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Letter from the President...

As I traveled to Ukraine last month to see my Mom, I had a change of a planes in Munich, Germany. I had several hours between flights, so I decided to explore the Duty Free shops and airport amenities.

It is very interesting to observe similarities and differences from one airport to another, especially from one country to another. Every airport is as a well-oiled machine, with people coming and going, airplanes landing and taking off each and every minute. Even when there is a plane delay, for the most part all of the passengers were taken care of immediately.

While walking around the airport in Munich, I noticed an area called "Lounge" and "Relax." It was a spacious area with recliner chairs, couches and even nap cabins for people to relax and wait for their next flight. I have not seen anything like this in any other airport throughout my years of traveling. My immediate reaction was to take photos of this lounge area and share it with DIA management.

I similarly see our association as a "sharing" of ideas and opportunities. While working in our own agencies we can share our best practices with one another. It is easy to forget how complicated our jobs are, how many policies we have to follow, how many audits we have to complete. But we always have to remember that we are still one big team of finance professionals who can benefit from information sharing. That is why we all attend conferences, trainings and networking events. Many more opportunities are scheduled for the remainder of this year.

Our 112th GFOA national conference is in St. Louis, Missouri May 6 through May 9. Colorado delegates are invited to the event at the St. Louis Carousel at Faust Park. The St. Louis Carousel, with its sixty hand carved horses and four deer, is located within a climate-controlled building inside beautiful Faust Park in West St. Louis County.

Last week the 2nd Quarter Board and the Conference Committee meetings were held in Breckenridge. At the quarterly meeting, the Board reviewed the Treasurer's report and the 2018 Budget. The Board also reviewed updates from various committees and also discussed future events. The Conference Committee also formulated plans for the conference in November at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge.

Next networking event is on Friday, June 8th at the CGFOA Annual Golf Tournament in Commerce City. Please come and enjoy a good time.

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Fun Facts about May!

May is the 5th month of the year and has 31 days.

Season (Northern Hemisphere): Spring

Holidays

[May Day](#)

[Cinco de Mayo](#)

[National Teacher Day](#)

[Mothers Day](#)

[Victoria Day](#)

[Memorial Day](#)

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Asian American Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month

Skin Cancer Awareness Month

National Bike Month

Symbols of May

- Birthstone: Emerald
- Flower: Lily of the Valley
- Zodiac signs: Taurus and Gemini

History:

The month of May was named for the [Greek goddess Maia](#). She was the goddess of fertility. The Romans had a similar goddess named Bona Dea. They held the festival for Bona Dea during the month of May.

The Romans called the month Maius. The name changed over the years. It was first called May in the 1400s near the end of the Middle Ages.

Fun Facts about May

- It is the third and last month of the season of spring.
- The birthstone of May, the emerald, symbolizes success and love.
- May in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to November in the Southern Hemisphere.
- May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says "Marry in May and you'll rue the day".
- In Old English May is called the "month of three milkings" referring to a time when the cows could be milked three times a day.
- The Indianapolis 500 car race is held each year during this month. The Kentucky Derby, the world's most famous horse race, is also held on the second Saturday of this month.
- The month of May is devoted to the Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church.
- The [United Kingdom](#) celebrates May as the National Smile Month.
- The last week of May is Library and Information Week.

CGFOA Facebook Page

Colorado Government Finance Officers Association has a Facebook page! Simply type Colorado Government Finance Officers Association in the search bar and you'll be taken to our new Facebook page. This can be a great additional tool, but we need you to "like it" so that you are added to the list of people who get updates! Suggestions for what to include are also appreciated

<https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoGFOA/>

CGFOA will hold its **15th annual golf tournament** on Friday, June 8, 2018 at Buffalo Run Golf Course in Commerce City. The tournament will be a scramble format, with a shotgun start at 8:00am. Lunch and awards will follow golf.

CGFOA members and sponsors may invite one non-member to play with you, or you may request one member to be a part of your foursome. Golfers of all abilities are encouraged to participate (foursomes will be drawn based on skill levels to balance the teams). This is designed as a social event to interact with your peers and vendors, meet new people and enjoy a nice Colorado spring day. Otherwise, you can spend the day at work, slaving away and wishing you were outside playing golf.

Normally, the cost to play in a tournament at Buffalo Run is \$90 per player. But thanks to the generous sponsorship of many of our Associate Members, the cost for this event is \$60 per player. The fee includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, door prizes, and awards for winning teams and special contests.

Special thanks to UMB Bank for sponsoring the longest drive and closest to the pin contests. Thanks also to these Associate Members for their sponsorship of the tournament:

Baird
BKD CPAs & Advisors
Butler Snow LLP
Chandler Asset Management
Colorado State Bank and Trust
Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority
COLOTRUST
CSAFE
Eide Bailly LLP
Empower Retirement
FCS GROUP
George K. Baum & Company
Hilltop Securities Inc.
ICMA-RC
Innovest Portfolio Solutions
MGT Consulting
MUNIREvs Inc.
PFM Group
Professional Management Solutions
Public Financial Management
U.S. Bank National Association
UMB Bank

Remember, the deadline for entries is May 29. Don't spend June 8th at your computer and 10-key. Be one of the participants in this day of fun and fellowship.

Register to golf [HERE!](#)

President's Letter (continued from page 1)

This fall we have a new Vice President, Treasurer and two Director positions open. If you or someone you know would like to run, please check out the officer position descriptions on our website. Nominations should be sent to Lore Nusser, loren@apexprd.org. I highly encourage you to note the events calendar on our website, www.cgfoa.org.

I look forward to see you at our events and training!

Olga Fajaros, CGFOA President

Budget and Logistics Manager, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

Upcoming CGFOA Events

Go to the Calendar of Events to learn more about the session:

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

5/4/2018 8:30 AM	CTAC 2nd Quarter Workshop - Denver, CO
5/6 - 9/2018	National GFOA Conference - St. Louis, MO
5/6/2018 8:00 PM	GFOA Conference - St. Louis - Colorado Delegate Event
5/24/2018 8:30 AM	Intermediate Governmental Accounting - Arvada
5/25/2018 8:30 AM	Intermediate Governmental Accounting - Grand Junction
6/8/2018 8:00 AM	CGFOA Annual Golf Tournament - Commerce City, CO
6/14/2018 8:30 AM	Financial Policies - Longmont, CO
6/19 - 22/2018	CML Conference
7/13/2018 8:30 AM	Auditor 101/102/103 - Glenwood Springs
7/19/2018 8:30 AM	Advanced Series: Grant Management and Financial Reporting Issues
8/3/2018 8:30 AM	CTAC 3rd Quarter Workshop - Westminster, CO
9/6/2018 10:00 AM	Understanding Fiduciary Activities - GASB 84
9/26/2018 8:30 AM	Advanced Series: Advanced Portfolio Management and Portfolio Structuring Simulation
10/15/2018 11:15 AM	National GFOA Training
11/13/2018 8:00 AM	Annual CGFOA Conference

GFOA Conference - Colorado Delegate Event
St. Louis, MO
Sunday, May 6, 2018

The St. Louis Carousel at Faust Park will be the location of the Colorado 2018 Event! The St. Louis Carousel, with its 60 hand carved horses and four deer, is located within a climate-controlled building inside beautiful Faust Park in West St. Louis County. A not for profit corporation, the Faust Cultural Heritage Foundation, was formed to raise funds and other forms of support for the Carousel's continual maintenance and restoration.

The St. Louis Carousel is an original 1920s carousel from the Dentzel Co. of Philadelphia. The carousel was installed at the St. Louis Highlands Amusement Park in 1929. After a fire in 1963 destroyed the park, the carousel was moved to Sylvan Springs Park and operated there until 1979. The St. Louis County Historic Buildings commission and the Faust Park Foundation raised funds to restore the Carousel, bringing it to Faust Park.

The evening will include free carousel rides and a catered dinner with plenty of time to catch up with old friends and make new ones! This event is sponsored by a number of our Associate members - thank you. Please register to attend so that we have the right amount of food! CGFOA will provide one 56 passenger bus to transport folks. It will depart the Convention Center at 6:40 and will depart Faust Park at 10:00 PM to return to the Convention Center. You must pre-register for the bus in order to ride it. If you do not want to travel to the park at 6:40 or want to return earlier than 10:00 PM, transportation will be on your own. Faust Park is about 22 miles down I-64 from the Convention Center Complex. The Opening Reception ends at 6:30 and our event starts at 7:00. We look forward to seeing you at the St. Louis Carousel!

Sponsorship is still **OPEN** - thanks for your support! Link to sponsorship on the word OPEN and link to register to attend on the word HERE, below. Register to attend HERE!

We look forward to seeing you at the St. Louis Carousel!

Happy spring, CTAC Friends!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2018 Q1 workshop in Arvada in February! Your feedback from our group discussion gave us a great understanding of what you'd like to see from CTAC this year. That being said, please note that your attendance and



participation is the catalyst of a successful workshop! Consider agreeing to facilitate a Hot Topics discussion or volunteer to lead a particular topic presentation at a workshop! Your voices are important to the group as a whole and we look forward to hearing from you!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following opportunities:

Friday, May 4, 2018 – Q2 Workshop – Denver, CO - [Register HERE](#)

Friday, July 13, 2018 – Auditor 101/102/103 – Glenwood Springs, CO - [Register HERE](#)

Friday, August 3, 2018 – Q3 Workshop – Westminster, CO

Thursday, September 20, 2018 – Auditor 101/102/103 – Westminster, CO

Minimum attendance is required for these trainings to take place, so please register as soon as possible!

Finally, it's never too soon to start thinking about how you can contribute to CTAC in 2019! As a 2019 CTAC Co-chair, you'll be exposed to deeper networking opportunities, limitless potential for personal and professional development and advancement in leadership abilities. If this sounds interesting to you, please reach out to James (jhmacdon@cityofwestminster.us) or Brandy (bzink@parkeronline.org) for more information!

See you soon!

James MacDonald and Brandy Zink
CTAC 2018 Co-chairs



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Top 10 Unusual Things Done During an Interview

10. A job applicant challenged the interviewer to arm wrestle.
9. Interviewee wore a Walkman, explaining that she could listen to the interviewer and the music at the same time.
8. Candidate brought large dog to interview.
7. Applicant refused to sit down and insisted on being interviewed standing up.
6. Balding candidate excused himself and returned to the office a few minutes later wearing a hair piece.
5. Applicant said if he were hired, he would demonstrate his loyalty by having the corporate logo tattooed on his forearm.
4. Candidate dozed off during interview.
3. Applicant interrupted interview to phone her therapist for advice on how to answer specific interview questions.
2. Candidate explained that her long-term goal was to replace the interviewer.
1. Candidate said he never finished high school because he was kidnapped and kept in a closet in Mexico.

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

Keep in mind, joining, leaving or updating an email address is NOT automatic with membership, you must send an email to request being added or making any change or deletion. Also important, make sure you work with your IT department to ensure that emails coming from a lists.cgfoa.org address are marked safe!