

President's Message

Gail Cook, CGFM, CPA

Hello everyone! Yes, it's that time again – time for another great AGA year. This is a very special year for our chapter. It's our 40th birthday! We will be planning something special for later in the year.

We have a great year planned for everyone, with exciting speakers and a fall and winter seminar. We are also introducing a new program this year – an incentive program. In an effort to increase our membership and encourage participation, we are going to be rewarding our members with incentive vouchers. An announcement of this new program is located on page 4. The AGA Board is very excited about this program and we hope everyone will earn numerous voucher dollars throughout this year.

Our first meeting is September 9th at 11:30am at Calhoun's on the River. I look forward to seeing everyone there! Please watch your email for the September edition of the East Tennessee Times. More information about monthly meetings, the Fall Seminar and service projects will be included.

Gail D. Cook

September Meeting

**Tuesday, September 9
11:30 AM**

Warren Nevad, UT MTAS

Presentation Topic: Alternative Fuels

Agenda

11:30- 12:10 Registration, Networking
and Lunch
12:10 – 1:00 Presentation

Calhoun's on the River

400 Neyland Drive
(865) 673-3399

Menu

Fried Chicken
Homemade Meatloaf
Spinach Maria
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Baked Bread

Cost \$10 per member

Please contact Kristi Reynolds at
kureynolds@tva.gov or 865-632-4021 with
your reservation by September 3rd.

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Meet the East Tennessee Board of Directors

President Gail Cook, CGFM, CPA: Gail began her public service career as Budget Director for Anderson County Government. In March of this year, Gail joined the staff of The University of Tennessee - Municipal Technical Advisory Service (UT-MTAS) as a Finance and Accounting Consultant. She also is a partner in a public accounting firm located in Oak Ridge. She is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College and holds both the CPA and CGFM designations. Gail and her husband Kenny live in Clinton and have two grown children. Her main hobby is being “Nana” to her three grandchildren – Amber, Keaton, and Josiah. Contact Information: gail.cook@tennessee.edu or 865-974-9825

President-Elect Nancy Donahue, CGFM: Nancy has been employed at Pellissippi State Technical Community College as Director of Budget & Payroll for twenty-two years. She was also ‘grandfathered’ in the CGFM program. She is the 1999-2000 Past President of our chapter. She lives in Powell with her husband, David and four-legged son, Bugsy. She is enjoying her grandmother status and spoiling grandchildren, four year old Katie and 10 month old Alex. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, reading and going for long walks. Contact Information: ndonahue@pstcc.edu or 865-694-6541

Treasurer Mike Blair, CGFM: Mike has worked in the Financial and Operational Audit section in the Office of the Inspector General at TVA since 1986 and previously worked for Internal Audit from 1980 to 1986. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and holds the CPA certification. Mike has been an AGA since 1982, past president of the chapter in 1995-1996 and Treasurer since who knows how long. Mike lives in Seymour and has two daughters. He enjoys riding his motorcycle, traveling and cooking. Contact Information: tmblair@tva.gov or 865-632-6056

Secretary Amy Rush, CIA: Amy began working as an auditor in TVA’s Office of the Inspector General after graduating from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She currently works in the Financial & Operational Audits department and holds the CIA designation. Amy lives in Corryton with her husband David and their two dogs, Frankie and Riley. She enjoys reading, writing, bowling, and spending time with her family. Contact Information: arrush@tva.gov or 865-632-2281

Newsletter Editor Mindy Stooksbury, RSBA, PHR: Mindy has been the Director of Fiscal Services for Maryville City Schools since 1998. She currently oversees accounting, budgeting, payroll and human resources. Mindy is active in the Association of School Business Officials International and is working on her Doctor of Education degree with a concentration in organizational leadership. Mindy is the Immediate Past RVP for AGA’s Southeastern Region. Mindy lives in Louisville with her husband of 15 years, Joel, and their three dogs, Dinky, Neo and Beau. Contact Information: mbstooks@ci.maryville.tn.us or 865-982-7121

Historian Amy Paganelli, CGFM: Amy currently works for the University of Tennessee Hospital as the Assistant Dean for Business and Finance for the Graduate School of Medicine. The Graduate School of Medicine enterprises include physician training programs, research and clinical operations. She has been in this position since 1999. Amy is married to Mark Paganelli and they have two children, Sam in 7th grade and Rachel in 5th grade. She received her undergraduate accounting degree from Tennessee Tech in Cookeville and her MBA from MTSU. She enjoys playing tennis, reading, and traveling with family. Contact Information: apaganel@mc.utmck.edu or 865-544-9564

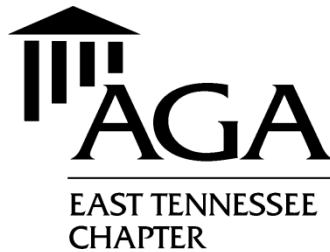
Membership Tonya Davis, CPA: Tonya is currently employed by the Internal Revenue Service, Tax-Exempt and Governmental Entities, Exempt Organization Examination Division, Compliances Strategies Critical Initiates section as a Senior Program Specialist. She monitors numerous programs and makes recommendations to various steering committees as to whether law changes, education for the public or employees is warranted. The majority of these projects are on a national level and as such they attract the attention of Congress and also occasionally the news media. From August 1991 to June 2004 she was employed by IRS as a Special Agent in the Criminal Investigation section. From June 1984 to August 1991 she was employed by the Tennessee Department of Revenue first as a Sales Tax Auditor and then later as a Special Agent with their Special Investigations Unit. She has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Tennessee since 1987. Contact Information: tonya.l.davis@irs.gov or 865-980-7017

Education/CGFM Aldena Phillips, CGFM, CPA: Aldena has been a CPA since 1987 and was “grandfathered” into the CGFM program. She is Associate Controller with the University of Tennessee and has been with the Controller’s Office for over twelve years. She is responsible for general ledger, financial statements, banking, financial records management, unclaimed property reporting and payroll tax payment and reporting. Prior to UT, Aldena worked for 15 years at the State Department of Audit and three years with Walters State Community College. She has been active with our chapter for many years in various board rolls. Contact Information: aldena@tennessee.edu or 865-974-2493

Awards Julie Talbott: Julie is currently the Budget Manager for Blount County Government. She is responsible for preparing the annual county budget, published budget and PAFR. She was previously a corporate payroll/benefits manager and a mortgage loan officer. Julie has a young daughter, Lauren, and enjoys singing. Contact Information: jtalbott@blounttn.org or 865-273-5715

Public Service Dana West: Dana is the Deputy Finance Director for Blount County Government and has held the position since 1997. She is the 2004-2005 Past President of our chapter and a member of TGFOA. Dana is active in the Maryville Rotary Club, where she currently serves as the Secretary. In 2004, she was the Tennessee representative for the Advanced Government Finance Institute. In her spare time, she likes to read, hike, camp, travel and spend time with her children, Jesse and Lindsey. Contact Information: dwest@blounttn.org or 865-273-5717

Meetings Kristi Reynolds: Kristi is a Senior Auditor in the Financial and Operational Audit department with the TVA Office of the Inspector General. She has been with TVA-OIG for 9 years during which time she also worked in the IT and Contract Audit departments. Prior to TVA-OIG, Kristi worked in Human Resources at a local manufacturing plant. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is married and has a 3 year old daughter. Kristi enjoys swimming, dancing, and most of all spending time with her family. Contact Information: kureynolds@tva.gov or 865-632-4021



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



East Tennessee AGA wants **YOU** to be an active member of our chapter.

To encourage membership and participation we are going to offer the following rewards:

Sponsorship of new member	\$20 Incentive voucher
New members	\$20 Incentive voucher
For every 3 meetings attended	\$10 Incentive voucher
Active committee member	\$15 Incentive voucher
Service project participation	Incentive vouchers
project)	(amount varies by

These vouchers can be used within the chapter to pay for AGA dues, meals, or seminars.

For more information contact any East Tennessee AGA officer at <http://www.discoveret.org/etaga/officers.htm>

Chapter News

2008-2009 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

September 9	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Warren Nevad	Alternative Fuels
October 14	11:30 am	Calhoun's	Bob Green	Law Enforcement Center
November 13	8:00am	Rothchild's	Matt Murray, Bob Lash	Fall Seminar
December 9	11:30am	Calhoun's	John Sutton	GASB Update
January 13	11:30am	Calhoun's	Melinda Parton	AGA Initiatives
February 10	11:30am	Calhoun's	TVA	Teleworking
March 10	11:30am	Calhoun's	Shannon McCloud	Safe Haven Law
April 21	8:00am	Rothchild's	Robert Smith	Spring Seminar
May 12	11:30am	Calhoun's	Awards Ceremony	

Service Projects

September	American Heart Association
October	Samaritan's Purse
November	Coats for the Cold
December	Angel Tree
January	Ronald McDonald House
February	Smoky Mountain Animal Care
March	A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of East Tennessee
April	East TN Children's Hospital Neonatal ICU
May	American Cancer Society

****Ronald McDonald House – We will collect small toiletry items for donation to the Ronald McDonald House throughout the year.**