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**President's Message**

Like many downtown workers, I'm frequently in the Walgreens at the corner of the Arcade on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There is one aisle, about midway through the store, where they keep all the seasonal items. I was in the store before Halloween and the Christmas merchandise was already out. Before long, the Christmas season will be starting before the Fourth of July!

This rush to Christmas often leads to complaints of commercialism like it's a plot by the retail industry to destroy the true meaning of the holidays. But instead of focusing on the selfish intentions of some, let's turn it around. Christmas is a great day! At the risk of sounding like a bad made-for-television movie, what's so wrong with having a little holiday spirit everyday of the year? I don't know about you, but I can always use a little more joy, peace, and all the other wonderful feelings that go along with the holidays.

Another sign of Christmas is the Salvation Army Angel Tree. When you see one of the trees in the mall surrounded by the hundreds of shoppers, it's easy to assume that all of those with their needs listed on the ornament cards will be provided for. I was surprised to read an article after last Christmas that said that there were cards left over; the Salvation Army used their own funds to purchase gifts for those on the cards that had not been selected. I'm proud that AGA is supporting the Angel Tree this year. I hope everyone will consider picking up a few extra gifts for this worthy cause.

Finally, it's hard to not be reminded of the soldiers who are serving in Iraq. It's in the news every day – lives are risked

and lives are lost. To honor those men and women, we've added some Little Soldiers to our Angel Tree so we can also help some of the families from Ft. Campbell.

So when you're getting frustrated driving around the mall parking lot looking for a space, think about all those who would love to be in your shoes. Then maybe you can turn the commercialism into a little Christmas spirit!

<b>Chapter Recognition Points YTD</b> <i>(through November 14, 2003)</i>	
Leadership	2,400
Education	2,950
Certification	2,000
Communication	2,550
Membership	150
Community Service	1,200
Awards	<u>1,200</u>
<b>Total Points YTD</b>	<b><u>12,450</u></b>
<b>Chapter Goal</b>	<b>10,000</b>



**CHAPTER MEETING**

**Thursday**  
**December 18, 2003**

**Speaker:**  
**Steve Adams**

11:30 a.m. - Cumberland Club  
**COST: \$8.00 per member**

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

If necessary you may call  
(615) 862-6100  
by 4:30 p.m. Monday,  
December 15, 2003

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## News from National

### FASAB Announces Fellows Program

The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) has announced two programs that will give professionals the opportunity to be involved in the federal accounting standards-setting process. The Practice Fellow Program gives public accountants the chance to research issues being considered by the board for two years, before returning to their firms. In the Government Fellow Program, a federal executive can nominate a mid-career employee to spend up to a year at FASAB before returning to their agency. The fellow would be responsible for managing and leading issues addressed by the Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee. Fellows from both programs are encouraged to make presentations, write articles for professional publications and attend training courses. For more information, contact Executive Director Wendy Comes, CGFM, at 202.512.7350 or [comesw@fasab.gov](mailto:comesw@fasab.gov).

### Critics Say IG Watchdogs Need to be Watched Too

Deep within the inner sanctums of the federal bureaucracy, a cadre of civil servants some 11,000 strong labors largely unknown. They are the watchdogs of government, and although their mission has expanded in recent years, their primary watchwords remain "waste, fraud and abuse." They are the inspectors general, known as the IGs. The IGs see themselves as "agents of positive change" and the guardians of "good government," and many observers agree. The people in the government and in the private sector who are on the receiving end of the IGs' audits and investigations do not always share that view, however. Even some who support the IG community in theory see some problems. So as the IGs recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Inspector General Act, earning a brief visit with President Bush, accolades from Congress, and a series of interviews on C-SPAN, officials began to debate anew an oversight idea that has sparked admiration in some circles and fear, or even revilement, in others. —K. Daniel Glover, *Government Executive*. Read more at

[www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1003/103103nj1.htm](http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1003/103103nj1.htm).

### Study: State, Local Government IT Outsourcing Will Grow

The aging IT work force among state and local governments will foster increased use of outsourcing, according to a study conducted by government IT market-research firm Input. Nonfederal spending on IT outsourcing will soar by 130 percent in the next five years to \$23 billion in fiscal 2008, up from \$10 billion this year. "The growth will become dramatic as retirements outpace the ability of governments to staff important technical functional areas," said James Krouse, Input's manager of state and local market analysis. Governments also will turn to outsourcers as they modernize their IT systems. According to Input, Medicaid and welfare management, major program areas that have repetitive processes and recurring transactions, will lead service areas for outsourcing. "Considering the inability of the state and local governments to replace the departing work force, there's no longer necessarily a stigma of outsourcing equaling lost jobs," Krouse said. — Eric Chabrow, *InformationWeek*. Read more at

<http://update.informationweek.com/cgibin4/DM/y/ecu30EEkn0V20CBi50AG>.



### Earning a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation - a Step-by-Step Guide.

When people who are interested in the CGFM designation call the AGA national office, some of the most common questions center around the process of obtaining the CGFM designation: Where do I start? What happens next? How do I purchase the exams?

So, here is a step-by-step guide on how you can earn the CGFM designation:

**Step 1 - Applying for the CGFM Program.** Submit an application form for the CGFM Program via internet, fax or mail. The application form is available on the AGA website. The application fee is \$85, and you must also fax or mail proof of a bachelor's degree.

**Step 2 - Eligibility Letter.** Once your application, payment and degree information are received and processed by the CGFM office staff, AGA will mail you an Eligibility Letter with instructions on how to purchase your CGFM Examinations. Your eligibility for taking the CGFM Examinations will expire in three years from the date your CGFM application was processed.

**Step 3 - Work Verification.** Submit a Work Verification Form as soon as you have at least two years of professional-level experience in the government financial management field. You do not have to submit this form before taking the examinations, but it must be filed before the designation can be granted. The Work Verification Form is available on the AGA website.

**Step 4 - Studying for Examinations.** You have several options: classroom courses for all three CGFM examinations, an online course for examination 1, a study guide for examination 2 and a reading resources list. You may also want to contact a local AGA chapter to find out if there are any study groups or other support available to help you prepare for the examinations. AGA is working on publishing study guides for examination 1 and 3, which should be available next year.

**Step 5 - Exam Purchase.** Following the instructions on your Eligibility Letter, purchase CGFM examination(s) on the AGA website and print the Exam Authorization Letter. Examination fees are \$109 for each of the three examinations.

**Step 6 - Taking the Exam.** Follow the instructions on the Exam Authorization Letter to make a testing appointment at a Prometric Center near you. Show up at the testing center on your appointment date (be sure to read and follow the testing procedures described on the Exam Authorization Letter).

**Step 7 - Score Reporting.** After you complete the examination at a Prometric Testing Center, you will immediately receive an unofficial pass/fail score on the computer. AGA will mail you an official score letter. If you did not pass your exam, there is a 30-day waiting period before you can repurchase and retake that examination. If you fail the same exam more than once, the waiting period is 90 days.

**Step 8 - Award Letter.** Once you pass all three CGFM examinations, and your Work Verification Form has been submitted to the CGFM Office, AGA will send you an award letter announcing your new CGFM designation.

**Step 9 - CGFM Certificate.** Wait for your CGFM certificate to arrive in the mail (usually within 6-10 weeks of receiving the award letter).

An excellent source of additional information on the CGFM Program is the AGA website ([www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) <<http://www.agacgfm.org>>, select "CGFM Certification" on the navigational bar). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CGFM Office at 1.800.AGA.7211, ext. 310 or 313.

## Meeting Minutes

### November CEC Meeting

submitted by Beth Pendergrass,

The Nashville Area Chapter's Executive Committee met on Monday, November 17, 2003, at 505 Deadrick Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, at 11:30 am.

In attendance were Phil Carr, Melinda Parton, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Jim Arnette, Gerry Boaz, Tammy Farley, Melvin Jones, Jennifer McClendon, Beth Pendergrass, Mary Anne Queen, Tammy Thompson, Rebecca Barr, Nichole Curtiss, Kimberly Dorsey, Donna Duarte, Sharon Wahlstrom, and Ted Fellman.

The meeting was called to order by Phil Carr, President.

#### Welcome

Phil Carr welcomed all those in attendance

#### Approval of October CEC Minutes

Melinda Parton made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter, and Tammy Farley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### By Laws

Jim Arnette suggested that an announcement be made at the chapter meeting that the revised by laws are posted on the Chapter web site. Members can review them there prior to the vote for approval at the December chapter meeting. Phil said that he would make that announcement.

#### Committee Reports

##### Treasurer

Angela McElrath-Prosser reported that the chapter has \$2,886.78 in checking and \$22,634.87 in a certificate of deposit.

##### Finance

Ted Fellman noted that the bulk of the committee's work for the year is done. He asked that committee chairs continue providing activity information to Melvin Jones for the upcoming History report, noting that it was easier to receive information as it happened, rather than trying

to collect it later.

##### Chapter Recognition

Melinda Parton reported that the chapter has earned 12,450 points as of November 15. The chapter met the deadline for submitting suggestions for the points program.

##### Awards

Donna Duarte reported that the committee had met via e-mail. The committee has discussed an award for community service, but was unsure how to determine the recipient. It was decided that the Community Service Committee would not be the appropriate committee to decide the award, as the members of that committee are the most likely recipients of the award. It was decided that Tammy Farley, as chair of the Community Service Committee could head a subcommittee of the CEC to determine the recipient of the Community Service Award.

The chapter has submitted a nomination for David Manning for the National Excellence in Government Leadership Award.

##### Newsletter

Nichole Curtiss reminded members of the CEC that the newsletter deadline is this Friday. Phil Carr noted that the newsletter is looking great.

##### CGFM

Gerry Boaz reported that this is the month for the subsidy drawing, in which about ten people had expressed interest. He also reported that the study books for Exam 2 have been received, and will be the basis for the study session. It was decided that Rebecca Barr would sit at the head table at the chapter meeting to conduct the subsidy drawing.

##### Community Service

Tammy Farley reported that our night for the Channel 8 membership drive will be December 4, and that she needs two more volunteers. She also said that we will be doing an Angel Tree and Little Soldiers (from Fort Campbell) project at the November meeting. The November meeting will be the final day for Second Harvest Food Bank, which is going well.



### **Win Financial Assistance Toward CGFM Exam Fees**

The CGFM Committee congratulates Nikolas Alexiades, Rosa Jennings, Rob Marshall, and Britt Wood for winning the CGFM exam fees subsidies. Winners must sit for all parts of the exam by September 2004. Winners will be reimbursed for the exam fees. Please review eligibility requirements on the AGA website ([http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfm\\_profexp.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfm_profexp.htm)) for sitting for the exam.

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.

She noted that we will not be participating in VITA this year, and that there is currently no community service project scheduled for January. Clare Tucker will make an announcement at the Chapter meeting about the Angel Tree and Little Soldiers project.

##### Early Careers

No report at this time.

##### Meetings and Attendance

Tammy Thompson reported that about 50 people have signed up for the meeting. Bob McCloud will offer the prayer, and the door prize will be a \$25 check. Phil asked for someone from the committee to hang around the food line in case of problems.

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### Program

Kim Dorsey noted that she would have a television and VCR set up for the speaker. The speaker this month will be Phil Williams from Channel 5; Art Alexander will introduce him. December's speaker will be Steve Adams, now with the Lottery Commission. We currently are working on getting a speaker for January. The suggestion was made to get Loren Chumley, the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Revenue, to speak on the Streamlined Sales Tax Project.

### Membership

No report.

### Education

Mason Ball was not present, but Phil reported that the attendance at the Jackson seminar was extremely low. He noted that we will get through all three seminars before making decisions on budget adjustments, as it is possible that the attendance for the remaining two seminars will make up for the Jackson seminar.

### Internet

No report.

### **Strategic Planning**

Phil reported that he and Melinda will meet in December to determine the proposed committee, and bring the proposal back to the CEC for approval.

### **Audio Conference**

Phil noted that the National office has started a new round of audio conferences, similar to the one this Fall. The newest is on Wednesday, December 17, FASAB's Future: Bold New Directions. He suggested that we assess whether we wish to take advantage of the audio conferences as we are notified of them. The cost is \$249 for the connection, and it provides 2 hours of CPE. He proposed that we skip this one, and assess others as they arise.

### **Contact Information Update**

Phil provided the following new contact information:

Alan Staley has a new e-mail address:  
[Alan.Staley@metro.gov](mailto:Alan.Staley@metro.gov)

Phil has a new phone number: 880-2812 which will be effective through the remainder of the AGA year.

### **Next Meeting**

The chapter meeting is Thursday at 11:30 a.m., and the next CEC meeting will be December 15 at 11:30 a.m.

### **Adjourn**

Phil Carr adjourned the meeting.

### **November Chapter Meeting**

*Submitted by Suzanne Smotherman,  
Chapter Secretary*

The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Cumberland Club on Thursday, November 20, 2003. President Phil Carr called the meeting to order.

Bob McCloud offered the invocation. The minutes of the October Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the November newsletter. Phil Carr introduced individuals at the head table. Mr. Carr also introduced the five guests in attendance.

Art Alexander introduced the guest speaker, Phil Williams, Chief Investigative Reporter, WTVF (local channel 5 news). Mr. Williams has received several awards for his reporting, including the George Polk Award, the George Foster Peabody Award and two Regional Emmy Awards. Mr. Williams discussed investigations related to the state and the methodology behind developing investigative news story ideas. Phil Carr presented Mr. Williams with a token of our appreciation for speaking to the chapter.

Phil Carr indicated that the chapter's bylaws have been updated and are available for review on the chapter's web-page. Chapter members will be asked to vote on acceptance of these by-laws at the next chapter meeting.

Clare Tucker reported that the Community Service Committee turned in 20 boxes of food to the Second Harvest Food Bank. The next community service project is the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Angels should be selected



### **CGFM Examinations offer - until December 31, 2003**

From now until December 31, 2003 applicants for the CGFM Program have the opportunity to either:

- purchase two CGFM examinations for \$196 or three examinations for \$294 (they are usually \$109 each), or

- purchase any CGFM examination at \$109, take it before December 31, 2003, and receive a \$20 rebate.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/flyer.aspx>. For those people who have not applied yet - encourage them to apply for the CGFM Program now (so that they can take advantage of this offer).

as members leave the meeting today, with gifts being turned in by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Phil Carr announced the Institute of Internal Auditor's Annual Auditor's and Accountant Seminar scheduled for January 26, 2004. Brochures were available on the tables.

CGFM CPE certificates for the October meeting were available in the hall and the forms for November's meeting will be available at the December meeting.

A drawing was held to provide a subsidy to sit for the CGFM exam. Phil Williams drew four member's names from those who indicated interest in being included in the drawing. Rosa Jennings, Britt Wood, Rob Marshall, and Nikolas Alexiodes received the subsidies. Mr. Williams also drew Kevin Brown's name for the door prize.

Ron Anderson provided the solution to the November puzzle.

Phil Carr adjourned the meeting until December 2003.

## Committee News

### CGFM Committee

The committee plans to continue with the exam fee subsidy drawing, free lunch for those passing the exams, disbursing brochures at meetings to extol the virtues of becoming a CGFM certificate holder, and providing notice of training relevant to CGFM exam content. The committee plans to host a brainstorming study session for the CGFM Exam 2 based on AGA's development of an Exam 2 study book. This study session is planned for **February 2004** and will be **FREE** to all participants. The Committee will seek authority to offer this session as CPE, if possible. The Committee also plans to work with the Education Committee to offer formal training that will include topics helpful for individuals who plan to take the CGFM exams. The training is tentatively scheduled for May or June 2004. All members interested in participating in these training opportunities should contact the committee co-chairs, Gerry Boaz ([Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us](mailto:Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us)) or Rebecca Barr ([Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us](mailto:Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us)).

### Community Service



#### Salvation Army Angel Tree

This year the Community Service committee has decided to sponsor a Salvation Army Angel Tree. At the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting a Christmas tree will be displayed with cards of Salvation Army "Angels". This year the Salvation Army needs our help more than ever. Christmas 2002 saw an increase of over 1,000 requests to The Salvation Army for Angel Tree assistance. Due to the economy, and the pending relocation of over 400 families in Nashville's Sam Levy Homes, the Salvation Army anticipates another increase in requests for assistance.

Our tree will have cards for various angels of all ages. Important shopping guidelines will be printed on the back of each Angel card. The Salvation Army suggests 3-5 gifts per angel. This is important in assuring that all Angels are adopted and that children in the same family adopted by different sponsors receive an approximately equal number of gifts. All gifts should be unwrapped. The Angel code number (the number, letter and color code at the top of your Angel tag) should be firmly attached to each gift with a self-stick label. Place all gifts for each Angel in a separate bag and put the Angel's code number on the outside of the bag as well as on each gift. Each bag should only contain gifts for one Angel. These instructions will also be available at the November meeting.

Let us all work together to make this project a success!

Please remember to return your gifts to Clare Tucker by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. You may contact her at 747-5220 or [Clare.Tucker@state.tn.us](mailto:Clare.Tucker@state.tn.us).

### Project Pencil

We were able to donate 100 mugs to Alex Green for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mug's and Muffins day for the parents. AGA also donated apples and supplies to the school in recognition of Education Week. Thanks for your support and remember to purchase your City Pass Book from Tammy Farley at 747-5221 or [tammy.farley@state.tn.us](mailto:tammy.farley@state.tn.us).

### Second Harvest Food Bank

The 2004 AGA drive for Second Harvest Food Bank collected a whopping **556 pounds of food** to help drive out hunger in Middle Tennessee. That is more than double last year's donation. Thanks to everyone who contributed, especially those who sponsored a collection box in your work area.

#### ***Attention all authors***

**Rewards!!** — Anyone writing an article for the newsletter will receive a free lunch at the Chapter Meeting of your choice. That's *ANY* article that would be interesting to the chapter members—it does *NOT* have to be technical!! All *financial management articles* of at least 300 words will be judged for prizes of \$100 and \$75 at the Awards Luncheon in April or May. Please submit articles to Nichole Curtiss at [Nichole.Curtiss@state.tn.us](mailto:Nichole.Curtiss@state.tn.us) by the Friday immediately following any chapter meeting.



***What is Christmas?*** *It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace*

—Agnes M. Pharo

## Reservation Information

### Luncheon Price Remains \$8.00

The luncheon price will be \$8.00 again this year for AGA members. The monthly luncheons will continue to be held at the Cumberland Club on the 26<sup>th</sup> floor of the City Center.

### To Make Reservations Each Month (2 options)



1. On-line Reservation: Go to the Nashville Area Chapter's website at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/> click on "Make you lunch reservation on-line" and follow the instructions.



2. Phone Reservations: Call Kim Dorsey 862-6100.

### 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 Kim Dorsey at 862-6100 or e-mail at [kim.dorsey@nashville.gov](mailto:kim.dorsey@nashville.gov) with your name and telephone number.

If for some reason you can not attend a monthly luncheon please contact Kim Dorsey at 862-6100 or e-mail at [kim.dorsey@nashville.gov](mailto:kim.dorsey@nashville.gov) by 10:00 A.M. the day of the luncheon.

**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 Kim Dorsey at 862-6100 or e-mail at [kim.dorsey@nashville.gov](mailto:kim.dorsey@nashville.gov) to cancel your reservation.

### Cancellation Policy

In order to avoid being charged for the luncheon reservation cancellations **must** be received by **10:00 A.M.** the day of the chapter meeting.

If you arrange for another member who did not have a reservation to attend the luncheon meeting in your place, you will not be charged for the lunch. The substitute member's name should be indicated on the sign-in sheet next to your name.

If you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting, do not cancel you reservation, or do not arrange for a substitute, **you will be billed for your lunch.**

### Guest Policy

Non-members may attend one luncheon as a member's guest at the subsidized rate of \$8. If they choose to attend another luncheon prior to applying for membership, they will be charged the full cost of \$14. (Spouses are exempt from this policy.)

Former members will be charged the full cost of \$14 to attend luncheons. Active members of other AGA chapters will be charged the subsidized rate. Members will not be eligible to receive points for guests that must pay full cost.

### Discount Online Course Offer Available Until December 31, 2003



AGA is offering a 20 percent discount as a Back To School Special for the Governmental Environment online course. The cost of this online course is \$195, but during this special offer you can purchase it for \$156. This online course is a value-added resource to the financial management professionals who are interested in learning more about the government environment in which they work. It will also help individuals prepare for the CGFM Examination of the same name. This course is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of home or office and offers 8 CPE hours. To access the course, please visit the AGA website at [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx) and click on "Register for the Online Course". **Hurry - this offer ends December 31, 2003!**

**December Speaker**

**Steve Adams**



A native of Marshall County; Cornersville, Tennessee, Steve Adams received his BS Degree from Austin Peay State University in 1973 and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1979. His career began in public service in 1973 with the Department of Conservation and he transferred to the Department of Treasury in 1975. He served as Director of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System of the Treasury Department from 1980 until January 1987 when he was elected State Treasurer by the 95th General Assembly. Mr. Adams held the position as State Treasurer for the longest in history, 17 years, serving until October 2003. Among other duties, Mr. Adams administered the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, a \$24 billion pension fund that serves more than 197,000 state and local government employees and more than 80,000 retirees. It consistently ranks among the best performing state funds in the country. He is a past president of the National Association of State Treasurers and National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers.

Mr. Adams came on board with the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation immediately after leaving state government to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer where he performs the day-to-day administrative functions for the Lottery, including facilities management and contract management for the thousands of retailers that will sell lottery tickets. In addition, Adams will be responsible for internal audits to monitor the Corporation's sound financial accounting practices.

Legislation creating the lottery corporation was signed into law on June 11, 2003. The Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation is hiring staff and establishing contracts for goods and services as they move rapidly toward the goal of first-ticket sales on February 10, 2004. Proceeds from the future sale of lottery tickets will be used to fund college scholarships for eligible Tennessee students and are expected to be awarded beginning in Spring 2004.

Short-term, the Tennessee Lottery is committed to achieving a strong startup and generating player excitement. Long-term, the goal is making sure that Tennessee has a profitable and stable lottery to support education for years to come.

Steve is married to the former Reta Stockman and they have two children, a son Brad, and a daughter Jamie, and one grandbaby, Kayla Ann. He is a true Tennessee Titan's fan and an avid golfer. Steve also enjoys cooking and gardening.



**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. **Now** is the time to purchase your CGFM exams for less. From now until December 31, 2003 purchase two exams for \$196, three exams for \$294, or purchase any exam for \$109, take it before December 31, 2003, and receive a \$20 rebate. For more information visit the website at [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/flyer](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/flyer) or call AGA at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 313. If you passed the CGFM exams during September 2002 – September 2003 and have not received a lunch certificate, please contact

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 Rebecca Barr  
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**Mark Your Calendar!**

**December 15, 2003**  
 CEC Meeting

**December 18, 2003**  
 Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Cumberland Club  
 Speaker: Steve Adams

**January 15, 2004**  
 Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Cumberland Club  
 Speaker: T.B.A.

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