sent to those who registered for the banquet. Please modify your registration to include the banquet and any other meals for which you did not register, but plan to attend.

The Conference app has also been sent to all attendees, be sure to download it to the device you plan to use at the conference; remember, we no longer print any materials. Download the app now, get familiar with it and choose your sessions. It's going to be another GREAT conference!

<http://www.cgfoa.org/Opportunities/AnnualConference.aspx>

Thank you!

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Tyler Technologies	Silver
U.S. Bank	Silver
UMB Bank, na	Gold
Voya Financial	Silver
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Gold
Xpress Bill Pay	Silver
Zions Bank Corporate Trust	Silver

A very special thank you to all of our sponsors for the 2017 Annual Conference - ***Go for Gold: Train to Win!***

We have 46 sponsors for our conference in November! Some of these companies are brand new to the conference, most have been supporting us in numerous ways for many years!

A number of the companies listed are also providing education sessions during the conference and have provided education to our members throughout the years. Some of these companies have provided moderators to organize conference sessions. Some of these companies have provided professional services to our entities and many have helped us stay on the cutting edge of technology and legal issues. Most are also associate members of CGFOA.

Sponsors contribute funds to help defray the cost of the conference. It is only through their generous support that we are able to provide an excellent educational program at such a bargain price. Vendors bring information, demonstrations, and convenient one stop shopping with a chance to talk face to face.

Please take time to review our list of supporters and make it a point to visit each booth and leave a business card. When you see someone from one of these firms, thank them. Their support greatly increases the value of this conference as well as the value of our association - CGFOA!

Thank you, associate members and sponsors for your faithful support over the years. CGFOA would not be the organization it is, without your contributions!



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15 totally useless but interesting facts!

1. Ben & Jerry's is owned by Unilever.
2. Wal-Mart averages a profit of \$1.8 million every hour.
3. "Yahoo" is an acronym for "Yet Another Hierarchical Official Oracle."
4. Starbucks' round tables were created specifically so customers would feel less alone.
5. Apple's iPad retina display is actually manufactured by Samsung.
6. Dasani water is just purified tap water; it doesn't come from a natural spring.
7. One in 10 Europeans are conceived in an Ikea bed.
8. Marvel Comics once owned the rights to the word "zombie."
9. The red and white Coca-Cola logo is recognized by 94% of the world's population.
10. The iPad 2 would cost \$1,140 if it were made in America.
11. Taco Bell has proved to be a huge flop in Mexico, as Mexicans were confused by the Americanization of their traditional cuisine.
12. Adding /4 to the end of Facebook's URL will take you to Mark Zuckerberg's profile.
13. Cereal is the second-largest advertiser on television today, behind automobiles.
14. Google was originally called BackRub.
15. Pepsi got its name from the digestive enzyme pepsin.

Listserv Update

CGFOA offers four Listservs: Finance Professionals, Tax Audit Professionals, Colorado Flood Resource Professionals, and CGFOA Bike Enthusiasts. If you want to be added to one or more of the listservs, please email your request to Kathy Velzen at administrator@cgfoa.org. Be sure to note which list(s) you want to join.

Finance Directors Listserv

Email your Finance Officers Listserv questions to: finoff@lists.cgfoa.org

CTAC Listserv

Email your CTAC Listserv questions to: taxaud@lists.cgfoa.org

Colorado Flood Resources Listserv

Email your Flood Resources Listserv questions to: coflood@lists.cgfoa.org

CGFOA Bike Enthusiast Listserv

Email your group outing or other information to cgfoarides@lists.cgfoa.org

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Finally, your emails must be sent from the email that is a part of listserv!