



EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings all! Looks like the smell of spring is up on us. I trust this month's newsletter finds all in good spirits and humor.

Our meeting on March 19th was yet again a great time and very informative. Our speaker, Dave Saxe, Vice-President of Journal Broadcasting Group, was both interesting and humorous. Pat Bryan, our Southeast Region President, also stopped by for a visit. Thank you for your outstanding participation.

We will not have a monthly meeting in April as I'm sure you know we will be having our Spring Seminar on April 12th at Pellissippi Community College main campus in the J.L. Goins auditorium.

Don't forget to register for our upcoming all-day seminar on April 12th. I am very excited about our slate of speakers. We will start the morning with Coach Phil Fulmer. As a die-hard, orange blooded, Gator hating Volunteer, I can't tell you how excited I am that we were able to secure Coach Fulmer. Next will be Professor G. Robert Smith, "Smitty".

Smitty will share with us his views on GASB 34. At lunch we will have the privilege of hearing UT Lady Athletic Director Joan Cronan. To wrap up the afternoon, we will have Frank

Crawford give us a humorous but fact filled talk on fraud. And you thought CPE couldn't be fun.

Let all your peers know. What a great way to fulfill your CPE requirements and have a little fun also. You can email me at the address below if you need further information.

If you ever have any questions, suggestions or comments, please feel free to call me or e-mail me. My office phone number is (865) 273-5710 and my e-mail address is dbennett@mail.blount.state.tn.us.

See you at the Spring Seminar!

David R. Bennett, CPA, CGFM,
President



Dave Saxe, Pat Bryan, and Dave Bennett at Copper Cellar

Minutes – March 19th

The seventh chapter meeting for the year 2001-2002 was held Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Copper Cellar on Cumberland. David Bennett welcomed everyone and Susan Gennoe blessed the food. Dave asked everyone to announce any guest that may be in attendance. Guests announced were Barry Justice, Faye McDaniel, Mike Lewis and our Southeast Regional President, Pat Bryan. Dave gave Pat an opportunity to speak. She spoke on chapter growth. Pat also congratulated the East Tennessee Chapter on how well we are doing. She recognized Amy Paganelli as regional coordinator for membership. She announced that the Regional PDC will be held in Chattanooga, April 22-23.

Pat also stated that there are new programs to receive more chapter points and new ideas to boost attendance. She stated that AGA is here to improve accountability and provide training.

After our meal, Dave Bennett introduced Dave Saxe, Vice-President of Journal Broadcasting Group which owns radio stations: Oldies 93.1, Star 102.1, AM 1040, and 104.5 The Bone. Dave Saxe's management team puts together "Boomsday" – Labor Day fireworks celebration. Dave is working on trying to make this a two-day event. Charity is also involved in this event with all of the cokes that sell on Neyland Drive during the event

going to the East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

The radio stations are all about entertainment. The different stations that are under Journal Broadcasting focus on target groups that advertisers want. Advertisers do not target over 55 year olds. The Oldies 93.1 targets mid-forties, Star 102.1 targets females – mid-twenties, 104.5 The Bone targets males – thirties, and 1040 AM targets males, sports talk.

Dave said that people are very passionate about their radio stations. They take their stations and what goes on during their shows personally. Dave said that family comes first and the radio station is very family-oriented.

Dave brought four CD's as door prizes which were won by Diane Matthews, Faye McDaniel, Phyllis Palmer, and Lester Tackett. Linda Delozier won the Easter Basket door prize which was donated by Susan and Steve Gennoe.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gennoe, Meetings Chair

**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

The sixth chapter executive meeting was held Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at Copper Cellar after the monthly chapter luncheon. The following officers were present: David Bennett - President and Liaison, Carol Malkemus –

President-elect, Aldena Phillips - Membership Chair, Dana Lamson - Newsletter Editor and Program Chair, Susan Gennoe - Meetings Chair, Tom Collins - Public Service Chair, Robert Harrill - Awards Chair, Mike Blair – Treasurer, Phyllis Palmer – Webmaster, and Amy Paganelli - Historian. Absent were Nancy Donahue – Secretary, Suzanne Walker - CGFM and Research Chair, and Greg Jaynes -Education Chair. The meeting was called to order by David Bennett at 1:05 p.m.

Dave scheduled a planning meeting for the April seminar on Monday, April 8th at 11:30 at RJ's Courtyard on Alcoa Highway.

There was discussion concerning the nametags, certificates, and booklets to be prepared for the Spring Seminar.

The awards meeting on May 14th was discussed. We are still hoping to get the Governor to speak.

The next chapter meeting will be on Friday, May 14, 2002 at UT Faculty Club. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gennoe, Meetings Chair

Member Profile

Linda has been a member of AGA continuously since April 1972. During her AGA tenure, she held most offices and chaired every committee. In 1983, she shared the

national award for membership acquisition with fellow AGA member Charlie Harrison from the Nashville Chapter. In addition to AGA, she is a member of the AICPA. She holds an active CPA license in Tennessee, as well as a CGFM designation.

She graduated from Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC, in 1968 with an AA Degree in Secretarial Administration and a BS Degree in Accounting. In 1992 she completed the Leadership Development Program at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL. Linda retired from TVA in October 2001, after 31 years of service in various positions within the Chief Financial Officer's organization.

She and her husband are enjoying the additional time together and are avid Lady Vol basketball fans.

Community Service Events

Chocolate Fest – The Chocolate Fest was held on January 26th at Knoxville Center. The following members had a great time volunteering: Susan Gennoe, Sherry Sheffey, Mike Blair, Nancy Donahue, and Linda Houser. Thanks for helping!

Public Channel 2 Telethon was held on March 7th. The members that participated were Dave Bennett, Phyllis Palmer, Linda Delozier, Mike Blair, Greg Jaynes, Carol Malkemus, Aldena Phillips, Amy Paganelli, Sherry Sheffey, and Susan Gennoe. Thank you for all of your help!

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Ronald McDonald House – please bring small toiletry items to donate.

Upcoming Events

April 12, 2002 East TN AGA Spring Seminar –

Pellissippi State Community College
at the Knoxville Campus in the J.L.
Goins Auditorium

Hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Subject: “Overall Local and Federal
Effects of GASB 34” and
“A Comical View of Fraud”

Costs: \$100.00 for members
\$125.00 non-members
\$15 discount for more than
4 employees from the same
office

The registration fee covers lunch,
registration, breaks, and all seminar
materials. This is a great way to
receive 8 CPE credits. Space is
limited and will only be available to
the first 145 applicants. Early
registration is encouraged.

National Events

July 7-10, 2002
Professional Development
Conference
Atlanta, GA

Through chapter commun-
icators, I received the following
information from our National
President, Richard Norment
concerning future conferences.
Beginning in 2003, the State and
Local Government Leadership
Conferences and the Federal
Leadership Conference will
consolidate into one National
Leadership Conference, to be held in
February of each year in
Washington, D.C.

The first National Leadership
Conference will be held on February
20-21, 2003.

Chapter Reports

We have 9,106 in chapter
points.

Mike Blair, Treasurer,
reported an ending cash balance of
\$6,076.53 on March 26, 2002.

2001-2002 East TN AGA Chapter Calendar

4/12 – Frank Crawford and Robert
Smith
Pellissippi – all day seminar

5/14 – Awards Banquet
still planning
UT Faculty Club

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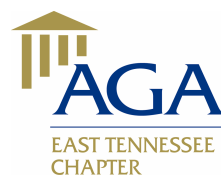
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