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President's Message, Melinda Parton

Do you know someone who has said, "I wish could do something to help the hurricane victims in Florida and Alabama?" Or during the holidays coming up they may say, "I wish I knew how I could help those that may not have a Thanksgiving or Christmas this year."

This is your opportunity to tell them about one of the benefits of being a member of AGA. We have a wonderful Community Service Committee that identifies and coordinates community service activities that benefit those in need. Our organization is continuously reaching out and searching for opportunities for our members to help those less fortunate than us. Our Community Service Committee finds those opportunities for us so we do not have to search for them individually. Under Tammy Farley's leadership as Community Service Chair, our Community Service Committee has made it easy for us to give of our time, energy or money to help those in need.

Our Community Service Committee works behind the scenes gathering school supplies from our members for Project Pencil and delivering them to the kids in need at the Alex Green Elementary School. Our Community Service Committee also works hard to identify locations to house boxes to collect food from members for the Second Harvest Food Bank. This collection helps those families that can not afford to buy food to help them feed their children and hopefully, to have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our Community Service Committee will soon be gathering gifts for Forgotten Angels or gifts for children that would otherwise not have a Christmas.

We also participate in several sponsored

events in support of such efforts as continuing public television through Channel 8's annual fund raiser. We also support such efforts as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for Breast Cancer, which helps collect money toward finding a cure for Breast Cancer.

We are truly fortunate to live in the United States of America where so many people care for each other and are willing to help. It is organizations such as ours that contribute their time, energy and money to help those less fortunate than us. I am proud to be a member of AGA and of the community service efforts we provide to those in need. I hope each of you will continue to participate in the activities organized by our Community Service Committee.

The next time someone says, "I wish I could do something to help someone," I hope you will encourage them to become a member of AGA. One of our Strategic Goals is to provide services to others to demonstrate the chapter's commitment to improving the quality of life in our community.

Chapter Recognition Points YTD (through October 7, 2004)

Leadership	3,300
Education	600
Certification	375
Communication	2,650
Membership	250
Community Service	400
Awards	700
Total Points YTD	8,275
Chapter Goal	10,000

CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, November 4, 2004

11:30 a.m.

Speaker

**Maj. Joseph Ferris,
101st Airborne**

Nashville City Club, located on the 20th Floor of the Suntrust Bank Building at the corner of 4th Avenue and Church Street **See Map on bottom of Page 10**

COST: \$10.00 per member

Make your luncheon reservation online at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org>.

If necessary you may call
(615) 747-5219
**by 6:00 p.m. Monday,
November 1, 2004**

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November Speaker

Maj. Joseph Ferris 101st Airborne Division (AASLT)



I am currently assigned as the Division Comptroller, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT). I have been assigned to the Division for just over two years. Within that time span I deployed to Hungary as part of Task Force Warrior where I acted as the Comptroller for the two-star general officer's headquarters in support of training Free Iraqi Forces and then subsequently deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, Mosul Iraq where I joined the Division and carried out my originally assigned duties as the Division Comptroller.

My previous assignments include Comptroller; NATO School (SHAPE) in Oberammergau, Germany, Branch Chief – Joint Chiefs of Staff-Exercises and Senior Budget Analyst – Southwest Asia while assigned to Third Army Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and Comptroller, Army Central Command – Saudi Arabia in Dhahran Saudi Arabia. I have commanded two infantry companies and deployed with the 101st in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

My awards include Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the coveted Ranger Tab.

My educational background includes numerous military schools to include the Professional Military Comptrollers Course, Fiscal Law Course, and Resource Management Course. I have a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management from Metropolitan State College/Denver, Colorado and a Masters Degree in the Science of Management from Cardinal Stritch University Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.

Congratulations!

Have you or someone you know received an award, promotion, or certification?

Well...don't keep it to yourself. Let us know about it!! We are proud of our members and would like the opportunity to express our congratulations and make sure you are recognized for your achievements.



Community Service Project

Second Harvest Food Bank manages an Emergency Food Box program to feed hungry individuals and families on an urgent-need basis. The emergency food boxes provide three days' worth of staple food items for each member of the household. Through October and November AGA is collecting nonperishable food items to donate for this program. Last year AGA members and their co-workers donated 556 pounds of food. Let's see if we can do even better this time! **The most needed items are**

canned meats

macaroni & cheese

canned fruits and vegetables

peanut butter

dried beans

rice

We also need volunteers to place food collection boxes in various work areas. Please contact Ray Register (Ray.T.Register@state.tn.us) to place a collection box in your work area or for the location of the box nearest you.

Visit www.secondharvestnashville.org for more information.

Money contributions are always welcome!

News From National

Comments Needed on JFMIP Exposure Draft

The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) released an Exposure Draft of Property Management System Requirements, an addition to existing Federal Financial Management System Requirements. JFMIP requests review and comment by Senior Federal Financial Officials and Property Managers. **The final due date for comment is November 12, 2004. Please** send your comments to Anna Miller at amiller@agacgfm.org no later than October 30, 2004.

Interested in Performance Reporting?

AGA's Review Guidelines for **state and local government performance reports** are now available. This updated edition incorporates feedback from Pilot Phase reviewers and participants. Learn more at <http://www.agacgfm.org/performance/sea/default.aspx>. PARs submitted for the CEAR Program due December 15, 2004. The CEAR Program helps **raise the quality and usefulness of federal agency performance information**. Learn more at <http://www.agacgfm.org/performance/cear/default.aspx>



The New Study Guide for CGFM Exam 3

Studying for the CGFM examinations? Want to learn about governmental auditing and internal controls? Good news: the Governmental Financial Management and Control Study Guide is here!

This guide has multiple goals:

- It is a self-study guide for those interested in studying on their own for CGFM Examination No. 3: "Governmental Financial Management and Control;"
- It is used as the course guide in the instructor-led version of this course; and
- It offers knowledge and learning beyond preparing for the examination, and an option of earning 16 continuing professional education (CPE) hours upon passing a CPE examination.

The book covers various financial management functions and controls required of government financial managers, including internal controls, auditing, performance measurement, financial analysis techniques and specific financial management practices used in government. It is designed for accountants, auditors, budget professionals, and controllers in government as well as academics and other professionals that have an interest in government. It is particularly appropriate for newly hired professionals.

The new study guide features textbook-like format with learning objectives, a chapter summary and a reinforcement quiz for each chapter. The book is close to 400 pages, not counting the extensive appendices, which bring the page count to 800+ pages. In addition to the relevant resources, the appendices contain a glossary, a list of reference materials, answers to reinforcement quizzes with explanations and end-of-course review questions.

To order your study guide today, visit AGA website at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx.

ATTENTION: Discount Opportunity

For CGFM applications received between September 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004, National AGA will give a **\$20 discount**. In order to receive the \$20 discount,

1. the complete CGFM application (application form, \$85 application fee and proof of a bachelor's degree) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2004.
2. the CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" written at the bottom of the form (under the source code). If the application is submitted online, the applicant should send a same-day email to ksilver@agacgfm.org with his/her name and a promotional phrase above.

Important notes: A full application fee of \$85 must be paid at the time of application. The \$20 check will be sent to the you by mail in December. Also, be sure to put Nashville Chapter on your application form.



Interesting Developments in PCAOB Standards

Submitted by Kathy Anderson

I'm sure all the auditors in the chapter are aware that the population of auditing standard-setting bodies has now increased. In response to the corporate and accounting scandals of Enron, Arthur Anderson, etc., congress signed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 into law on July 30, 2002. The Act was passed in an effort to rebuild public trust in America's corporate sector and to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate financial information.

The act created and authorized the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) to establish auditing and related professional practice standards to be used by registered public accounting firms. So, now auditors may be required to have knowledge of PCAOB standards for their Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) clients, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) standards for their other clients, along with the yellow book requirements for their governmental audits and federal circulars for their Single Audits. Of course, auditors also have to stay abreast of accounting standards promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board. Unfortunately, I was experiencing standards overload even before the PCAOB entered the arena.

Thankfully, the typical governmental auditor will not have reason to use the PCAOB standards. However, at a recent AICPA conference, Mary Foelster from the AICPA mentioned that the PCAOB and the AICPA auditing standards board will be trying to keep some of the standards compatible. If a new auditing issue arises that both boards ought to address, she mentioned a "lead and lag" concept. The PCAOB may take the lead on some issues by issuing a standard, and the AICPA will review the standard and edit it as necessary for the non-SEC company auditors before adoption or the AICPA will take the lead and the PCAOB may subsequently adopt. Of course, this is no guarantee that they will agree on most issues given the current circumstances in the SEC environment.

Along with the adoption of numerous rules, as of September 2004 the PCAOB has issued 3 auditing standards: *References in Auditors' Reports to the Standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board*, *An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Performed in Conjunction with an Audit of Financial Statements*, and *Audit Documentation*.

Because the AICPA auditing standards board is evaluating the standards that the PCAOB releases for consideration of changes to the AICPA standards, there are a few areas in the PCAOB standards that may be of interest to the governmental auditor. The first issue is the concept that SEC auditors will be performing internal control test work to support an opinion on internal control over financial reporting. When defining "reportable conditions" in the 2nd PCAOB auditing standard, the PCAOB used the terminology "significant deficiencies" and dedicated 6 pages of the standard to defining significant deficiencies and material weaknesses. These pages included guidance on how to evaluate significance, how to evaluate the factors that affect the likelihood that a deficiency could result in a misstatement, deficiencies that ordinarily would be considered significant, and a definition of inconsequential. The AICPA auditing standards board will be considering whether they should adopt some of this terminology and guidance.

The second issue that I thought was interesting was the strict procedures related to the retention of the audit documentation in the 3rd PCAOB auditing standard. All audit work must be complete prior to the report release date – I think we can all concur with that issue – and a complete and final set of audit documentation should be assembled for retention no more than 45 days after the report release date. After the date when all the documentation is assembled for retention, nothing can be deleted or discarded. If additional issues arise, information can be added (with dates and reasons for the addition), but not discarded.

Also in the documentation standard, there is a requirement that the auditor identify all significant findings or issues in an "engagement completion document." This document may include or cross-reference all of the significant information and should be as specific as necessary in the circumstances for a reviewer to gain a thorough understanding of any significant findings or issues.

Though these issues may or may not be imposed on the government auditor in the future, it will be interesting to watch how the standard-setting process evolves with so many "cooks" in the kitchen. Hopefully, the standards will not be so divergent that it becomes too difficult for auditors to have both SEC and non-SEC clients (not to mention governmental!) Of course, if there are no substantive differences in the standards, one would have to question the need to retain both standard-setting bodies.



***IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN -
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR CPEs***

Over 4800 active CGFM holders need to meet their Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirement this year - that is to say, you need to have 80 CPEs earned within the two-year period of January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2004.

How do you know if this is your year to make sure you have earned 80 CPEs? If you have received your CGFM in 1996, 1998, 2000 or 2002, then your current two-year CPE cycle ends on December 31, 2004. If short, you can take advantage of the grace period of January 1 - March 31, 2005 to catch up on your CPEs (these hours then cannot be counted towards your next cycle of 2005-2006).

If you have not yet reached your mark, you still have time. What you have to do is remind yourself that every activity might serve a dual purpose. If you are earning a graduate degree, if you are teaching or writing, or if you are earning CPEs for another certification, you might be able to count these CPEs towards your CGFM certification requirement. Review the opportunities available to you for earning CPE hours, and you will realize that there are many ways in which you can maintain your CGFM certification without undue cost or time demands.

For example:

— Online CPE availability includes “Journal CPE Online Program” that offers CPEs for reading The Journal of Government Financial Management and taking the relevant quiz and online courses offered through Micromash and SmartPros, two educational organizations in partnership with AGA (www.agacgfm.org/education/educationdefault.aspx).

— Federal Government employees have free access to E-Training through the Gov Online Learning Center (www.golearn.gov).

— CPEs sponsored by AGA chapters, state CPA or other government finance officer societies and other organizations.

— Instructors can earn CPE hours for teaching a course (not to exceed 40 CPEs in any two-year period); writers who publish an article or book that contribute directly to CGFM’s professional proficiency can earn up to 20 CPEs; and students who are earning their Masters degree can receive 45 CPEs by completing a 3-credit college course that relates to government financial management.

For more detailed information about earning CPE hours, what topics and subjects qualify for CPEs and answers to commonly asked CPE questions, please go to the AGA website (www.agacgfm.org), click on “CGFM Certification,” “How Do I Maintain a CGFM,” and “CPE Requirements.” If you have questions on CGFM CPE requirements, you can also contact AGA National at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 313.

Meeting Minutes

October CEC Meeting

Submitted by Penny Austin, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Chapter's Executive Committee met on Monday, October 4, 2004, in the 11th floor conference room of the Andrew Jackson Building. President Melinda Parton called the meeting to order. Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present were Melinda Parton, Dianne McKay, Amy Czerwinski, Penny Austin, Phil Carr, Beth Pendergrass, Tammy Thompson, Kevin Huffman, Susan Irby, and Georganne Martin. Committee chairs present were Rebecca Barr, Brian Derrick, Tammy Farley, and Karen Hale.

Welcome

Melinda Parton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

September CEC Minutes

The September CEC minutes were published in the September newsletter. Dianne McKay made the motion to approve these minutes. It was seconded by Georganne Martin and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance – Georganne Martin reported that she is working on the history report for the current year. Melvin Jones is awaiting the audited financial statements so that he can file the IRS Form 990.

Treasurer

Amy Czerwinski reported that Kathy Anderson has completed the audit of the prior year financial statements. She will provide a copy of these statements to Melvin Jones so he can complete the IRS Form 990. Kathy will receive two free luncheon vouchers for conducting the audit. She also expressed interest in performing the audit next year.

Financial statements for the current period were distributed. Amy pointed out that the format of the financial statements had changed slightly based on some recommendations from Randy Kinnersley. These statements included the operating budget for the current program year. The members discussed this budget. Beth Pendergrass made the motion to approve the budget. Phil Carr seconded the motion and it passed.

Meetings and Attendance

Kevin Huffman reported that so far 40 members are signed up to attend the luncheon. Melinda Parton suggested that an e-mail be sent today to remind everyone of the deadline. Hellens Kruszynski will give the invocation at the luncheon. Kevin will also meet with a representative from the City Club to ask that the seating arrangements for the meeting be changed to better fit our needs.

Program

Susan Irby reported that there has been a scheduling conflict with the AGA national president. The committee will work to resolve the issue. Brian Derrick reported that he has already received requests for 15 tickets for the spring social at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC.) He will submit a deposit to TPAC for 100 tickets.

Education

Karen Hale reported that the October training event will be held as scheduled. She had to submit an attendee count for Part Two of the training and will submit numbers for Parts One and Three soon. These counts are used to print materials for the training. It was decided that anyone signing up for the training after the counts are given will be asked to pay the cost of shipping for additional materials that will have to be ordered.

Karen also reported that the brochures for the business tax seminars were sent to the Department of Revenue last month. Tentative dates of February 16-17 have been selected for the Winter Seminar. It will most likely be held at Nashville State Community College. Karen also informed everyone that the regional Professional Development Conference will be held March 2-4 in Gatlinburg.

Newsletter

Beth Pendergrass reported that the deadline for submissions for the newsletter is Friday, October 8, 2004.

Membership

Beth Pendergrass reported that we currently have 364 active members. We still have members on the suspension list. Beth will e-mail this list to the CEC members. Beth will also contact these suspended members to ask why they are not interested in renewing their memberships. In an effort to increase our membership, Melinda Parton encouraged everyone to make a special effort to welcome our luncheon guests and to share the benefits of AGA with non-members.

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CGFM

Rebecca Barr reported that some of our members have allowed their CGFM certification to lapse. She will attempt to contact these individuals to encourage them to renew their certification. Rebecca informed the CEC members that there is a promotion at the national level to encourage certification. They are offering a \$20 refund of registration fees when you sign up for the exam. For every chapter member that takes advantage of this offer during the months of September – November, the chapter will also receive \$20 along with 50 chapter recognition points.

Announcements will be made at the luncheon meeting to remind everyone of the November drawing for the exam subsidies and to let them know about lunchtime study sessions being held.

Community Service

Tammy Farley reported that Citipass books will be available at the luncheon meeting. An announcement regarding the Second Harvest Food Bank project will also be made. Tammy will also share information about the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for Breast Cancer.

Melinda Parton reported that she has contacted the Tallahassee Chapter and our regional vice-president regarding aid to the hurricane victims. She has not received any response.

Internet

No report.

Early Careers

Beth Pendergrass reported for Randy Kinnersley. She distributed objectives and a proposed agenda for the program for college students. This included plans to expose the students to AGA, the CGFM, and government career opportunities. Randy has identified contacts at each area university. He will send each a letter of invitation to the December luncheon and would like to try to get an AGA member who attended each college to make a personal contact. Melinda Parton suggested that something regarding this event be published in the newsletter.

Chapter Recognition

Dianne McKay reported that the deadline for submitting suggestions on improving the chapter recognition program is November 15. She encouraged everyone to share their suggestions.

Awards

No report.

AGA Name Change

Melinda Parton updated the committee on the proposed name change. She shared communications that she had received regarding this issue. The Name Change Focus Group headed by our own Richard Norment has begun their work. The group will either recommend no change or suggest one new name to be voted on by the National Executive Committee and then the National Board of Directors. Our chapter will have one vote by mail ballot. To get feedback from our membership Beth Pendergrass suggested that a request for feedback be placed on our website. Melinda will speak to Dan Willis regarding this possibility.

Website Update

Melinda Parton asked that members review the website to ensure that all information is current and to provide suggestions for any changes needed.

Retiring Members Committee

Phil Carr reported that he had received a comment regarding the proposed policy. The committee will discuss this comment and any others received and prepare a final draft to be submitted for approval at the next CEC meeting.

Strategic Plan

Dianne McKay reported that she will begin meeting with committee chairs next week to develop our strategic plan based on the framework that was approved at the August CEC meeting.

Melinda Parton adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

September Chapter Meeting

Submitted by Penny Austin, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, October 7, 2004. President Melinda Parton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Hellens Kruszynski offered the invocation. The minutes of the September Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the October newsletter. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Brian Derrick introduced the guest speaker, Kevin Lavender, Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions. Mr. Lavender discussed the role of his department in regulating various lending institutions.

Melinda Parton announced a promotion at the national level that offers a \$20 discount to those who register to take the CGFM exam. For more information, members were asked to contact Gerry Boaz or Rebecca Barr.

Tammy Farley announced that today was the last day to donate school supplies for Project Pencil. She will deliver the supplies to Alex Green tomorrow. The Citipass books will be available through December. Tammy also announced that we have begun collections for Second Harvest Food Bank. Drop-off locations are still needed. Anyone willing to place a box in his or her work area should contact Ray Register. Ray will be responsible for picking up these boxes for delivery to the food bank.

Beth Pendergrass called everyone's attention to the membership applications on the tables. She encouraged each member to ask someone to join AGA. She also reminded members that they may need to update their contact information. She offered assistance if anyone needs help with this.

Nancy Bernstein announced that the Institute of Internal Auditors is hosting an information technology seminar on November 16, 2004. Flyers for the seminar were available at each table.

Donna Duarte announced that the deadline for submitting nominations for national awards is October 15, 2004. She reminded everyone that award recipients do not have to be AGA members.

Melinda Parton informed the members that a focus group had been formed to discuss the proposed name change for AGA. This group is chaired by Richard Norment. The group will either recommend no name change or suggest one new name. This will then be submitted for approval by the National Executive Committee and then for a vote by the National Board of Directors. Melinda encouraged members to share their opinion on this matter with her or one of the CEC members. Our chapter will have one vote by written ballot as a member of the National Board of Directors.

Two door prizes of \$25 each were awarded to Greg Gonzales and Kathy Anderson. Ron Anderson provided the answers to the monthly puzzle.

The meeting was adjourned.



Membership Recruitment Tip

The question came in the other day about whether dues were prorated for members joining late in the membership year. (Don't forget that the membership year runs from April 1 through March 31.) New members pay the first year in full, then their next year's dues are prorated to account for the partial year when they joined. Therefore, a new member can go ahead and join now, rather than waiting for the new membership year, and will still not be penalized.



Committee News

Awards Committee

Points for the Chapter Service Drawing

The drawing for the 54th Annual Professional Development Conference in Orlando, FL, July 10 – 13, 2005, will be held at the May luncheon meeting. To be eligible for the Chapter Service Drawing, you'll need 20 points. For each point you have earned, you'll receive one chance in the year-end drawing. Good luck!!

This is how to earn points:

Luncheon attendance	2 points
Attending chapter sponsored training	1 point
Sponsor a new member	2 points
Service on a chapter committee	2 points each
AGA community service projects	1 point per hour served (10 pt. max.)
Newsletter article	
(Financial topic)	8 points each
(Nonfinancial topic)	4 points each
Obtaining CGFM certification	8 points upon completion
Attending chapter sponsored social event	2 points
Sponsoring a Luncheon Guest	1 point for each guest (10 pt. max.)

Member of the Year Award

The Awards Committee meets in April to determine the Member of the Year Award. This is usually awarded to the member who has the most points and has participated in the widest variety of activities when the Committee meets. In the event of a tie, the Awards Committee's tie-breaking vote will be final. The prior year's winner and Award Committee members are ineligible for this award.

Points Spreadsheet

Check the Points Spreadsheet on our website monthly to make sure your points are up to date for both the Chapter Drawing and Member of the Year Award. If you find discrepancies, please contact first Donna Duarte at 741-9681 and she will direct you to the Committee Chairperson who will make the corrections. Members of the Awards Committee do not update the spreadsheet.

Community Service

Project Pencil collections concluded at the October Chapter meeting. We are happy to announce the following totals of supplies collected:



Folders	82	Color Pencils	1
Wide Rule Paper	42	Rulers	40
Liquid Glue	47	Cap Erasers	10
Glue Stick	42	Liquid Soap	5
12 pk Pencils	33	Envelopes	2
24 pk Crayons	37	Kleenex	18
8 pk Crayons	8		



Free Lunch for Those Passing the CGFM

The CGFM Committee is continuing its program to congratulate those individuals passing the CGFM exams by offering lunch certificates that are good for a free lunch at any AGA luncheon meeting. If you passed the CGFM exams during September 2003 – October 2004 and have not received a lunch certificate, please contact

Gerry Boaz
 (Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us) or

Rebecca Barr
 (Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us).

STOP!!!

HAVE YOU RECENTLY CHANGED jobs, MOVED TO A NEW ADDRESS, OR GOTTEN A NEW E-MAIL address? HAVE YOU RETIRED OR ARE YOU PLANNING TO?

If so, PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY CHANGES. WE WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON GREAT CPE OPPORTUNITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, OR SOCIALIZING. PLEASE DROP AN E-MAIL TO

BETH.PENDERGRASS@STATE.TN.US

Committee News Continued

Meeting and Attendance Committee

Come join us for the November Chapter meeting scheduled for November 4 at 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon price will be \$10.00 this year for AGA members. The monthly luncheons will be held at the **Nashville City Club on the 20th Floor of the SunTrust Bank Building, 201 Fourth Avenue, North.**

To Make a Reservation Each Month (2 options)

1. On-line Reservation: Go to the Nashville Area Chapter’s website at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/> click on “Make your lunch reservation on-line” and follow the instructions.
2. Phone Reservations: Call Tammy Thompson at (615) 747-5219.

Please make your reservation on the Monday before the meeting by 6:00 p.m. NOTE: If you do not cancel a luncheon reservation by this deadline, you will still be charged for the meal unless someone comes in your place.

To Make a Standing Reservation

With a standing reservation you will not have to call every month to reserve your seat for lunch—it will be **automatic**. If you are unable to attend the luncheon any particular month, just call and cancel your reservation for that month. If you would like to make a standing reservation or at any time you would like to be taken off of the standing reservation list, please contact Tammy Thompson at 747-5219 or e-mail at Tammy.Thompson@state.tn.us with your name and telephone number. If for some reason you cannot attend a monthly luncheon please contact Tammy Thompson at 747-5219 or e-mail at Tammy.Thompson@state.tn.us **by 10:00 a.m. two days before the luncheon, which would be Tuesday (see cancellation Policy below).** Even if you were on the standing reservation list last year, you will still need to renew it for this year.

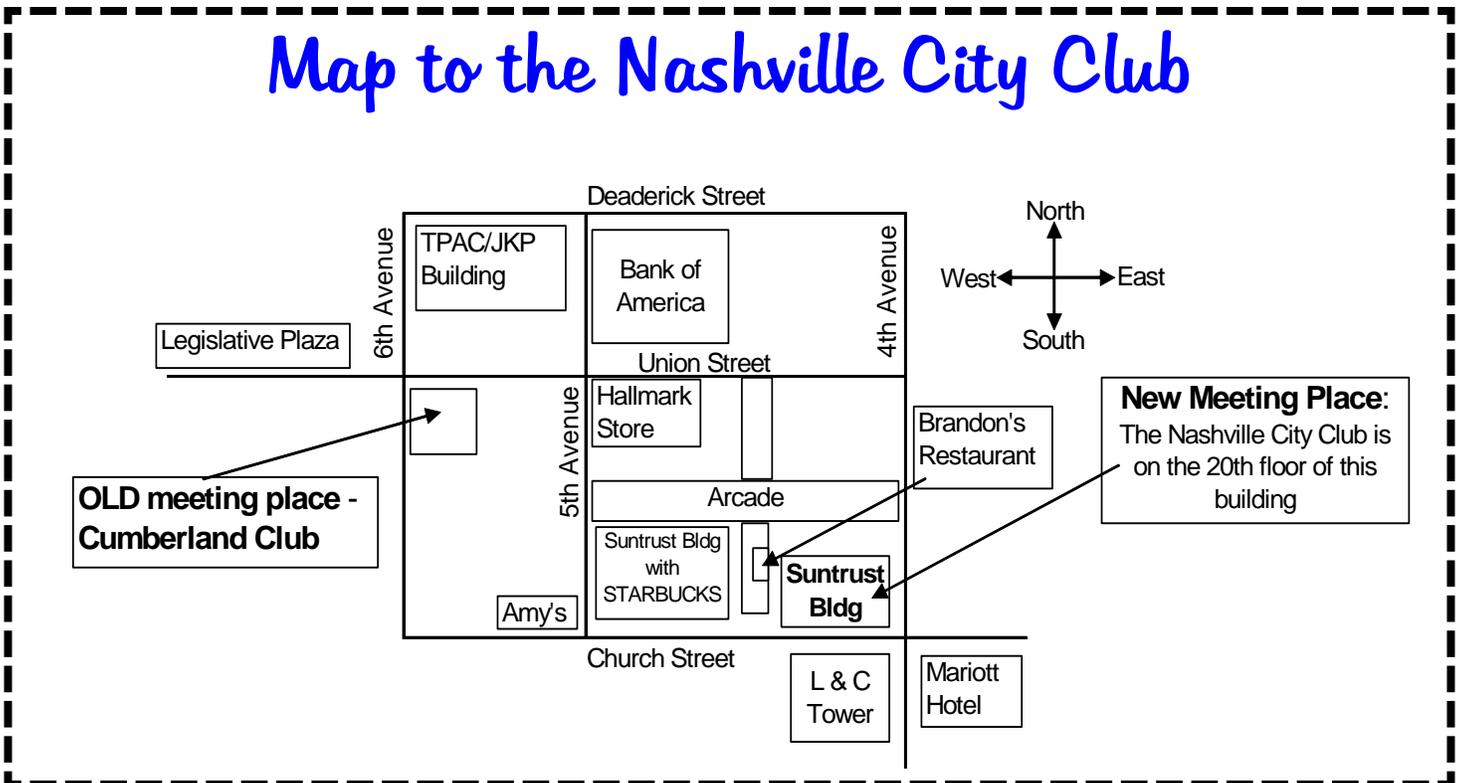
To cancel a Reservation

If you are unable to attend the luncheon please call Tammy Thompson at 747-5219 or e-mail at Tammy.Thompson@state.tn.us to cancel your reservation.

Cancellation Policy

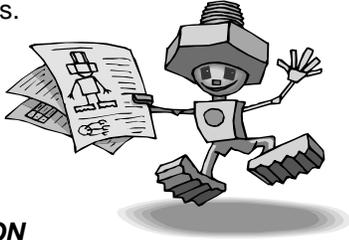
Will be voted on at the next CEC meeting.

Map to the Nashville City Club



Strategic Plan Framework Completed

The Strategic Plan Framework, as follows, has been adopted by the Chapter's Executive Committee to define the Nashville Area Chapter's mission, vision, values, and strategic goals. Melinda Parton asked Dianne McKay to continue the process that will complete our Chapter's Strategic Plan. In the coming weeks, Dianne will be meeting with committee chairs and co-chairs to define their goals and related strategies toward achievement of those goals and to develop performance indicators that measure success.



Association of Government Accountants Nashville Area Chapter Strategic Plan Framework August 2, 2004

MISSION

The Nashville Area Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants provides quality programs, offers services and educational opportunities, fosters leadership and professional development and promotes certification to government accountability professionals.

VISION

To advance government accountability and create leaders in the government accountability community.

VALUES

Accountability

Promoting and advancing accountability in government.

Communication

Providing opportunities for members to learn and grow through education, meetings and networking events.

Diversity

Respecting the ideas and perspectives of all members.

Integrity

Fostering the highest professional standards of ethical conduct and behavior, and exemplary services to all levels of

Leadership

Providing experience to members to advance leadership roles in government.

Service

Attending to the needs of our members, the governmental financial sector and the community.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Service – Provide members with quality programs, products and services.

- Attract and retain a diverse and growing membership.
- Provide members with opportunities for networking such as meetings and social events.
- Provide services to others to demonstrate the chapter's commitment to improving the quality of life in our community.
- Provide scholarship programs to provide financial assistance to members and develop future governmental accountability professionals.
- Maintain fiscal responsibility of chapter financial resources.
- Provide effective communication to members.

Education/Certification – Provide continuing education to meet the changing needs of the government accountability profession.

- Provide quality, affordable training events.
- Promote CGFM.
- Provide speakers at meetings to discuss current events and other topics of interest to our members.
- Promote accountability, integrity and competence in government.
- Generate revenue to support other chapter activities.

Leadership/Professional Development – Provide opportunities for members to serve the chapter and gain leadership experience.

- Promote involvement in chapter governance.
- Promote active participation by early career members in chapter activities.
- Promote involvement of members in national leadership roles and award opportunities.
- Acknowledge contributions made by members to enhance chapter and national activities.
- Maintain or improve our chapter's leadership position at the regional and national levels.

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| Amerigo | Ellendale's | Chop House |
| Anatolia | Front Porch Café | Red Wagon |
| Antonio's Ristorante | Germantown Café | Rumba |
| Basantes | Green Hills Grille | Safari's |
| Beethoven's Grille | Guido's | Shack |
| Blackstone | Jack Russell's | Shalimar |
| Bricks | Jackson's | Sunset Grill |
| Café 123 | Melting Pot | Trace |
| Courtyard Café | Merchants | Vito's Italian |
| Criallo's Bistro | Mere Bulles | Chop House |
| Dalts | Midtown Café | Woody's Steak House |
| Darfons | Nick & Rudy's | Zola |

Fun Stuff

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| A.J.'s Arcade | Madison Bowl |
| Adventure Science Center | Miss Marple's Dinner Theatre |
| Beech Bend | Movies Plus |
| Amusement Park | Mt. Juliet Skate Center |
| Belcourt Theatre | Music City Raceway |
| Belle Meade | My Gym |
| Plantation | Nascar Speedway |
| Belmont Mansion | Nashville Ballet |
| Blue Heron | Nashville Opera |
| Nature Cruises | Nashville Paintball Sports |
| Cedar Creek | Nashville Predators |
| Sports Center | Nashville Shores |
| Centennial Sportsplex | Nashville Sounds |
| Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre | Nashville Symphony |
| Cheekwood | Nashville Zoo at Grassmere |
| Cheers Gym | Oaklands Museum |
| Comcast Cable Television | Pro Bowl West |
| Cumberland Lanes | Recreation World |
| Discovery Center | Riverside Family |
| DJs Video | Fun World |
| Donelson Bowl | Rocketown |
| Drakes Creek Activity Center | Ryman Auditorium |
| Dream Flights | Sarratt Cinema |
| Europa Golf & Go Karts | Sixth Avenue |
| Family Golf Center | Skatepark |
| Franklin Cinema | Skate Center of Brentwood |
| Franklin Lanes | Skate Center of Rivergate |
| Frist Center | Smyrna Bowling Center |
| General Jackson Showboat | Snookers |
| Go USA Fun Park | Southern Ice Arena |
| Grand Old Golf | The Hermitage |
| Grand Slam USA | Tusculum Lanes |
| Grand Ole Opry | Valley AmusementPark |
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| Imagine & Play | Wave Country |
| Children's Museum | YMCA of Middle TN |
| Laser Chase | Zanies Comedy Showplace |
| Laser Quest | |
| Lebanon Lanes | |

Services & Shopping

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| Coldwater Creek | Home Pro Plus | Delivery |
| Cool Tan | Kroger | Shin's Cleaners |
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Meeting Dates

AGA Nashville Chapter

(All Chapter meetings will be held the First Thursday of the Month, except as noted below)

Thursday, November 4, 2004

Thursday, December 2, 2004
 Thursday, January 6, 2005
 Thursday, February 10, 2005
 (Second Thursday)
 Thursday, March 3, 2005
 Thursday, April 7, 2005
 Thursday, May 12, 2005

Chapter Executive Committee

All CEC meetings will be held on the Monday before the chapter meeting, except as noted below)

Monday, November 1, 2004

Monday, November 29, 2004
 Tuesday, January 3, 2005
 Monday, February 28, 2005
 Monday, April 4, 2005
 Monday, May 9, 2005

AGA Nashville Chapter Training Information

2004 Business Tax Seminar

8 CPE hours
 November 30, 2004
 Willis Conference Center
 Nashville, Tennessee

2004 Business Tax Seminar

8 CPE hours
 December 2, 2004
 Holiday Inn at the University of
 Memphis
 Memphis, Tennessee

Coming soon... AGA Winter Seminar

16 CPE hours
 To be determined
 Nashville, Tennessee



Training Opportunities Relevant to the CGFM

CGFM Exam 1 Study Course – online

AGA website: <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx>
 anytime

2004 Government Financial Manager Training (part 3)

See page 10 for more information
 Sponsored by AGA
 October 26-28, 2004

The Department of Personnel includes the CGFM certification in the list of certifications eligible for a one-step salary increase. A salary increase **may** be granted to employees of the State of Tennessee if the certification is obtained by passing the exams. To be certain that you qualify for the salary increase, obtain approval from your supervisor and the Department of Personnel **before** sitting for the exams. For specific details see the Department of Personnel Policy #90-031 (10/10/90) amended March 23, 1999.

Other Professional Organization Training Opportunities

Nashville Area Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors

November 16, 2004

IT Seminar
 Lifeway Christian Resources
 Conference Center
 8 hours CPE

January 24, 2005

Government Auditor Seminar
 Willis Conference Center
 8 hours CPE

More details will follow soon. For more information, visit the Nashville Area Chapter website at

<http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm?cid=119>

American Society for Public Administration

ASPA Fall Symposium: 21st Century Challenges Facing Tennessee State and Local Governments: Debt Capacity, Homeland Security, Ethics, and Politics

Friday, December 10, 2004

Willis Conference Center

More details will be available soon.

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