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**2013-2014**

## *President's Message*

A new AGA year always brings lots of changes. A new Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) begins to plan programs, training events, community service events, membership drives, finding new sponsors and many other functions of a large chapter such as we have.

This year began with many of us attending the National Professional Development Conference (PDC). The 62<sup>nd</sup> AGA National PDC was held at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Dallas, Texas, July 14-17, 2013. The Nashville chapter was well represented by thirteen chapter members (President Ray Register, Richard Norment, Jim Arnette, Melinda Parton, Deborah Loveless, Kandi Thomas, Kathy Stickel, Gerry Boaz, Shirley Henry, Jack Henry, Charles Harrison, Jeff Hughes, Karen B. Hale, and Rusty Lacy). We were joined by almost 1200 other attendees. A national PDC brings together people from around the world as participants from Guam and Canada and almost every state were in attendance.

Each chapter president and regional vice president is part of the National Board of Directors and votes on issues and questions brought before that body. There are dozens of training sessions and time to view the vendor booths to see the latest technologies and ideas being presented. Nashville will host the 2015 National PDC, and we have already begun to plan.

One thing I noticed while at the National PDC is that everyone has heard of the Nashville Chapter. We may not be the largest chapter in the nation, but we certainly have had the most impact on the organization over the years. The quality

of leadership we have sent to the national organization and the leaders we have grown here at home are the reason. This year's CEC lives up to that high quality. We will continue to look at how we grow leaders for the future of this organization.

As we begin our new year and first luncheon you will notice the price of the meal has gone up by one dollar. The Doubletree hotel raised our luncheon costs by \$2.92, and the CEC decided to ask each attendee to cover part of the cost (\$1.00) and the chapter will absorb the remainder.

The CEC will explore other options for next year to try and keep costs under control.

Throughout this year I plan on writing about things I believe we can do to improve our organization. One thing near and dear to me is, as I call it, throwing the net out wider to bring in a more diverse membership. AGA has traditionally been thought of as an organization of accountants and auditors. I believe accountability knows no bounds, and we should be recruiting members from a wider variety of career fields. Look for more on this and other topics in future articles.

It's a great time to be in AGA. Government at all levels needs the accountability community to keep an eye on things. There is plenty for all of us to do.

*Rusty*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3, 2013 — Luncheon Meeting

September 28, 2013 — Women's Half  
Marathon

October 14, 2013 — Luncheon Meeting

January 14—15, 2014—Winter Seminar

## September Luncheon Speaker — Manny Tyndall

### Assistant Inspector General for TennCare Fraud



**Special Agent Manny Tyndall**

Special Agent Manny Tyndall is an Assistant Inspector General with the State of Tennessee. He has served in the Office of the Inspector General since 2004. In addition to his service in that department, Agent Tyndall served in a number of law enforcement and program compliance roles in state and local agencies to include the Department of Correction, Department of Mental Retardation Services and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Prior to joining state government, Special Agent Tyndall served for over 20 years in the United States

Army. Assigned to the Military Police Corps, he held a variety of law enforcement positions including Military Police Station Commander and Chief of Criminal Investigations.

Agent Tyndall has earned a BA in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College, a Master of Science in Management from Austin Peay State University, and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Middle Tennessee State University. He is a graduate of both the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy and the FBI National Academy.

## Nashville Chapter Goes Platinum at the National PDC in July 2013

The Nashville Chapter was well represented at the national PDC held in Dallas last month and recognized with some very prestigious awards. Ray Register, Past Chapter President, was presented the National Platinum Chapter Award, which is the highest level a chapter can receive, and the National Community Service Award. Additionally, Karen B. Hale receive the National Platinum Level Award for her service as the Southeast Regional Vice President.

We are very proud of our chapter and congratulate all of the awardees.

Pictured far right are the members of the Nashville Chapter who attended the national conference. Standing (left to right) are: Gerry Boaz, Jeff Hughes, Rusty Lacy, Kathy Stickel, Deborah Loveless, Kandi Thomas, Jim Arnette and Shirley Henry. Seated (left to right) are: Karen B. Hale, Melinda Parton, Ray Register, Richard Norment, Charles Harrison and Jack Henry.





# Committee News

## Membership Committee

### AGA 500 Update

The Nashville Chapter is one of 25 chapters nationwide that has reached its membership retention goal, and Nashville has exceeded its goal! There is still time until August 31 to contact those members who have not renewed. Remember...the more members we retain, the more we grow!

## Education Committee

### AGA Winter Seminar

The Nashville Chapter plans to host its annual Winter Seminar January 14-15, 2014 at the Nashville State Community College. The Education Committee asks you to save these dates and make plans to attend. More information will be provided soon.

### Joint Committee Meetings

The Education Committee is working with the Program Committee to coordinate three joint –committee meetings. More information on dates and speakers will be provided soon.

## Community Service

Just a quick reminder that AGA is starting to collect supplies for Alex Green. If you have already purchased items and need to drop them off, there are three locations so far:

- ◆ 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, James K. Polk Bldg.: contact: Tammy Fruscione, [tammy.fruscione@cot.tn.gov](mailto:tammy.fruscione@cot.tn.gov)
- ◆ The Metro Government Complex: contact: David Lannom, [David.lannom@nashville.gov](mailto:David.lannom@nashville.gov)
- ◆ 23rd Floor, W.R. Snodgrass TN Tower: contact: Charlotte Gentry, [Charlotte.Gentry@tn.gov](mailto:Charlotte.Gentry@tn.gov)
- ◆ The Bank of America Building (BOA): Contact: Melvin Jones, Jr. call 289-9197 to set up a drop at this location, as BOA is a security building.

You may also bring the items to the first AGA meeting, 9/3/2013. The drive will go from August 1, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2013. Below is a list of suggested items for those of you who would like to contribute:

Elementary School (grades pre-K through 4)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Collared Shirt (any color/size plain no markings)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Khaki pants/skirts/shorts (Blue, Brown or Black all sizes)

### SUPPLIES FOR ALEX GREEN:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Bottles of Glue
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Boxes of Tissue
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Crayons (24 count)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Dry Erase Markers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Erasers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Glue Sticks
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Hand Sanitizer or Liquid Soap
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40 Pencils (#2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Pocket Folders with brads
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Plastic Rulers (inches & centimeters)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Scissors (blunt edge)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Washable Markers (8 count)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Notebook paper (wide rule or primary tablet)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Pencil box or pencil pouch



# Community Service Plan

Every year the Community Service Committee seeks out opportunities for the Nashville Chapter to give back to the community either by donating our time, energy and/or money. This year is no different, and the Committee has decided on the following events:

## One-Time Events

**September 2013**



### Women's Half Marathon —

Provide a team of volunteers to assist in the annual running event to benefit the women's health. Provide for individuals to participate and/or contribute money to the cause.

**October 2013**

### A Kid's Place —



Provide monetary funds to help ensure cooperative, multi-disciplinary services to child abuse victims and their families.

**November 2013**

### Second Harvest Food Bank —



Collect can goods and/or money at November/December meetings to be delivered to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

**December 2013**

### Little Soldiers —

Provide gifts and supplies during the holiday season for children of service members deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**December 2013**

### Hats, Coats, Gloves & Socks Drive —

Provide hats, gloves and coats to children and individuals in need and/or contribute money to the cause.

**January 2014**

### Nashville Union Rescue Mission —

Provide a team of volunteers to serve dinner and/or make monetary donations to the homeless.



**February 2014**

### The Elephant Sanctuary —

Provide to the monetary fund for the care of rescued elephants.

**March 2014**

### Channel 8 Membership Drive —

Provide a team of telephone bank volunteers to assist the local public television station in its pledge fund drive.



**April 2014**

### Habitat for Humanity —

Provide a team of volunteers to assist in building a house affiliated with the sponsors of each house.



**April 2014**

### Country Music Marathon —



Provide a team of volunteers to assist in the annual running event to benefit the Leukemia Society. Provide for individuals to participate and/or donate monetary to cause.

## On-Going Project

**September 2013 to May 2014**



### Pencil Foundation — Alex Green Elementary School —

Partner with Alex Green Elementary School throughout the school year to enrich the educational experiences of the students.

If you would like to participate in one or more of these events, please contact the Community Service Committee for more information.



## CEC Member Spotlight — Andrew Furlong, CPA, CFE

### Two-Year Director and Finance Co-Chair

I was born in Glasgow, KY and lived there until I graduated from high school in 1997. It is a small town in south central Kentucky where everybody knows everybody else. I still have a great support system of family and friends there. My father farms and works in a factory and my mother is the Finance Officer for one of the local school systems. My parents were very loving, supportive, and stressed the importance of education and made many sacrifices for me and my siblings. I have a younger brother that still lives in Glasgow and a younger sister that is a middle school teacher near Lexington, KY.

I decided to attend Georgetown College, which is a small liberal arts college near Lexington, KY, after high school graduation. I walked on the baseball team and spent two years having entirely too much fun and doing entirely too little studying and going to class. Deciding that I wasn't very good at baseball and that I really didn't have much direction in my life, I chose to transfer to Western Kentucky University to finish my studies. I got my act together and graduated from WKU in December 2001 with a degree in Finance.

I spent the next couple of years bouncing from job to job. I worked as a teller at a bank, as a mortgage loan officer for a subprime lending company, and obtained my series 7 license and worked as a financial representative. As I could only seem to find jobs in Sales, and deciding that I didn't really like it and wasn't particularly good at it, I decided to go back to school in 2005 to get a second degree in Accounting while I worked at a factory printing magazines.

I was contacted by Clare Tucker with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury in the fall of 2005 to ask if I would be interested in interviewing for a job with the Division of State Audit. The interview was apparently a success as I was offered a job as a Legislative Auditor in the Financial and Compliance section and began working there in January 2006. During my first year on the job, I had the wonderful luck of working with and playing on the department's softball team with my future wife. While there, I conducted financial and compliance audits of various state departments, agencies, and community colleges. I also helped teach the GASB Update and Single Audit classes. I am very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with so many good people



in the Comptroller's Office who helped me grow professionally.

After too much procrastination, I finally began studying for the CPA exam in 2007 and became a CPA in January 2009. And no, I did not pass all four parts the first time. I became a CFE in 2012.

I transferred to the Treasury Department to work as their Director of Internal Audit in early 2012. This was a very difficult decision as I was very happy working in State Audit, but I knew I was going to another excellent department and would get to work with many exceptional people. The senior leadership at Treasury, starting with the Treasurer, has been very supportive of me and the Internal Audit function. My great staff has also helped me tremendously in making the transition. My time

## CEC Member Spotlight — Continued

with the state of Tennessee has been very professionally rewarding and I feel very fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful people, to have made so many great friends, and to have met my beautiful wife.

I currently live with my wife Tabitha, who is also my best friend, in Franklin, TN. We have not yet had any children, but we have a dog named Lucy that gets treated like one and occupies much of our free

time. She loves long walks and belly rubs. We planted a vegetable and fruit garden for the first time this year and it has been more or less a success. We have green beans, banana peppers, cantaloupe, tomatoes, and squash. We enjoy traveling and experiencing new things together. I still enjoy playing softball and other sports, although I seem to have very little time for any of that any more.

I believe my first experience with AGA was attending a luncheon as a guest of Gerry Boaz. I didn't join at that time but Teresa Hensley talked me into it a few years later. I have been a member since 2011. I have very much enjoyed the social aspect of being in AGA, the professional networking, and the charitable giving and volunteering opportunities. I purchased the CGFM study materials earlier this year and plan to begin working toward that soon.

## News and Just the Facts!



### LUNCHEON/CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meeting, please visit the chapter website at [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org).

The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next business meeting scheduled for September 3, 2013.

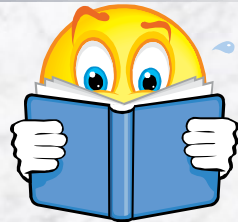
### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time departments forward job opportunities to the Website Committee which are posted for members' convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, go to this link for detailed information: <http://nashvilleaga.org/jobs.html>.



### Editor's Corner

We truly enjoy reading articles submitted from our membership. Please share your thoughts and ideas or interesting news with us by submitting your article to [Karen.B.Hale@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Karen.B.Hale@cot.tn.gov) no later than September 9 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.



Thanks!



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