



# CFMA VOS Chapter Updates

October 2017

## *Letter from The President*

Michelle Walker, CCIFP, SPHR

Happy October! I think it's time for us to take a collective deep breath, pause after a busy September and gear up for all the exciting events planned through the end of the year.



September kicked off with the first "Women of VoS" event, a lovely happy hour at the new Mountain Shadows resort, and ended with our first "Thirsty Thursday" regional happy hour on the west side. Both of these events were planned in an effort to expand our normal programming to acknowledge our diverse membership and

establish opportunities for members to participate in settings that are either more comfortable or more convenient for them. Based on the feedback from these first two events, we are on the right track, so watch for more coming soon - the next regional event will be an October 12th happy hour for the North-siders!

We also had our annual Diamondbacks outing and were treated to a high scoring game and a home team win! Thanks to all who came out, although I will note that I was the only one to attend the game AND make it to the zoo at 8 am the next morning for the UMom Walk for Homeless Families. Our members showed their generosity once again raising over \$1,000 for UMom which the chapter then added \$500 to, providing much needed support for this important local organization. We also showed our big hearts by supporting a family affected by Hurricane Harvey - the outpouring of generous financial and gift card donations has been overwhelming to witness.

On top of all this fun, we enjoyed a fantastic lunch presentation from Todd Davis, and had a contingency of members attend the Southwest

Regional Conference in Las Vegas, which I've heard great reports about. Looking forward to next September when Phoenix will host the SWRC!

Speaking of looking forward, coming up on November 8th is the golf tournament - thanks so much to those who have already sponsored, and for those who haven't, it's not too late!

We also have great programs coming up, which are highlighted below, so be sure you get the dates (some of which are different than normal) marked on your calendar so you don't miss out. When you sign up online, take note of the new opportunity to volunteer for mini-opportunities to help out with things like taking pictures, writing a brief summary of the presentation or helping to greet people. These "Ambassador Roles" are an exciting new idea to give people a chance to get involved without making any long term commitments.

As you can see, there is a lot going on, and I hope to see everyone at one of these great events soon!

If you have ideas of other things we could be doing, always feel free to [let me know!](#)

## *Thank You to Sponsors of this Year's Golf Classic!*

*It's Not to Late to Add Your Name to the List!*

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## *October Luncheon: "What's Ahead: Tax Simplification or The CPA Continued Employment Act of 2018?"*

October 19, 2017

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[Register Online](#)

Prepaid members, email [vosadmin@cfma.org](mailto:vosadmin@cfma.org) to RSVP

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## *Save the Date! November Luncheon and December Holiday Event*

**FRIDAY**, November 17, 2017

Thursday, December 14, 2017

November's luncheon program **will take place on Friday, November 17th**, instead of the usual Thursday. The program will feature Scott Smith, Valley Metro's Chief Executive Officer, presenting on the Valley Metro Lite Rail Expansion Plans. [Registration is already open online.](#)

The December event will take place on Thursday, December 14th and will start off with a tour of the McCarthy Biodesign Building at ASU, followed by a holiday social at The Culinary Drop Out in Tempe. [Registration is already open online.](#)

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## *Earn Your CCIFP*



The Chapter is Here to Help!

The [CCIFP certification](#) is the only accredited certification to demonstrate your construction industry specific accounting and financial experience and

knowledge.

Our chapter is hosting a [CCIFP Overview](#) class on October 23 & 30 - this overview class is the best way to understand the content of the exam and get a high level review of the key concepts. We will also be working to partner candidates for the exam with current CCIFPs to help guide them during the study process.

To help our members earn their certification, the chapter will reimburse any candidate who takes the overview and then sits for the exam before January 31, 2018 the \$150 overview cost. In addition, if you successfully pass the exam, you will receive a \$350 reimbursement of the exam costs. This is a total of a \$500 commitment the chapter is making to help those who participate in the overview and study to pass the exam by 1/31/18! SO - Don't put it off any longer - [register today](#) to start the process to become a CCIFP! [E-mail Michelle Walker](#) with any questions.

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## *CFMA 12 PLUS Membership*

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New members, join now and your membership is good through March 31, 2019.

[Download the membership application here.](#)

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## *Scholarships are Available!*

The time is now to apply!

School may have just started, but it's never too early to start thinking about how to pay for next semester! The application window is now open for our Spring Scholarship season. Check out the [requirements and application](#) and share with a student who may benefit! Application deadline is October 31. Please direct any questions to [Ryan Spriggs](#).

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