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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good News ASMC

Opportunities abound within the Buckeye Chapter! Educational Events, Certification, Scholarships, Community Service, Professional/Leadership Development, and Networking are just a few of the ways to participate in ASMC and to maximize your membership.

Last month we were privileged to award four continuing education scholarships and this month we will be honoring members who earned their CDFM or CDFM-A Certifications this past year. Also in May, the Buckeye Chapter delivers the goodies from its annual Rose and Cookie Sale, with proceeds supporting our scholarship fund. A special thank you to all the sellers and participants! Please remember – donations to the scholarship fund can be made online anytime of the year through our Chapter website.

There are multiple leadership and networking opportunities in the Buckeye Chapter, serving as Officers or Committee Chairs, chances to build and improve your leadership skills while volunteering in crucial and interesting positions. Reputations are often built on the volunteer work that you perform and we are reminded in our ASMC Pledge of Professionalism that states "Carefully earn and continuously protect my reputation for good moral character in comptrollership."

"It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it". Benjamin Franklin, American Statesman, Scientist, Philosopher, Printer, Writer, and Inventor 1706-1790.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May Luncheon: May 19, CDFM Location C153 Conference Center – Bldg 21

June Luncheon: June 23, CDFM Theme C153 Conference Center – Bldg 21



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OUR 21ST YEAR - CHARTERED JULY 17, 1990



"Moving forward, opening new doors, doing new things. "



TREASURER'S REPORT – As of Mar 31

Christine Prenoveau, CDFM

	CHECKING	+ SAVINGS	= OVERALL
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 305.22	\$11,127.65	\$11,432.87
DEPOSITS	+\$ 1,442.70	+ 13.85	+ 1,456.55
WITHDRAWALS	-\$ <u>1,492.51</u>	- <u>1,000.00</u>	- <u>2,492.51</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 255.41	\$10,141.50	\$10,396.91
OVERALL BALANCE			\$ 10,396.91



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- Derrick E. Flowers
- Diana M. Ritzert
- Kevin M. Cockrell, CDFM
- Stacey K. Gardner-Iheukwu
- Kyle Denny
- Mahmud B. Islam
- Chad E. Staffan
- Albert J. Vanderhorst
- John Teal
- Kevin Scott Hartman



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Editor



HQ ASMC NEWS

ASMC Connection

News and Announcements <http://www.asmonline.org/>**Today's Top Industry News Stories**

FY2011 DoD budget continues management reform efforts

Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) the Honorable Robert Hale, in a briefing on the FY2011 DoD budget, stated that DoD continues to enhance efforts to reform how DoD does business. Mr. Hale cited acquisition reform, especially implementing the Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act passed last year, and the in-sourcing initiative as key elements of reform. Three areas of interest to acquisition and financial managers are: increasing the civilian workforce through the in-sourcing initiative; modernizing financial systems; and prioritizing financial management improvement efforts. Read more @ ASMC Online...

**More Industry News-go to ASMC Online**

- NSPS website contains transition planning guides and tools |
- Services' senior leaders testify on FY2011 budget |
- Secretary Gates and ADM Mullen testify on FY2011 DoD budget |
- FY2011 DoD budget continues management reform efforts |
- FY2011 Coast Guard budget requests \$10.1 billion |

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

By Mary Mathews

Halts Mailing of Benefit Statements

The federal financial crunch has claimed another casualty: As of Tuesday, the Social Security Administration is no longer sending out annual earnings and benefits statements to millions of Americans, according to an internal notice.

"Effective immediately, SSA is suspending the mailing of all Social Security statements because of the current budget situation," the notice says. The online service for requesting a statement has also been disabled, the notice continues. Nor can the public use **Form SSA-7004** to make a request.

Indeed, type "statement" into the search engine on the Social Security Administration's web site, and you'll end up at a page advising that because of the budget situation, "we have suspended issuing Social Security statements." But don't fear: **"You may be able to estimate your retirement benefit using our online Retirement Estimator** <<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator/>>," the agency adds.

Like other federal agencies, **SSA is generally** operating at last year's spending levels because **Congress has failed to agree on a budget** for this fiscal year. So far, however, the impasse appears to have hit **America's favorite retirement program** harder than most. Last July, Commissioner Michael Astrue ordered a partial hiring freeze. Earlier this month, the agency announced an end to most employee overtime. In congressional testimony earlier this month, Astrue put the cost of printing and mailing the statements at about \$70 million.

APRIL LUNCHEON**Scholarships Have Been Awarded**

by Cheryl Mobley

Another year has past and the April meeting of the ASMC includes the Scholarship Recipients for 2011. Every year young lives are changed by the dollars raised and donated to ASMC to help get our future leaders through school.

It would be good for every member to have time to come to this luncheon, if you couldn't make another one all year. Because when the meeting is done, there is a real feeling of hope personified. Listening to these young people speak about their dreams and aspirations is so much fun.

This year is in line with many others. Michael A. Benatar, Robert "Ben" Burgett, Chelsea M. Pruitt and B. Renae Walters all received scholarship awards and had time to share with the attendees. Ohio State University and Franklin University as well as Capella University were all on the lips of those who spoke of the schools they are attending.

Each year teachers and leaders who mentor the young people write letters of recommendation. Some of the lists of merit are so impressive that it is hard to believe a person that age can be accomplishing so much. They are not only good students but, they are good community members too. That is what makes successful adults.

Thanks to MaryAnn White and Douglas M. Battle for the dedication to education and in their memory students are awarded educational dollars every year. How much success would we celebrate if we could leave behind a legacy that would continue to help students long after our time here on earth were through?

Barb Bail and Pam Nowicki (who stood in for Roberta Wetherbee who was ill) did a great job in presenting. Nalin Patel and Charles E Newman as well as Macy Newman and Sonya Thompson and Juan McGuire all added their special touch to make the day a special one. Being part of ASMC means many things. One of them for sure is the seeding of future lives with funds for today's education. Developing minds is a very important part of a strong community, state and country. Being part of ASMC is a way to support a strong, American way of life.



Photo: T. Casasanta



MID-OHIO FOOD BANK

Pam Nowicki, CDFM

May 7th

Mid-Ohio Food Bank is dedicated to **feeding hungry people** by collecting and distributing food and grocery products, educating the community about hunger, advocating for **hunger-relief programs**, and collaborating with others who address basic human needs. February 5th, we hope you will share this experience. Contact ASMC members and Pam Nowicki if you want to volunteer!



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

REMEMBER APRIL IS THE MONTH TO RE-REGISTER ONLINE AT KROGER! WE NEED YOU! The Kroger Community Rewards Program is an excellent way for you to **support our Chapter scholarship fundraising efforts**. Our chapter is making money each month from just a few members. Just take a few moments to register or **re-register** your card. You don't have to be a member to participate, so you can ask your **friends and family** to participate as well. Register or enroll through our Chapter's web site: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

www.asmcuckeye.org/Kroger_Rewards_Program.htm

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Clip Those Box Tops



We all shop for groceries; sometimes two or three times a week -- or more. Now turn the shopping trips into easy cash for **our sponsored schools** and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the **Box Tops** logo on hundreds of products in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and bring them in. Each one is worth **10¢** for our **sponsored schools**.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIANTS

by Pam Nowicki, CDFM

More Pictures from the Scholarship Luncheon

The **winners of the Scholarships for 2011** from left to right are Renae Walters, Ben Burgett (And his mother) Michael Benatar (President Bail) Chelsea Pruitt (Macy Newman)



ATTENTION BUCKEYE CHAPTER CDFMs

by Nalin Patel

Have You Renewed Your Certification Within The Last 2 Years?

According to Ms Claudia Carr, Associate Director for **Certification at American Society of Military Comptrollers, ASMC** is changing their Certified Defense Financial Managers (CDFM) renewal policy. In an effort to ensure that CDFMs are constantly engaging in continuing professional education and are interested in maintaining their certification, the ASMC has been working to **contact CDFMs that have not kept their certification current**. The policy requires the certification holder attain a minimum of 80 CPEs every two years, remit the renewal fee, and verify the accuracy of the renewal information by accepting the CDFM renewal terms and conditions.

ASMC has been notifying individuals who have been awarded the CDFM that the current policy, which inherently allows for a 2 year grace period, will change as of January 1, 2011. CDFM renewals that are processed before December 31, 2010, will not be subject to the new policy changes. Once the new policy is in effect, steeper renewal and reactivation fees, as well as possible retesting, will apply. CDFM renewals are randomly audited and you should be prepared to present supporting documentation if you are selected for a renewal audit. For more details please read the **policy posted on the ASMC website at** http://www.asmconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CDFM_revised_policy.pdf



ELECTION NEWS

by Roger Neffe

Information You Should Know

Online voting for officers will occur in late **May or early June**. **Voting instructions will be sent to chapter members** using the address each member has on file at ASMC Headquarters. Not sure if you have a valid email address on file? You can rest easy if you have been receiving the **"ASMC Connections" email**. If you aren't sure you have a valid email address on file, go to www.asmconline.org, **click on the "Membership" tab, then select "Edit Profile" from the drop down list**. You can go into your profile and check your information there, and update it as necessary.

Voting instructions will be emailed from an AOL Email account, "buckeyevote@aol.com". If you receive ASMC email at home, you may need to add this address to your address book to avoid having the email go into a SPAM account.

Self/Other Nominations for Officer positions and Chair positions will be submitted to the membership the beginning of May

Q & A

APRIL PDO A SUCCESS

By Cheryl Mobley

Speakers Provide Informative Experience

Everyone who came to speak at the PDO on April 5 was experienced and had something to contribute to the attendees knowledge base. From "Social Security retirement strategies," to



Bill LaFayette

"investment do's and don'ts," managing debt was another topic of discussion and "What it takes to be a Champion." The afternoon concluded with ASMC information on testing and all the other attributes.

Bill LaFayette came representing Columbus Chamber of Commerce. He spoke on the Strategies to revitalize the Midwestern economy. part of his strategy was to work together with the regions within the state of Ohio to support businesses and the goods being sold. It made since to support each other with business and see our state become stronger. Even the Midwest can think in these terms and present a strong resource to the global market.



ODU Coach Bill Conley



ASMC Executive Staff

1st Row, L-R – J Sizemore, A Tucker, C Carr, R Silverman

2nd Row, L-R – J Raines, B Gibson, P Tyler, J Kilgore, J Stewart,



Tony Emanuel ODU

Tony Emanuel, staff member at ODU, brought information about investing in today's economy. He had some interesting tips such as: Bonds may lose money as the economy takes an upswing. He gave the usual encouragement to the group to save. The value of doing without and using the money instead to build an investment portfolio. It was timely and sound advice.

Coach Bill Conley shared an entertaining lesson about team players and the power of people who work together with others. He shared stories about the Buckeyes and everyone enjoys a tribute to our local team.

The day concluded with encouragement from the President of our National Executive Board, Alvin Tucker. He had many informative things to share with all the potential leaders who took part in the opportunity to learn and grow. The team who put the PDO together did a good job and the benefactors were all those who attended.

CHAIR OF THE MONTH

Robbie Hensley

by Cheryl Mobley



Photo: T. Casasanta

If you receive an email from Robbie Hensley the quote at the end of her signature reads, "A team is a group of diverse people, united by a common purpose, who are cooperating to achieve quality results & experience synergy." Her good words for others are; helping each other through hard times brings us closer together.

Robbie is the chairperson for Family/Broadleigh. That means she handles the collections and distribution of donations for Broadleigh Elementary School. Every year ASMC, DFAS and DLA employees help the children with school supplies and winter clothing. It's a good thing! Robbie joined ASMC to be a part of an organization that believes in community. So it all fits as part of her life plan.

Her educational background includes a Double Bachelor's in Management and Accounting/Management in 2009. Her parting thoughts for our membership is, "Live life with no regrets, don't do anything you will regret."

CHAIR OF THE MONTH

Tom Casasanta

by Editor



Photo: T. Casasanta

Tom Casasanta has been seen all around DFAS building taking pictures for the DBJ (DFAS Business Journal) as well as organizations like ASMC (American Society of Military Comptrollers) for some time now.

Tom's good words for others are; "Good, Better, Best. Never let it rest / until your Good is Better, and your Better is your Best." Pretty smart advise.

His good words to live by: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." - John 3:16 Tom wanted to be a part of an organization that within DFAS that has achieved success and respect while supporting the warfighter. It was his motivation to join ASMC. His fondest memory of Federal Employment has been getting to travel to the different locations all in support of DFAS' Mission. He has a Bachelor of Arts: Communication Analysis and Practice, The Ohio State University (Graduated in 2008), Masters of Business Administration, Ohio Dominican University, Graduating August 2011.

Tom's family is from Columbus, Ohio and his roll in our chapter has been as Photography Chair. In closing Tom's goal or vision for the membership is; to continue to develop, think of new ideas, and gain strength from within. His parting thoughts are USA is #1!

FROM THE DOCS' DESKS

Tom O'Brien & Bob Osborne, CDFM

AGA First Annual Challenge

Association of Government Accounts (AGA) First Annual Graduate Government Accounting/Finance Case Challenge

Graduate Students from Ohio Dominican University (ODU) will compete in the First Annual AGA Graduate Case Challenge. The best graduate students in accounting, business, financial management, or public administration are invited to compete in the first AGA graduate-level Government Finance Case Challenge. Teams will collaboratively analyze and offer a written response to a case centered on the creation of a citizen-centric report for a U.S. city government.

Once again, ODU students will step onto the National Academic Stage. This time ODU Graduate Students will represent ODU in the AGA First Annual Graduate Government Accounting/Finance Case Challenge, sponsored by AGA National Headquarters in Washington DC. The registration deadline is Friday, Apr. 29. The competition begins on Monday, May 2. All members of the three highest-scoring teams will receive a scholarship to attend AGA's Professional Development Conference, set for July 10-13, in Atlanta, GA.

Professor Bob Osborne, ODU Assistant Professor of Accounting and Coordinator of the MBA Public Administration Concentration, is enthusiastic about the school's inclusion in the competition. "We are so pleased to compete with such an impressive list of schools, schools that share our commitment to ethics, government and corporate social responsibility, accountability, and transparency - on such a prominent stage," says Osborne.

Graduate students from ODU have taken the challenge and have entered the AGA Graduate Case Challenge. Four Graduate students from MBA-690P (Graduate Capstone Learning Experience) class enthusiastically voted to enter a Graduate team in the competition. The official team will consist of Lori Mikesell (Captain), Barbara Gordon, Julie Steffen, Nancy Zmyslinski, and Bob Osborne (Faculty Advisor).

The team is excited about the graduate case challenge. Remember the ODU Undergraduate Team recently won First Place in the AGA Fourth Annual Case Challenge in Washington DC so the Graduate team now has some big shoes to fill. Information link;

www.agacgfm.org/challenge_grad/index.htm<http://www.agacgfm.org/challenge_grad/index.htm>

(L-R): Nancy Zmyslinski, Julie Steffen, Lori Mikesell (Captain), and Barbara Gordon



PLANNING BD./EXEC. COMMITTEE – APRIL

Mary Baker

Board Discussion: VP Snyder Committee SOPs - need to be submitted by end of May. New computers can be used by other committee chairs/Officers besides the Treasurer and Web Master, if needed. Renee is answering some technical questions that the DeVry students regarding our new website. They will be getting back with us soon. **Community Service:** COSI most current event **Membership:** needs to mail info on new members to National. **CDFM:** Novotny -new CDFM books are in. Jenny is working on the May luncheon. She would like to recognize the study group facilitators. She would like to give the old books out.. **Education:** Preparing for the Scholarship Luncheon at Bob Evans **Broadleigh:** All is quiet. **Scholarship:** Committee: Working on last minute touches for Luncheon. **History:** Missing banner email to be sent out. **Competition:** Wilson – gathering information from committees should be complete. **Ways and Means:** Rose and Cookie Sale set to begin on April 11; Sellers have received their information and are ready to go. Orders will be taken thru April 29th with delivery on May 6th. **Newsletter:** May 25 deadline to send articles to karey.dyer@dfas.mil.

Attendance: Officers (3) Snyder, Prenoveau, Baker **Chairs:** (8) Palmore, Walters, Novotny (11:30 – 1:00PM). **Next Meeting:** APR 6 Room B413

ANNUAL ROSE & COOKIE SALE

by Diana Javor

Results

Ways and Means would like to sincerely thank all who participated in the 2011 Rose and Cookie Sale.

Our volunteers worked very hard to make this a successful sale and the membership were very supportive with their orders. Thank you for supporting our worthy scholarship program!



TRIVIA

Fun For Everyone

Pam Nowicki, CDFM

LAST MONTH TRIVIA:

How many National PDIs has the Buckeye Chapter Co-Hosted and where were they held?.

Answer: 2-1995 Columbus Convention Center 2004 Cleveland Convention Center hosted by Dayton, Columbus (Buckeye) chapter and Cleveland

1st Place – Loretta Ellis, 2nd Place – Elizabeth Ellis, 3rd Place – Mary Mathews,



Photo: T. Casasanta

NEW TRIVIA:

Who was the ASMC Buckeye Chapter's First Female President and during what Chapter Year?

Send answers to PAM.NOWICKI@DFAS.MIL



ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS

Nolene Smith

Member Luncheon CDFM Theme Room	DFAS Conference Center C153 11:30 AM – 12 PM	May 19 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Member Luncheon CDFM Theme	DFAS Conference Center Room C153	June 23 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Member Luncheon TBA	DFAS Conference Center Room C153	July 21 11:30 AM – 1 PM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nolene Smith

Planning Bd./Executive Committee	DFAS Bldg 21 Room B413	May 4 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Planning Bd./Executive Committee	DFAS Bldg 21 Room B413	June 1 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Planning Bd./Executive Committee	DFAS Bldg 21 Room B413	July 13 11:30 AM – 1 PM

COMMUNITY SERVICE www.asmcbuckeye.org/formreg/committeevol.htm

Epilepsy Foundation Viva Las Vegas	Smith Bro Loft Downtown Columbus	May 6 Various Times
Mid-Ohio Food Bank Volunteer.	3960 Brookham Drive Grove City	May 7 9 AM – Noon
Race for the Cure Susan G Komen	Downtown Columbus, Ohio	May 15 All Day
The Columbus Arts Festival Fine Arts / Volunteers needed	Discovery District East of Downtown	June 3-5 All Day
Special Olympics State Summer Games	The Ohio State University See POC	June 24 – 26 All Day

POC Melissa.Stevens@DFAS.mil or GWENDOLYN.PALMORE@dfas.mil.

AUDIO CONFERENCES ... Earn CPEs!



Varied Sources

AGA May Audio Conference Behavioral Ethics	Bldg 21 Room C-122 Non Members \$25	May 11 2 - 3:50 PM
CDM Cert Recognition Luncheon Speaker TBA	Bldg 21 RM C153	May 19 11:30 – 1 PM

POC Jenny Novotny 3X0931



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COMMITTEE CHAIRS (* Past Presidents)

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