

East Tennessee Times

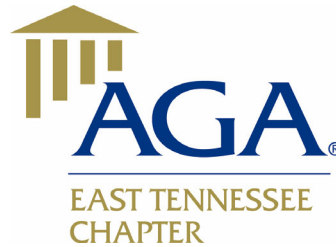
President's Message—Julie Talbott

What a wonderful time of year! The beautiful lights, the sounds of the season and the giving spirit of Christmas is in the air. I just want to wish everyone and their family a heart felt Merry Christmas.

I would like to thank each board member who helped to put the seminar together, it was a great success! As well, on behalf of the board, a special thank you to those of you that attended the Fall Seminar. We hope you'll join us again for our Spring

Seminar on April 8th. Please plan on joining us for our next meeting at Calhoun's, with speaker Dave Bennett. Dave is the Assistant County Mayor and the Director of Accounts & Budgets for Blount County. With his experiences in government I'm sure he will enlighten as well as entertain us as only Dave can. I encourage everyone to try and bring someone with you!

Also, if you took tags for the Angel Tree, don't



forget to bring your unwrapped gifts to the meeting. We need to turn them all in on Tuesday.

See you next week!

Julie

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Tuesday, December 11

Calhoun's on the River
400 Neyland Drive
(865) 673-3399

11:30-12:10 Registration and Lunch

12:10-1:00 Presentation

Menu: BBQ Lunch Buffet

Cost \$ 10 per member

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December Meeting — David Bennett, CGFM

Our December meeting speaker is David Bennett. Dave is the Director of Accounts & Budgets for Blount County, TN. He has served as the Assistant County Mayor for the last three County Mayors and also served as Blount County's Interim Homeland Security Director.

Under his direction, Blount

County is one of only three of the 95 counties in Tennessee to receive all three national awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA): the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report), PAFR (Popular Annual Financial Report), and Annual Budget Document.

Dave is a member of the Association of Government Accountants and currently serves as the National Treasurer. He served as president of the East TN Chapter in 2001-02 and was the Southeastern Regional Vice-President in 2004-2005.

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AGA National News...

National Leadership Conference (NLC) Registration Brochure Is Now Available:

Take a look at this year's impressive line up of speakers and education sessions by downloading your copy of the brochure at www.agacgfm.org/conferences/downloads/NLCRegBrochure.pdf. You can also get information about registration, hotel accommodations, travel discounts, and more! Earn 14 CPE hours at outstanding technical sessions, and take advantage of this opportunity to network, exchange ideas and meet new friends.

Finalists Named in AGA's First Government Finance Case Challenge:

Six universities offered responses to

AGA's First Government Finance Case Challenge. We are proud to announce that the **University of Nebraska at Omaha** and the **University of Texas at Dallas** are the finalists in this competition. Each team will be invited to offer a presentation of their case response to a panel of judges at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington, D.C., Feb. 21-22, 2008. **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!—Sign up for AGA's Intensive Review Course and take the CGFM Examinations before the 2008 National Leadership Conference.** The Intensive Review Course will take place on February 18-19, 2008. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on February 20-21,

2008. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. *Special Bonus:* the CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to



Visit AGA's website at www.agacgfm.org for more information on news and events. You can also visit the Members Only section and update your personal information and renew your membership.

2007-2008 National Events Calendar

December:

12/12 Anatomy of Fraud—Audio Conf.

January:

01/08-01/09 Nashville Winter Seminar

February:

02/04-02/05 Conducting Internal Investigations Seminar in Louisville, KY

02/06 Internal Controls-Audio Conf.

02/21-02/22 National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC

March:

03/05 Environmental Fraud-Audio Conf.

03/26 GASB Update-Audio Conference

June:

06/06-06/07 Sectional Leadership Meeting in Baltimore

Building on the Dream: Shaping a Culture of Accountability
AGA's 2008 Professional Development Conference—Atlanta—July 27-30, 2008

03/27-03/28 Southeastern Regional PDC in Chattanooga

Certified Government Financial Manager...

Studying for the Exam:

There are several ways to study for the CGFM examinations...

*By attending the instructor-led training courses offered in conjunction with Management Concepts

*By purchasing the new study guides

*By referring to the reading resources that will help you study for the examinations

*By calling your local AGA chapter to find out if there are any study groups or other support available to help you prepare for the examinations.

What is the best way to study?

The best way to study depends on your knowledge, experience, time and location constraints and individual preferences. Start by reviewing the contents of each examination on AGA's website. Then review each of the choices above to determine which one is best for you.

Want more information?

Visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfmdefault.aspx>.

CGFM Gets Another Boost in Tennessee

Visit <http://www.agacgfm.org>



Need direct assistance?
Contact Katya Silver at ksilver@agacgfm.org.

Chapter Meeting Calendar

12/11/2007 Dave Bennett, AGA National Treasurer and Blount County Assistant Mayor at Calhoun's on the River

01/08/2008 Congressman Jimmy Duncan, Jr. at Calhoun's on the River

02/12/2008 Bryan Burklin, Blount County Government, at Calhoun's on the River

03/11/2008 Relmond Van Daniker, AGA National Executive Director, at Calhoun's on the River

04/08/2008 Spring Seminar with Evie Barry and others at Buddy's Banquet Hall

05/13/2008 Awards Ceremony and Final Meeting at Calhoun's on the River

Remember that all meetings start at 11:30am and end at 1:00pm. All meetings this year, except for the May Awards Ceremony, are offering at least 1 CPE for those needing continuing education. This is a great deal...lunch and 1 CPE for only \$ 10!

Member Get-A-Member Campaign

Bring a perspective member or a friend to a meeting. We think there are a lot of folks out there that would benefit from our meetings and membership in AGA. We encourage you to spread the word about our chapter and help us grow our membership! Every member who sponsors new members is eligible for prizes and recognition in AGA's We Have A Dream campaign. Prizes include lapel pins, AGA dollars, paid membership dues and a BOSE Wave Music System.

Service Projects Calendar

The East TN Chapter prides itself on our commitment to local charities and we encourage each of you to join in the service projects held throughout the year. More information will be available at the monthly meetings on the specifics of each project.

December: Angel Tree

January: American Cancer Society

February: American Heart Association

March: New Hope Children's Advocacy Center

April: East TN Children's Hospital Encology Clinic

May: Humane Society

If you have questions about any of the charities or projects, contact Dana West at dwest@blounttn.org.

Please remember to bring your Angel Tree gifts to the December meeting. Gifts should be returned unwrapped with the name tag attached. A representative from Angel Tree will be at Calhoun's to pick them up. Thanks to everyone for their participation in this service project and with helping to make the Christmas holiday more enjoyable for those that are less fortunatel

Dave Bennett...

Dave Bennett bio continued...

Dave is also a member of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He is a past president and board member of the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association.

He is the chairman of the Blount County Republican Party and is the 2007 Campaign Chairman of United Way of Blount

County. He is also the Trustee of the Building Committee of Fairview United Methodist Church, a Leadership Blount Alumni and current Board member, and is a former board member of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife, Fran, have three children – Mikki, Hunter, and Lexi.

Financial Information

Treasurer Mike Blair reported the bank balance as of October 30th as \$12,786.62.

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etaga](http://www.discovernet.org/etaga)

November Meeting Minutes

For those of you who were unable to attend the fall seminar, you missed an attention-grabbing and comical assembly! David Bennett, Program Chair, began the seminar by introducing the speaker, Frank Crawford, President of Crawford & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Crawford spoke to the group with regard to *AICPA SAS 112: Communication of Internal Control Matters Identified in an Audit: Measuring the Impact on both Auditors & Auditees*.

He also provided information regarding the various types of internal control deficiencies and the communication of those deficiencies to auditees. Several case studies were presented

and discussed by seminar attendees to reinforce the material. Mr. Crawford also provided a session on ethics which included a discussion of ethical decision-making, an explanation of the Circle of Morality concept, and amusing stories of his travels.

Seminar attendees were asked to participate in the December community service project by taking angel tree gift tags. Angel tree gifts are to be brought to the December meeting.

There was no board meeting after the seminar.

Chapter Recognition Program Points Update as of 11/30/07

1150 Leadership
200 Education
160 Certification
675 Communication
0 Membership
50 Early Careers
200 Community Service
500 Awards

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