

# Fiscal Flyer

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## MAKING YOUR LUNCH RESERVATIONS

Your **lunch reservations** should be made using the Internet. Visit the CFMA luncheons web page (see link below) and click on the "Place Setting." You can register each month or sign up for all the lunches in one visit. Please register by 12 PM on the Wednesday before the lunch. If you need to cancel after you register, please email Dottie Relaford before noon on the Wednesday before the lunch. [dottie.relaford@state.co.us](mailto:dottie.relaford@state.co.us).  
<http://www.state.co.us/cfma/Luncheons/lunch.htm>



### June Luncheon

Place: Beef Palace – Serving Carved Beef and Chicken

Time: June 2, 2005 11:45am -1:30pm

Speaker: Les Shenefelt, State Controller



## President's Corner By *Roger A. Cusworth*



What a Spring Educational Seminar. The weather was great, a lot of nice give-a-ways, and best of all, some of the best key-note speakers and breakout sessions that we have ever had. I want to recognize the Conference Planning Committee and especially the CFMA representatives, Mindy Densmore, Mary Pearce, Brent Voge, and Rose Marie Auten for all of their time and efforts in putting the Seminar together. I would also like to recognize the other volunteers that helped either before or during the Seminar: the Field Accounting Services Team, JoAnn Vondracek, Tammy Labato, and Diana Stroumbos. Finally, congratulations to this year's nominees and winners of the annual CFMA awards, Lenny Merriam, Dept of Corrections, Outstanding Fiscal Employee of the Year, Local Affairs Accounting and Financial Services Office, Outstanding Fiscal Office of the Year, and Brent Voge, Dept of Revenue, Outstanding Fiscal Manager of the Year. Their names will go along side many other well deserving winners of these awards. A special thanks to Logene Williams and her committee for their hard work in reviewing the nominations and selecting the winners. As you can see, there are a lot of good people that volunteer their time to make CFMA work.

At our final June luncheon, you will be voting for next year's officers. The slate of officers is included in this newsletter. You will also have an opportunity to hear for the first time from Les Shenefelt, our State Controller. I encourage everyone to attend the luncheon. This is your last opportunity to use your free lunch this year. Remember, your free lunch is like your flex account, use it or lose it.

As I look back over the past year as your President, and the past four years on the Board, I take great pride in the many accomplishment that we have had as an organization. I also realize that I only played a small part in most, if not all, of these accomplishments. If it were not for the dedication of each of the board members I have served with over the years and the countless volunteers on each of the standing committees, this great organization would not be what it is today. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve on the Board and as President this past year. I can only hope that I have served in a manner that has earned your respect and the respect of the wonderful people that have preceded me as President. To anyone thinking of getting more involved in CFMA, but think they may not have the time; I encourage you to find the time and make the effort. I promise you that you will not regret it. **I wish for each of you the best that life has to offer.**

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## The Bean Counter's Underground Press

By Alan Boisvert

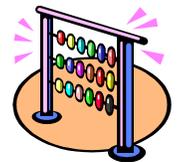
Last month, as usual, I attended the CFMA luncheon at the Beef Palace. However, I couldn't find a place to sit. Not because there weren't enough seats, no because there was no old timers table. What happened to the old timers table? Where are Ken McNeil, Tom Hancock, and Cliff Hall? Never heard of them? That's because they are the old, old timers. I'm talking about the new, old timers, my peers like Lyle Wulbrandt, Bob Haberkorn, Ron Hinton, Art Barnhart, and Dennis Palamet.

Remember Russell Means in Last of the Mohicans where he speaks about being the last member of his tribe left in the world? That will give you a feeling for how I'm beginning to feel. Look around at the June luncheon and you will see that the old timers are Phil Reed, David McDermott, and Roger Cusworth. These are people with young children at home. Then, there are those really old fossils, the Rolling Stones, who can still play to a full house, as long as they are done by 9:00 PM. I'm younger than Mick Jagger, I still have something to say. It's usually something like "We tried that back in 78, didn't work then, and won't work now." Knowledge like that has value.

There was a time in the world when old people were revered. They were also fed to the Polar Bears when they couldn't keep up. I don't want to end up being revered bear meat, so I've decided to start sitting with a younger crowd. I'll start popping questions like "Do you know a good daycare provider? Department of Institutions, never heard of it, must have been before my day. Roy Romer, never heard of him, must have been before my day. Alaskan cruise? No, I think those are for old people, Mary and I are going to bicycle Europe when the kids finish high school."

Today is Lyle's last day, and there will be tributes, and stories, and wonderful testimonials. They always do that for the old timers. I never realized as I attended these, that I was seeing the passing of my tribe, and that I'm the Last of the New Old Timers. I'll go for a walk today and reflect on this changing of the guard and passing of the torch. I just want everyone to know that when you look around and don't see any old timers, then you are the old timers. I'm sticking around just to make sure that doesn't happen to you.

*Author's Note: By definition old timers are always male, there is no such thing as a female old timer.*



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2003-2004

OFFICERS

President Roger A. Cusworth

Vice President Mindy Densmore

Secretary Lavynia Washington

Treasurer Mary Pearce

E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CFMA WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.STATE.CO.US/CFMA/HOME.HTM](http://www.state.co.us/cfma/home.htm)

*“Attend three CFMA luncheons this year and get the 4<sup>th</sup> lunch free!” – CFMA Board*

*CFMA’s very popular buy three get one free lunch program is in place for the upcoming year. If you attend all eight lunches this year, CFMA will pay for two of them. To assist in the record Keeping process, please register each month using the Web site registration and be sure to use the same name. For example, Roger Cusworth and Roger A Cusworth are treated as two people in the database used to track free lunches. You also need to be sure you check in each time you attend a luncheon.*

*In case you are wondering, your attendance from last year does not carry over to this year.*

**2005 CFMA/CIMA/CSMA**

Spring Educational Seminar

*“Communication and Leadership – Bridging the Gap”*

**May 18 – 20, 2005**

**Beaver Run Conference Center, Breckenridge, CO**

We had a great spring conference this year with over 200 participants from the three associations and over 45 sponsoring exhibitors. Thanks to everyone who participated or made it possible for other staff members to attend. Please let anyone on the CFMA Board know if you have ideas for next year’s location, theme or speakers – your input is encouraged!

**MEMBER BENEFIT**

CFMA will gladly email any fiscal job announcements to the CFMA membership. The announcements are limited to fiscal vacancies within the Colorado State agencies. Send your job announcement to any CFMA Board member. Please do not send any campaign announcements for board positions or notices of non-fiscal vacancies.



*“Never let yesterday use up too much of today.”  
~ Will Rodgers*

## Proposed 2004-2005 CFMA Officers

TITLE	NAME	PHONE
President	Mindy Densmore, Revenue	303-866-3274
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## Proposed 2004-2005 CFMA Committee Chair Assignments

COMMITTEE	NAME / E-MAIL	PHONE
Articles	<a href="#">Alan Boisvert</a> , SCO	303-866-3894
Awards	<a href="#">Brent Voge</a> , Revenue	303-866-3276
Bowl-A-Thon	<a href="#">Cindy Howe</a> , DORA	303-894-2971
CPE Certifications	<a href="#">Cindy Howe</a> , DORA	303-894-2971
Membership	<a href="#">Joann Vondracek</a> , Treasury	303-866-5826
Newsletter	<a href="#">Deborah Allen</a> , Revenue	303-205-5837
Nominations	<a href="#">Mary Pearce</a> , OSA	303-866-3891
Lunch Program	<a href="#">Dottie Relaford</a> , DPA	303.866.4165
Luncheon Reservations	<a href="#">Lunch Reservation</a>	303-869-2855
Scholarships	<a href="#">Roger A. Cusworth</a> , SCO	303-866-3891
Fall Seminar	<a href="#">Mary Pearce</a> , OSA	303-869-2855
Spring Conference	Looking for Volunteer	
Training	<a href="#">FAST</a> – SCO	303-866-4165
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