

## President's Message

By Dana Lamson

Happy Easter!!

The Southeastern Region PDC was a great success!! We had 101 attend the conference this year and we had some attendees from as far away as Arizona. We started the day before the conference with snow but ended the week with temperatures in the 50's.

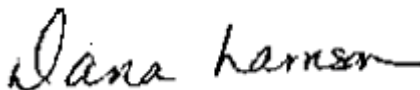
The conference started off with AGA President Bobby Derrick talking about "Leadership: Making the Difference" and ended with Will Bartholomew speaking about "Experiencing Life". There were many great speakers. There was plenty of time to network at the Wednesday night event at the Aquarium with dinner and the Hip-Twangers Band playing.

The "Friends of the Smokies" raffle was a big success at the PDC in Gatlinburg. The total amount of the check written to the "Friends of the Smokies" for the raffle drawing for many items that were contributed by members of AGA and local businesses was \$1,210. Thank you so much for everyone that purchased the \$5 tickets for the raffle or contributed items.

This month's meeting will be held at the Tennessee Grill with Matt Murray presenting on Economic Trends. We always enjoy hearing from Dr. Murray.

Also, I want to thank those that answered phones for the Public TV Channel 2 on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Those volunteering were Mike Blair, Sherry Sheffey, Carol Malkemus, Aldena Phillips, Terry Phillips, Nancy Donahue, and Sally Freshman.

Please let me know of any ideas or comments you may have.



President

## April Meeting

**Tuesday, April 12, 2005**  
**11:30 AM**

**Matt Murray**

*Presentation Topic: Economic Outlook*

### Agenda

11:30 Registration/Networking  
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch  
12:30 – 1:00 Presentation

### Tennessee Grill

900 Neyland Drive  
(865) 862-8657

### Menu Choices

- \*Club salad topped with chicken tenders
- \*Tennessee Grill Burger served with a side of fries
- \*Grilled Hickory Chicken served over rice with vegetable of the day

Dessert - Jack Pie

**Cost \$7.00 per member**

Please contact Barry Justice at  
[bljustice@tva.gov](mailto:bljustice@tva.gov) with your reservation by  
April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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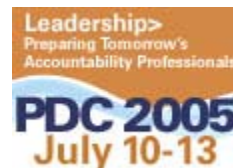
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## AGA National News

### PDC 2005 Registration Now Open

AGA invites you to attend its 54th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, to be held July 10 – 13, 2005, in Orlando, FL. PDC 2005 promises to be an excellent learning and networking opportunity for government financial managers and accountability professionals. Visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2005/index.aspx> for more information.



### CALL FOR 2005 NATIONAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS – DEADLINE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

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! Each year, AGA National awards:

- \*Up to six \$1,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members,*
- \*Up to two \$500 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, and*
- \*Up to one \$1,000 community service scholarship.*

To download a copy of the application, visit [www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards](http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards).

**Issues of the TOPICS and CGFM TOPICS are now available** - You can access both the TOPICS Newsletter and CGFM Topics Newsletter at [www.agacgfm.org/publications](http://www.agacgfm.org/publications).

**Not sure about your Membership Perks?** Visit [www.agacgfm.org/store/affiliates.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/store/affiliates.aspx) to find out how you can receive discounts on insurance and other benefits.

**Getting Results: A Guide for Federal Leaders & Managers:** Twenty-five of the nation's top career and appointed executives and experts share their practical knowledge of how to improve government's performance in this new book, released by the Government Performance Coalition. Featured authors include AGA members: Hal Steinberg, Barry White, Carl DeMaio and Patricia McGinnis. You can order the book at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).



Check out [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for the latest in National AGA information and news. You can also access the member's only section of the site to update your personal information, renew your membership, report membership news and view how we are doing on points in the chapter recognition program.

### 2004-2005 National Events Calendar

April 2-5, 2005	2005 ASPA National Conference	Milwaukee, WI
April 21-22, 2005	AGA 2005 Spring Workshop	Nashville, TN
April 25-26, 2005	TN Government Auditing Training Seminar	Chattanooga, TN
May 11, 2005	Yellow Book Update	AGA Audio
May 23-27, 2005	Innovative Business Practices	Washington, DC
July 10-13, 2005	National PDC and Exposition	Orlando, FL

For more information on these national events, go to the AGA calendar at [www.agacgfm.org/events](http://www.agacgfm.org/events).

## Chapter News

**Invitation to the Chattanooga Chapter's 2005 Annual GASB-Single Audit Update:** The Chattanooga Chapter will be holding this event on April 7, 2005 at the Sheriff's Annex Training Center. Rhett Harrell, CPA, CGFM, will do the presentation on Statements 39 through 46. If interested, contact Barry Brooks at [brooks\\_b@mail.chattanooga.gov](mailto:brooks_b@mail.chattanooga.gov).

**Congratulations to our new moms...** Jeannie King gave birth to Charles Rustin on March 9<sup>th</sup> and Kristi Reynolds gave birth to Kaetlyn LeAnne on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We wish you both the best as you start a new chapter in your lives!!

Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$5,876.18 as of 02/28/2005.

Member and officer newsletter submissions for the May Newsletter are due April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Don't forget to visit our chapter website at [www.kornnet.org/etaga](http://www.kornnet.org/etaga) for all the latest news and information!

### 2004-2005 Chapter Events Calendar

#### Meetings

April 5	11:30 am	Tennessee Grill	Matt Murray
May 10	11:30 am	UT Faculty Club	Awards Ceremony

#### Service Projects

April Beta Alpha Psi

**\*\*Ronald McDonald House - Please bring any small toiletry items or small children's toys or books to the April meeting. Aldena Phillips will deliver them this month.**

Looking for a new job? AGA provides job listings for the accounting professional. Visit <http://aga.careerbank.com>.

Do you need more CPE hours? There is a variety of downloadable CPE courses offered on the AGA website at [www.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx)

**Are you interested in becoming a member of the East Tennessee Chapter's Board of Directors? If you are, please contact Andrea Williams, President Elect, or any other board member. See page 5 for a listing of your current chapter leadership.**

**Ronald McDonald House Update** – Sue Beverly called Andrea Williams to let her know that the flowers that were donated and planted by AGA members were beautiful and they are truly enjoying them. Please drive by the house and look at the flowers. They are behind the main house. Thank you for your time and effort in making life more beautiful for those having to stay at the House!

### Points Update

Through 03/23/05

Leadership	3075
Education	1675
Certification	3275
Communication	3030
Membership	675
Community Service	1425
Awards	400
Total Points YTD	13,555

**Chapter Goal = 10,000**

## **April Speaker - Dr. Matthew Murray**

Dr. Murray is a Professor of Economics and the Graduate Director of the Department of Economics at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and serves as Associate Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER). He received his B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa University, his M.A. and Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

His recent research has focused heavily on the sales tax, including compliance problems with the current state sales tax; the administration and compliance issues associated with a national retail sales tax; the optimal structure of the sales tax; the roles of the sales tax in influencing the location of retail trade; and the implications of telecommunications and electronic commerce for the existing state and local sales tax. Other research interests include tax evasion and tax avoidance, regional economic development and education.

Dr. Murray's work in CBER includes maintenance of the state econometric model and development of the [monthly leading indicators](#) for Tennessee and its major metro areas. He has worked closely with state and local governments on a wide range of public policy issues, including economic development incentives, economic/fiscal impact analysis, and education finance reform.

## **May Meeting**

Our May chapter meeting will be held at the University of Tennessee Faculty Club on May 10th at 11:30am. The Faculty Club is located on the corner of Neyland Drive and Kingston Pike. This meeting will be our annual awards banquet. Join us for the last meeting of the year for great food, great fun and to help us celebrate all of our accomplishments.

## **Continuing Education Opportunity**

The East Tennessee IIA Chapter Presents Fraud Issues & Answers for Internal Auditors: The Auditor's Role in Fraud Prevention, Detection & Handling on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4:30pm at Rothchild's Catering on Kingston Pike. For more information, contact Andrea Williams or visit [http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event\\_detail/cid/85/event\\_id/6349](http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event_detail/cid/85/event_id/6349).

## **March Meeting Minutes**

*Submitted by Susan Gennoe*

The Southeastern Region's PDC Conference, held at Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN, on March 2-4, 2005 happened in lieu of the regular monthly meeting.

Regional Vice President Dave Bennett and local President Dana Lamson opened the meetings by welcoming everyone. The theme of the meetings was "Promoting Peak Performance." The opening ceremony kicked off at 1 pm Wednesday with speeches from the City of Gatlinburg Mayor Jerry Hayes and Jim Hart with the Friends of the Smokies. Speakers on Wednesday included Bobby Derrick, National AGA President, on "AGA National Initiatives", Frank Crawford, Crawford and Associates, PC on "Fraud and Your Government: It Can't Happen to Us", and concluded that evening with dinner at Ripley's Aquarium.

Bobby Derrick led off the meetings on Thursday with "Leadership: Making a Difference", followed by Bob Lash, president of Strategic Resources on "The 10 Essentials for Organizational Survival". Lunch included storytelling with Mr. Charles Maynard. Afternoon sessions followed with Frank Crawford on "Ethics: Is it really that tough?" and Ron Woody, County Technical Assistance Service, on "Risk Management."

Sandra Sanders, Assistant District Director, U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division, began the meetings on Friday with a discussion on the "Fair Labor Standards Act." Will Bartholomew, former University of TN fullback, concluded the meeting with a motivational talk on "Experiencing All of Life."

Door prizes were distributed at breaks, and the conference ended at noon on Friday with a raffle drawing for which all donations benefited the Friends of the Smokies.

## CGFM CPE Requirements

Information from AGA Website

Have you renewed your CGFM and/or AGA membership this year? The annual invoices went out in February and are due by March 31, 2005. If you have not submitted your payment, please be sure to mail a check, fax your credit card information or pay online ([www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)) as soon as possible.

If you are a CGFM holder, paying the renewal fee is not the only requirement of keeping your designation active. In fact, you cannot renew the CGFM unless you are complaint with the CGFM Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirement of earning at least 80 CPE hours in your last two-year CPE cycle, with at least 20 hours in each year.

Your two-year CGFM CPE cycle depends on the year your CGFM was awarded: if you have earned your CGFM in 1996, 1998, 2000 or 2002, your last two-year CPE cycle just ended on December 31, 2004. If you do not have 80 CPEs in 2003-2004, you can catch up during the grace period of January 1-March 31, 2005. Any hours completed towards a deficiency in one CPE cycle may not be counted towards the next cycle.

If you have earned your CGFM in 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001 or 2003, your current CPE cycle is 2004-2005 and you should have earned a minimum of 20 CPE hours in 2004 and will need to complete 80 CPE hours by the end of this year.

Individuals who have not met the CPE requirement need to contact AGA's CGFM office at 1.800.AGA.7211 ext. 313.

Not all CPEs can count towards the CGFM designation. The hours earned must be in government financial management topics or related technical subjects applicable to government financial management areas. CPEs must contribute to the CGFM's professional proficiency in government financial management, and you need to maintain documentation of the CPE completed (for at least three years). This documentation may be requested by AGA if you are selected to be audited; however, CGFM holders should not automatically send information on their CPE hours to AGA at the time of renewal.

For more information on CGFM CPE requirements, please visit AGA website at [http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cpe\\_requirements.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain/cpe_requirements.aspx).

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