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Happy Thanksgiving from VGEA!

November 16, 2012



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State Revenue Up October 2012 Over 2011

According to an article published November 14 in the *Virginian-Pilot*, the state revenue collections for October 2012 were 15.7 percent higher than the same period last year. [Click here](#) to read the whole story.

In the next day's news, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported *Virginia Senators Receive Cautionary Report on State Finances*. [Click here](#) to read that article.

The VGEA regularly monitors News and Issues like these that may impact our members, as well as Legislative News and publishes relevant articles on the www.vgea.org homepage. Check back often to read the daily highlighted headlines.

Chinese Government Delegation Visits VGEA
Provincial HR Directors Learn About How State/VGEA Work

Last week, a score of Chinese men and women came to hear about the purpose and goals of the VGEA; how we work with the legislature to help our members, and the benefits our members get from the association. There are no similar associations in China so the delegation was very interested in how the VGEA works.

We will include a larger story on their visit in the next *ForeSight*, so watch for it in your mailboxes in the coming weeks.

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- J. Marshall Terry**, immediate past president

For the rest of the Board of Director members and all their contact information, [click here.](#)



The Chinese delegation is shown with VGEA Past President Marshall Terry (middle row, third from right), Advantus President Robert Crockett (back row, middle), and VGEA Communications Director Johnna Cossaboon (front row, fourth from right).

VGEA - Get Active in a Chapter Near You!

Consider becoming active in your local VGEA Chapter. Attend a meeting and network! For more information, contact those listed below or email the VGEA Office at info@vgea.org.

Augusta Chapter

Chapter now reorganizing! We are looking for members to accept leadership positions to build the group. If you'd like to help, please contact Teresa Craig, 540-520-7876 or 540-586-6465, tcraig@vgea.org

Department of Forestry (DOF) Chapter

Contact Kenny Mohler, 540-460-6618, smohler10@gmail.com

Marion Correctional Treatment Center (MCTC)

New chapter forming! Contact Jeffery McGrady, 276-783-7154, jmcgrady@embarqmail.com

Pocahontas Chapter (DOC)

Contact Bobby Cartwright 276-945-9173 ext. 6313, Bobby.Cartwright@vadoc.virginia.gov

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Contact President Angela Edmonds 804-598-4251, ext. 4011, angela.edmonds@vadoc.virginia.gov

Prince William Area Chapter

Contact Linda Pierce 703-505-1481, meanmom@erols.com

Richmond Retirees Chapter

Meets monthly on second Monday at Imperial Plaza, Richmond. (**Except for December!**) For details, contact President Kermit Spruill 804-272-7065, kermit8@verizon.net

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Contact Rick Fowler 434-250-8079, ricky.fowler@dss.virginia.gov

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