

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes March 3, 2011

Submitted by Debra Bloomingburg, Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its March meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, March 3, 2011. This was our annual joint meeting with the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA).

President Melvin Jones, Jr., called the meeting to order. Chas Taplin gave the invocation. Melvin introduced the individuals at the President's table: Tammy Fruscione, co-chair of the Community Services Committee; Jann Seymour, Make-a-Wish Community Outreach Manager; Chas Taplin, member of the Outreach Committee; Melinda Parton, previous chapter president; Phil Nally, AGA Senior Vice-President for Section Four; Beverly Adams, AGA Regional Vice-President; Eugene Hampton, President of NABA–Nashville Chapter and AGA CEC Director; and Marcus T. Henderson, Sr., speaker.

After Melvin introduced Mr. Nally and Ms. Adams, he asked them to say a few words. Ms. Adams thanked Melvin for the opportunity to speak to the chapter and commended the chapter for being involved in so many activities. Mr. Nally thanked Melvin for the opportunity to speak to the chapter and reminded everyone of the upcoming Regional Professional Development Conference in Chattanooga, TN, on March 31, 2011, through April 1, 2011, and the 60th Annual Professional Development Conference in Atlanta, GA, on July 10, 2011, through July 13, 2011.

Melvin welcomed everyone and asked the AGA members who had guests to introduce their guests.

Melvin then turned the meeting over to Eugene Hampton so he could conduct business for the NABA chapter. Eugene thanked AGA for hosting the joint meeting.

Eugene then introduced our speaker, Mr. Marcus T. Henderson, Sr. Mr. Henderson is the President and CEO of Henderson Financial Group. He shared some of his philosophies of life as well as a few personal experiences during his entertaining, yet thought provoking, presentation. One of the philosophies he shared is "Plan your life as though you were going to live forever. Plan your demise as though it were tomorrow."

In appreciation for Mr. Henderson speaking to us, the chapter made a donation to his charity of choice, which is the Centennial Pediatrics Foundation.

Melvin asked if any corrections needed to be made to the minutes of the February 3, 2011, luncheon meeting. No corrections were noted, and Melvin declared the minutes approved as posted.

Melvin then called for announcements from the various committees.

Announcements

Membership – Jennifer Lewis announced that renewal season is upon us. Those who renew their dues by March 31, 2011, will be eligible to win one of four \$25 cash prizes. Renewals can be made on-line at www.agacgfm.org. Also, members who earn a minimum of 30 points during the year will receive up to \$45 toward their annual dues.

Education – Corey Tester announced the upcoming audio conferences on March 9, 2011, and March 23, 2011. Corey also announced that CPE certificates for past meetings and the Winter Seminar were available at the registration desk.

Program – Chuck Holland announced that the Spring Social will be *'Til Beth Do Us Part* at Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theater at 6:00 pm on Saturday, March 19, 2011. The price is \$20 per ticket and members may bring one guest. A few seats are still available.

Community Service – Tammy Fruscione announced that today, March 3, 2011, is the last day to donate through AGA for the Elephant Sanctuary in Howenwald.

Tammy then introduced Jann Seymour, the Community Outreach Manager for Make-a-Wish, who gave a short talk about the purpose Make-a-Wish and shared some of the wishes that Make-a-Wish has granted in the Nashville area. The Nashville Chapter will be collecting donations for Make-a-Wish from March 3, 2011, through April 7, 2011. The chapter will match donations up to \$500, and the National Office of AGA will match *all* donations to Make-a-Wish. If you would like to donate, please contact Julie Rogers. To earn points, members need to give Julie documentation that a donation was made.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Country Music Marathon, which will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, please contact Jennifer Garoutte.

Canned goods and non-perishable foods continue to be collected at each monthly meeting for Second Harvest Food Bank. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Register.

A few volunteers are still needed to answer phones and record pledges for Channel 8 on Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the VITA program, please contact Tammy Thompson.

Julie Rogers won the drawing for the \$25 door prize.

After the announcements were completed, Melvin declared the meeting adjourned.