



# NASHVILLE NOTES

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## President's Message

Greetings Fellow AGA Members and Prospective Members:

I hope you were able to attend the February chapter meeting where we heard from Jeremy Finley, Chief Investigative Reporter with the Channel 4 I-Team. Mr. Finley gave a great presentation and shared some videos related to a few of the investigations that he has worked on. Since February is Early Careers month, we were also excited to recognize 18 Early Career members who were in attendance. I want to encourage all of you to attend the chapter meetings as often as you can. The meetings provide a great opportunity to network with colleagues and hear from professionals in various fields.

The Community Service Committee continues to provide great opportunities for each chapter member to serve those in need with your time, your talents, and your resources. We have two very worthwhile projects in the month of February – the Elephant Sanctuary and the Nashville Rescue Mission. Please watch for announcements from the committee and contribute what you can to these projects.

If you were unable to attend the Winter Seminar, you missed a very good line-up of topics and speakers with 16 hours of CPE. The chapter is very appreciative of all those who attended. Please provide suggestions to the Education Committee of any topics you would like to see included next year. Watch for announcements from the Education Committee of additional audio conferences. In addition, we are still hoping to have a partial day of free training sponsored by Oracle. Oracle and the Department of Finance and Administration are working on the details. Our chapter will send out the announcement and handle

the registration for the event. We will also try to include two hours of ethics training as a part of that event.

The Membership Committee lists the new and returning members in each month's newsletter. As of January 30, we had 29 new members and 7 returning members. Please welcome these individuals when you meet them at chapter meetings or other activities.

For our March chapter meeting, we look forward to hearing from Andy Valentine, Senior Vice President with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, who will speak on the economic outlook. Also, March is Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Month, and we plan to recognize all of our CGFM members who are at the chapter meeting. If you are a CGFM, please make a special effort to attend the March meeting. Please watch for the reservation announcement and invite friends and colleagues that you think might be interested in joining AGA to come to the March meeting. I look forward to greeting you and your guests at the meeting.

If I can assist you in any way with your AGA membership or your interest in becoming an AGA member, please don't hesitate to contact me. Your Chapter Leadership Team is shown on the last page of the newsletter. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns. If there is anything we can do to improve your membership experience or to encourage you to become a member, please let us know.

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*Shirley Henry, CGFM, CPA  
2011 - 2012 AGA Nashville  
Chapter President*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

CEC Meeting	2/27/12
Chapter Meeting	3/1/12
Volunteer at Nashville Rescue Mission	2/29/12
NPT Membership Drive	3/8/12
2012 Regional PDC	3/15/12-3/16/12

# March Luncheon Speaker



**M. Andrew Valentine, CFP®**

Senior Vice President  
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

M. Andrew Valentine is a founding member of the Kakassy/Valentine Group associated with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He is a Registered Investment Advisor and a Certified Financial Planner, and he holds Series 6 and Series 7 licenses. In his thirty-year career, he has worked with several of the major investment banks including Merrill Lynch, where he and his partner, Michael Kakassy, were pioneers in both partnerships and managed money accounts. While at PaineWebber, he first assisted with the integration of J.C. Bradford financial consultants after the PaineWebber/J. C. Bradford merger and then with the conversion to UBS after PaineWebber was acquired by the Swiss bank. In 2009, the Kakassy/Valentine Group joined Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in the Cool Springs regional office.

A student of history and finance, Andy has spent his career analyzing interdisciplinary trends in an attempt to create an investment philosophy based on socio-economics. In the process, he has published articles on various financial topics as well as articles on interests as far ranging as demographics, motorcycle touring, poetry, education, and opera.

Andy has served as President of the BMW Motorcycle Club, Senior Warden at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Editor of WINDOWS ON THE CUMBERLAND - an Anthology of Poetry, and he is currently President of the Board of the Nashville Opera Association.



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# ***Welcome New and Returning Members!!***

Maya Angelova, TN Division of State Audit, Early Career  
Charlotte Gentry, TN Department of Finance and Administration, Early Career  
Debra H. Moss, CPA, TN Department of General Services  
Torrance T. Randle, City of Clarksville  
Latricia B. Tidwell, TN Department of Finance and Administration  
Alexander J. Warns, TN Department of Finance and Administration, Early Career  
John D. Whybrew, Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC  
Carrie L. Blair, CGFM, TN Department of General Services, Returning Member  
Cynthia Minnick, TN Commission on Aging and Disability, Returning Member  
Kathy R. Richardson, TN Department of Finance and Administration, Returning Member  
John Henry Ford, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, Transferred Member

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## ***Nashville Chapter 2012-2013 Leadership Nominations***

The members of the Nominating Committee were Ray Register, Chair; Melvin Jones; Angela McElrath-Prosser; Mary Anne Queen; and Joe Waldrum. The Nominating Committee has selected the following chapter leadership nominees for the 2012-2013 year:

### **Two-Year Directors**

Leigh Anne Hagar  
Jacqueline Laws  
Ron Queen  
Joe Waldrum  
Jennifer Whitsel

### **Chapter Officers**

Secretary – Rhonda Williams  
Treasurer – Kay Ulmer  
President – Ray Register  
President-elect – Amy Czerwinski

Each of the nominees has indicated his or her willingness to serve. The Chapter Executive Committee unanimously accepted these nominations at its January 30 meeting, and the nominees were announced at the chapter luncheon meeting on February 2.

In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, independent nominations for chapter officers and directors may be submitted to Ray Register until March 15. A petition that contains at least 50 signatures of Nashville Chapter members and an indication of the candidate's willingness to serve if elected must accompany all independent nominations. In the event there are additional nominations, an election will follow. If there are no other nominations, the nominees listed above will be certified without ballot.

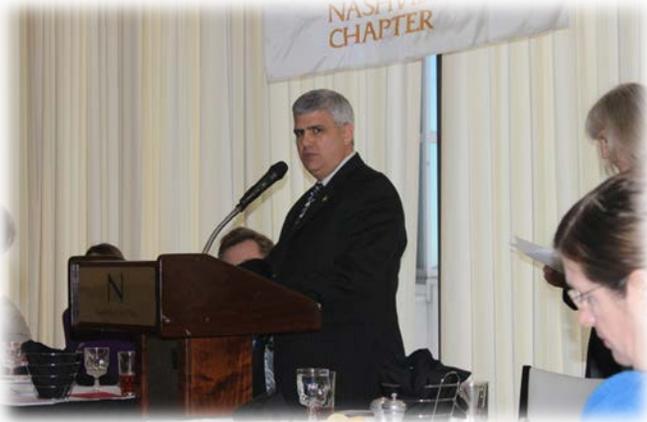
# February Luncheon - Joint Meeting with ACFE



*Jeremy Finley from Channel 4 shares his experiences*



*President-elect Ray Register announces the chapter leadership nominees*



*Daniel Porter, ACFE Middle Tennessee Chapter President, addresses the crowd*



*Congratulations to chapter leadership nominees for the next program year*

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## ***Volunteers Needed at the National Level***

AGA is seeking candidates interested in filling vacancies on national boards and committees. Serving as a board or committee member might just be the most important contribution you will make to your own career and the profession. Take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to:

- Contribute to the growth and success of your professional association.
- Network with a dynamic group of accountability professionals.
- Develop your leadership skills.
- Develop solutions to meet present and future challenges.
- Stay apprised of hot topics in financial management.

**Commitment**—All board and committee terms begin July 1. Board terms run for one, two, or three years, depending on the board, and committee terms run for three years.

**Qualifications**—If you are an AGA member in good standing, able to serve a full term of office, and can participate in board and committee conference calls, you are qualified to serve. [Specific qualifications for each committee](#)

Please contact Gerry Boaz, CGFM, at [Gerry.Boaz@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Gerry.Boaz@cot.tn.gov) for more information.

# Winter Seminar



*John Grove discusses Edison*



*Joe Kull discusses federal budget issues*



*Attendees enjoy refreshments*



*Preparing for the next session*

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## ***Attention: We Need Your Current Email Address***

To ensure that you are kept up to date on all the exciting happenings of the chapter, please take a few moments to sign-up for our Google group. If you are already a subscriber but have recently changed your address, please join using your current address. Long time subscribers may also need to rejoin if they were receiving forwards from the old state.tn.us account as those emails will no longer be forwarded. Comptroller employees need to sign-up with the new @cot.tn.gov address.

To join go to <http://nashvilleaga.org/membership/listserv.html> and enter your current email address. You will receive an email message from Google asking you to verify the new address. Please click the Join Group link in this email to complete your subscription.



## ***February is Early Careers Month!!***

In honor of Early Careers Month, we are pleased to recognize our Early Career and Student Members. We wish all of them the very best as they pursue a career in government financial accountability.

Maya Angelova  
Archie Arroyo  
Brittney S. Chappell  
Daniel A. Clanton  
Henry Patrick Ryle Clay  
Eric A. Crawford  
Divon R. Crutchfield  
Ellen Dunkin  
Laveeta S. Ferguson  
Stanley E. Fitzgerald  
Robert Fox

Ashley Garrison  
Charlotte Gentry  
Charles R. Hall, Jr.  
Richard K. Holland  
Morgan D. Jumbi  
Aaron J. Kistler  
Joseph Lipman  
Teryn McNeal  
Justin Newby  
Paula J. Rosenberg

Lisa Renee' Salvador  
Sharon Schmucker  
James H. Stack  
Erin E. Tucker  
Joseph W. Waldrum  
Aaron Walton  
Alexander Warns  
LaKenya Marquel Wrightsil  
Katie Yarborough  
Doreen M. Zientar

## ***Congratulations to Sharon Barnard for Graduating Law School!!***



Pictured are Sharon and her children, Holly, Grayson, and Noel Barnard after Sharon's graduation from Nashville School of Law with a degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. Sharon served as the Meetings and Attendance Co-Chair for the 2009-2010 program year.

### **Register Now!!!**

**2012 AGA Southeastern Regional Professional Development Conference**

***Celebrating a Decade of Service - Embracing the Future***

**Sponsored by the Tallahassee Chapter of the  
Association of Government Accountants**

**March 15-16, 2012**

**Florida State University  
Turnbull Conference Center  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**[More Information](#)**

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## ***Renewal Season is Here; Renew by Mail or Online***

Annual membership and CGFM renewal packets should have arrived in mailboxes the second week in February. Don't wait--renew online today!

**How to Renew Online:** Access the AGA website and click AGA Login on the right top corner of the screen. Log in using your membership ID number and password (your first initial followed by your last name, no spaces) and click on the gray billing button above your name. All you have to do is input your credit card information and hit submit. The transaction will automatically process via a secure server, and the renewal information will be automatically updated in AGA's in-house membership system. While you are logged into the Members Only section, be sure to look at your contact information and make any updates (especially your e-mail address). If you have any questions, contact AGA at 703.684.6931 or 800.AGA.7211.



### ***Come join us on Facebook!***

Early Careers now has a Facebook group. The group name is Nashville AGA - Early Careers. All members, including members who are not Early Careers members, are encouraged to join the group.



### ***Calling All CGFM!!***

Please make a special effort to attend the AGA Chapter Meeting on March 1. March is Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Month, and we want to recognize all of our CGFM's at that meeting.

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### **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>

### **From the Editor**

We truly enjoy reading articles submitted by our members. Please share your thoughts and ideas or interesting news with us by submitting your article to me at [Penny.Austin@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Penny.Austin@cot.tn.gov) no later than March 2 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks and start writing!

### **Luncheon/CEC Minutes**

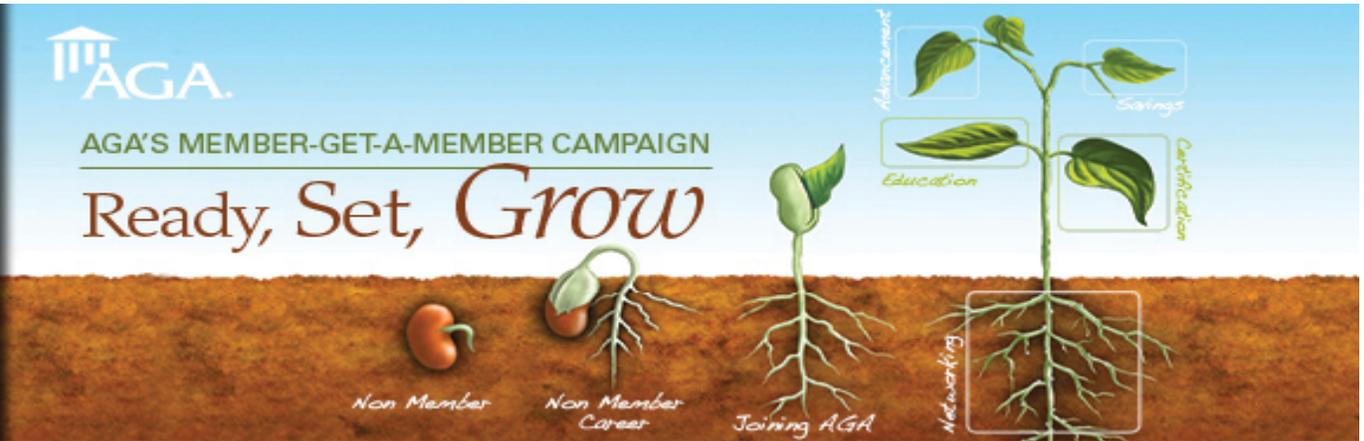
To read the minutes from the most recent CEC meeting and from the January Chapter Luncheon, please visit the chapter website. The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next business meeting scheduled for March 1, 2012.

<http://nashvilleaga.org/monthlymeetings.html>



AGA'S MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER CAMPAIGN

# Ready, Set, *Grow*



## **Help Transform Careers and Lives by Sponsoring A Member Today**

You depend on AGA, and we count on you, too! Sharing the benefits of AGA helps grow careers and AGA's network of financial management professionals. Nominate your colleagues for AGA membership.

The "Ready, Set, Grow" Member-Get-A-Member Campaign is the new AGA membership recruitment and rewards program running from May 1, 2011 until April 30, 2012. The campaign challenges AGA members to encourage their colleagues, friends and other interested individuals to join AGA during the program year. Current members are the best source for new members who could benefit from all AGA has to offer.

Each member who sponsors a new member is eligible for special recognition and rewards. Here's your chance to get someone new involved in the personal and professional benefits of your Association.

How the campaign works:

Download a [membership application](#). You can also order applications by calling the Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 and/or e-mailing [agamembers@agacgfm.org](mailto:agamembers@agacgfm.org).

Tell your peers and co-workers about AGA. Simply encourage them to fill out AGA's membership application or complete the application online. Be sure to include your name as the sponsor on the application.

You will be eligible to receive a sponsor pin when your first referral joins AGA.

After six of your referrals join AGA (prior to Dec. 31, 2011) you earn free dues during the 2012–2013 membership year.

The "Ready, Set, Grow" Member-Get-A-Member Campaign ends April 30, 2012. The grand prize recipient will be announced shortly thereafter.

## **Campaign Incentives**

### **Everyone Wins!**

- Recruit ONE or more members, receive a **Sponsors Only lapel pin**.

### **Sponsor a Member Before April 30**

- Recruit a member before April 30, 2012 and be entered into a fishbowl drawing to win an iPad.

### **Sponsoring Six or More**

- Recruit SIX members by Dec. 31, 2011 and receive next year's **membership dues renewal FREE**.

### **Sponsoring 10 or More**

- Recruit 10 or more members by March 31, 2012 and be placed into a drawing for a **\$200 American Express Gift Card**. After 10, each new member sponsored gives you another chance at the drawing. Recruit 10 members, get one chance at the drawing, recruit 16 members, get seven chances, and so on. The more members recruited, the more chances to win.



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# Ready, Set, *Grow*

Non Member

Non Member  
Career

Joining AGA

Networking

Education

Advancement

Certification

Savings

## Spotlight on Early Career/Tomorrow's Professionals New Members

- An **AGA national meeting registration** will be awarded to the AGA member who recruits the most new Early Career members during the campaign.

## Spotlight on Chapters

- A recruitment stimulus in the form of a **\$100 American Express Gift Card** will be raffled to chapters that have at least five members who have actively sponsored new members into AGA during the program year. There will be two drawings for members sponsored from May 1–Dec. 31 and Jan. 1–April 30. The gift cards must be used toward chapter recruitment and retention programming.

## Sponsor Achievement Awards and Recognition

- **Recruiter of the Year** (one winner)—The member who recruits the most new members from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 will be presented with the Recruiter of the Year distinction and receive a **complimentary registration to the 61st Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition in San Diego and two tickets to Sea World San Diego.**
- **Top Sponsor** (two winners)—The next two members who recruit the most new members from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 will each be presented with the Top Sponsor distinction along with a **complimentary registration to the 61st Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition in San Diego.**

- **Chapter Overall Growth** (six winning chapters)—The six chapters achieving the highest overall growth percentage in their chapter size grouping for the membership year will each win a complimentary **AGA national meeting registration.** Chapters decide who receives the registration. Each chapter president and membership chair will be presented with an achievement plaque as well.

*Only you can best communicate to your colleagues what AGA does for you, your professional development and your career.*

*Help AGA Grow and Thrive. Start Recruiting Today.*

## Rules/Eligibility

All AGA members in good standing are eligible to participate in the “Ready, Set, Grow” Member-Get-A-Member Campaign. The campaign period includes all new members joining AGA from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012—AGA’s membership year. The new member being sponsored must include the name of their sponsor on the membership application to participate. All federal, state and local laws apply. Void where prohibited.

Please feel free to contact the Membership Committee Co-Chairs with any questions:

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# Committee News

## Membership

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce a great lineup of retention and recruitment incentives for existing members, new members, and guests for the 2011-2012 AGA year!

### Local Prizes!!!!

#### Existing Members

- Earn a point for every guest you bring to the chapter meeting (3-point maximum)
- Recruit two new members and receive a lunch voucher for a free lunch (\$11 value)
- Earn 3 points for every new member that you sponsor (unlimited points)
- Earn 30 points throughout the 2011-2012 AGA year from such things as meeting attendance, educational events, community service participation, and sponsorship of new members AND pay your dues by March 31, 2012, and the Nashville Chapter will pay \$45 towards a full (not a student or early career) membership for the next year. That means you get half of your dues back, so start earning points early!

#### Recruitment Incentives

The current campaign will run from December 2011 - April 2012. The top recruiter will take home \$100, and any member that recruits at least one member will be entered into a drawing for \$50.

#### New Members

- Receive a lunch voucher for a free lunch (\$11 value) with paid membership.
- Start earning incentives and points by bringing guests to the luncheons and recruiting new members.

#### Guests

- Receive a free lunch for being a first time guest at a chapter meeting.
- Join and start receiving all other AGA membership benefits.

Please feel free to contact the Membership Committee Co-Chairs with any questions:

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## Awards

### National Award Nominations

AGA is now accepting nominations for 13 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence:

Robert W. King Memorial Award  
Einhorn-Gary Award  
Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award  
Achievement of the Year Award  
Educator Award

Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award

Chapter Education Award

Chapter Service Award

Community Service Award

International Achievement Award

Chapter CGFM Award

Emerging Leader Award of Excellence

Regional Coordinator Award

These awards will be presented during AGA's 61st Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition in San Diego, CA, from July 29-August 1, 2012. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. Award nominations need to be submitted to [Jeff.Hughes@tn.gov](mailto:Jeff.Hughes@tn.gov) no later than March 30th.

### Apply for 2012 National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, public administration, etc.? If so, consider applying for an AGA National Academic Scholarship today!

## Awards (Cont.)

Each year, AGA National awards:

- \*Up to four \$3,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members
- \*Up to two \$1,000 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members
- \*One \$3,000 community service scholarship

For more information about the National Awards or National Scholarships you can visit <http://agacgfm.org/membership/awards/>

## Local Scholarship Opportunities

The Nashville Chapter's scholarship application is posted on our website. Remember that this year high school seniors can apply (this goes for both scholarships) and applications are to be submitted electronically. For more information on our scholarships you can visit <http://nashvilleaga.org/scholarships.html>



## Community Service



**NASHVILLE RESCUE MISSION**

*... a refuge for the poor ... a shelter from the storm ...*

*-Isaiah 25:4*



**February 29, 2012, from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm**  
**Nashville Rescue Mission**  
**639 Lafayette Street, Nashville, TN**

The community service event for the Nashville Rescue Mission has been scheduled for February 29, 2012, from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Men's Kitchen. All those interested in volunteering to serve dinner to Nashville's homeless should contact Alla Cox at [Alla.Cox@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Alla.Cox@cot.tn.gov) or at 747-5218. Persons interested can also make a monetary donation to the Nashville Rescue Mission. Please notify Alla Cox if a donation is made.

## ***The Elephant Sanctuary***



The Community Service Committee is collecting money for the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee. Founded in 1995, the sanctuary is the nation's largest natural habitat refuge developed specifically for endangered African and Asian elephants. It operates on 2,700 acres in Hohenwald, which is about 85 miles southwest of Nashville. The Elephant Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The Elephant Sanctuary exists for two reasons: (1) To provide a haven for old, sick or needy elephants in a setting of green pastures, dense forests, spring-fed ponds, and heated barns for cold winter nights; and (2) To provide education about the crisis facing these social, sensitive, passionately intense, playful, complex, exceedingly intelligent, and endangered creatures.

AGA will be collecting donations for the Elephant Sanctuary through their website at <http://www.elephants.com/>. Just click the "Donate" button. AGA will match your donations up to \$500. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Whitsel, 615-747-5265 or [Jennifer.Whitsel@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Whitsel@cot.tn.gov). Please be sure to forward your donation receipt to Jennifer.

For more information about the Elephant Sanctuary, check out their website, which has a video about the sanctuary and an elephant cam!

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## ***Nashville Public Television (Channel 8) Membership Drive***

**Thursday, March 8th from 5pm – 10pm**



AGA is sponsoring the Nashville Public Television membership drive. AGA's evening to work the phone bank will be Thursday, March 8th from 5pm – 10pm. AGA is looking for 12 volunteers that would like to participate in this service project. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rhonda Williams at 532-2608 or [Rhonda.D.Williams@tn.gov](mailto:Rhonda.D.Williams@tn.gov). If you are volunteering, we will need to know your T-shirt size for ordering the shirts.

# CraigsFraud

By Jeff Hughes

\*Ring Ring\*

"Hello?"

"Yes, I am calling for Mr. John Doe."

"Speaking."

"I would like to inquire about the apartment you have listed on Craigslist that is for rent, the one at 123 USA Street."

"Ohh yes - let me tell you that it is a very nice apartment located in a nice part of town and rent is only \$600/month."

While the caller likes the pictures he has seen online and thinks the price is very reasonable, he doesn't realize this apartment really is not for rent. The caller is moving into town and instead of driving around and searching for a place, he reached out to Craigslist and found one. The money was sent to the "owner" and when the renter arrived in town to finish the paperwork and move in, he then discovered there is already someone living there and the "owner" is nowhere to be found.

Now, I'm sure you are thinking that doesn't happen. I mean come on, who would rent a place online without looking at it first? Well, due to the ever changing times and the Internet, it is happening more and more. Fraudsters are on to this as well and will go and take pictures of a place or find them from real estate sites and then pose as the owner online to rent a place that isn't even for rent. Sometimes, if the bait is hot, they may collect money from five or six different renters before pulling out and moving on. This scam has become more popular over the past couple of years as it is often impossible for the renters to know they have been scammed.

What about buying a car from Craigslist? That should be a pretty simple process too, right? After all, there usually are pictures and the car can be shipped out to you. Some sellers will tell you they can ship the car right out and can even use eBay Vehicle Protection service (or another service) for your protection. What the buyer doesn't know is that the invoice they will receive from eBay will be a fake, thus this 'service' does nothing to protect the buyer. If you are going to buy a car online and have it shipped to you, you REALLY need to do your homework first! There are plenty of legit sales that take place daily;

however, there are also plenty of sneaky and sleazy people looking to get your money too. Often, they do use a real VIN number and give a great description, but they will make up every excuse why you can't come see the car or that the car is already sealed up and ready to ship. Those should be red flags that this deal is going south.

Craigslist is a great tool for many people, but you do have to be careful! If you can shop locally, I would recommend that you either meet up with the person or see the item(s) in person. When dealing with large dollar amounts and long distance purchases, the buyer really should have their guard up. Here are a few tips that are helpful when dealing with these purchases or any online purchases:

- 1) If you are going to meet a person to make an exchange, it is always best to do it in a public place. You may also want to let someone know you are going in case something happens.
- 2) As I stated above, never let your guard down – scammers know how to move through the process. Don't do or agree to anything that doesn't seem right.
- 3) Don't exchange your personal information in the beginning (such as home phone, address, etc).
- 4) Try to deal locally instead of with people that are on the other side of the country.
- 5) NEVER wire money!! Let me repeat this one, NEVER wire money!! Typically, sellers that will "ship" the item after you have wired the money are only looking for your money. Typically, once the money leaves your hands and goes through the process, it's gone and most likely will never be recovered.
- 6) When having items shipped to you, they should be shipped through a reputable company, such as FedEx, UPS, USPS. You should also ask for a tracking number and insurance to help protect yourself.

# CEC Member Spotlight – Britt Wood

## Two-Year Director, Program Co-Chair



I was born in the old St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. I am the baby of seven children with an 18-year difference between me and my oldest sister (who named me). A huge tomboy growing up, my passion was riding horses and racing poles and barrels - the faster the better. My friends and I would ride our horses down Granny White Pike to Maryland Farms, which was a horse farm. On the way, we would stop at the Purple Cow, now known as the Granny White Market, and get a Grape Nehi.

At the age of 17 after graduating from St. Bernard's Academy in Nashville, I enrolled at UT Knoxville. Going from a graduating class of 42 to attending classes of 100 was quite different. I found myself overwhelmed, and I decided it was not the right time for me to attend college. I took 10 years off and worked in the pizza industry for many years along with other odd jobs. My claim to fame was making a large pepperoni pizza in 38 seconds! With that accomplishment under my belt, I realized it was time to go back to school. I always enjoyed accounting and resolved that was the career path I wanted to take.

I decided to attend MTSU. This time I was ready and actually liked college. After graduating from MTSU in December, then getting married in January, I started my career with the Comptroller's Office in the Division of

State Audit in February. Almost ten years passed while I was working in State Audit. In November 2005, I was hired as the Director of Internal Audit for the State of Tennessee Treasury Department. During my time working for State Audit, Beth Pendergrass got me hooked on ACL (Audit Command Language). While looking on the IIA website, I found what I considered my dream job at ACL. I am an ACL Solution Lead, which is a newly created position and is still a work in progress. I will say that the outside (non-state) world is different, but I have learned a great deal over the last 10 months and have been able to travel to many places I had never visited before.

AGA is a great organization. I have been a member since 1996 and served on various committees and now serve on the executive committee. AGA always offers great opportunities for community service and social events. I have made numerous friends and connections with other members. Thanks to all for your help over the years.



# 2011 - 2012 AGA Nashville Chapter Leadership Directory

## Officers

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