



EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

February 2003

NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message

Burrr! Winter has finally arrived! I hope everyone is keeping warm and safe during this snowy season.

First of all, I want to thank Don Benson for sharing his experiences as a federal marshal. It was a very moving discussion. Next, I want to thank those who volunteered their time to help with the annual Kidney Foundation's Chocolate Fest.

Plans for our annual spring seminar are underway. Please mark your calendar for Friday, April 25th. We are hoping that the topics and speakers will be very interesting and exciting. In addition, this is a great opportunity to earn up to eight hours of CPE.

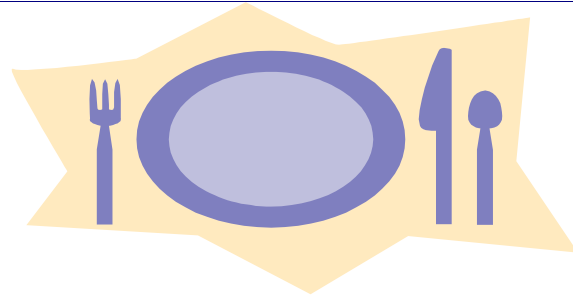
Don't forget our service project for this month is a food drive. Please bring your canned goods to the next meeting. Also, our March service project is the Public TV Telethon. The date has been set for Tuesday, March 11.

Finally, Aldena Phillips has updated our chapter's by-laws. Please review as we will need to make a motion at our next meeting to accept it.

See everyone at the next meeting!

*President,
Carol Malkemus*

February Meeting



Date: Tuesday, February 11th

Time: 11:30 – 1:00

Place: Calhouns
(Neyland Drive)

Cost: \$5.00

Menu:

Choice of one:

* Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans

* Grilled Chicken Teriyaki
Sautéed Mixed Vegetables

Dessert:

Keylime Pie Cake

If you are planning to attend, please notify Dana Lamson by no later than February 6th at (865) 273-5717 or

dlamson@mail.blount.state.tn.us.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The fifth chapter meeting of the year was held on January 14, 2003 at Copper Cellar on Cumberland Avenue. Carol Malkemus opened the meeting with several announcements. The first was regarding membership dues. In December our group submitted a vote to not increase national dues. Unfortunately, Carol announced that dues would go up April 1 of this year.

We are having a food drive in February in conjunction with a local Boy Scout troop. Everyone is asked to bring canned goods to the next meeting.

Literature was passed around regarding CGFM certification for those who were interested. The Public TV Telethon will be held on March 11 from 6:60-11:30. Volunteers are being recruited.

Finally, Aldena announced that she had revised the chapter bylaws and distributed copies to those who were interested in reviewing them. She also has them available via email and through the chapter's website.

Our speaker for January was Don Benson who recently retired from the U.S. Marshals Service as Chief Deputy. He is still actively involved in the Critical Incident Response Debriefing Team for the U.S. Marshals Service. Mr. Benson's emotional speech centered around three Critical Incidents. He described his experiences with helping the victims involved in the shooting at Ruby Ridge, the Oklahoma City Bombing, and the September 11th attacks.

A brief executive meeting was held following the luncheon. The board set a date to hold a planning meeting for the spring seminar. Carol also asked for a volunteer to take over the planning of the Public TV Telethon.

Submitted by: Audrey Atkins

Speaker Information

CHARLES M. PECCOLO
Vice President and Treasurer
The University of Tennessee

Charles M. Peccolo was appointed Treasurer of the University of Tennessee in February 1990 after serving in an acting capacity since June 1989. In 2000, Peccolo was named Vice President and Treasurer of the University. Upon the formation of the University of Tennessee Foundation in 2001, Peccolo was named its Treasurer and fills a similar role for the University of Tennessee Research Corporation. Peccolo started his career with the University in 1976 as a staff internal auditor and after a year moved to financial analyst where he headed up the cash management program and capital outlay accounting for the institution. In 1982 Peccolo was appointed Assistant Treasurer and four years later, Controller.

Peccolo earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville in 1973, his masters of accountancy in 1980, and obtained the designation of certified public accountant in 1977 and certified cash manager in 1986.

Peccolo is a member of several professional and community organizations. He is currently a board member and second vice president for the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers (SACUBO), a board member and investment committee chair of the East Tennessee Foundation, a board member and Treasurer of the Ronald McDonald House Children's Charities, and a member of the Knoxville Christian Community Foundation Investment Committee. Peccolo also served as treasurer and board member of the UT Federal Credit Union, past president of the Knoxville Exchange Club and Financial Management

Association of Knoxville, and is a former *Ledger* editor and secretary for the Southern Associations of College and University Business Officers. In addition, Peccolo has been

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involved as an officer or committee member in his homeowners association, school PTA and other community groups such as Knoxville United Way, Children's Center of Knoxville, and East Tennessee Education Fund.

Peccolo was born in Alamosa, Colorado and grew up in Kansas before coming to school in Tennessee. He is married to the former Dulcie L. Sybouts of Lincoln, Nebraska, a professor at the University of Tennessee. They have two daughters, Jessica (24) a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and Meredith (21) a sophomore at the University of Tennessee.

Certified Government Financial Manager CGFM

Most Frequently ask questions regarding CGFM

Q.) What are the names of the three examinations?

- a.) Examination 1 – Governmental Environmental
- b.) Examination 2 – Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- c.) Examination 3 – Governmental Financial Management and Control

Q.) What is the cost of taking the CGFM examinations?

- a.) The cost is \$109 per examination. There is an additional nonrefundable \$85 application fee.

Q.) Am I required to take all three examinations even though I have other certifications?

- a.) Yes, All applicants are required to take all three examinations

regardless of other credentials or past experience.

Q.) Are there sample questions? Why not?

- a.) Sample questions are not currently provided due to a limited number of questions being used on the examinations. Some sample questions may be available after the exams have been updated. Detailed information on the content of examinations can be found in The Examination section of the CGFM web pages.

If you are interested in learning more about CGFM you may visit their website page at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm_detail.htm.

Source: *Certified Government Financial Manager Topics Newsletter*.

Member Profile

Mindy Stooksbury, PHR, IPMA-CP

Mindy Stooksbury is the Director of Fiscal Services for Maryville City Schools. Mindy has worked with Maryville City Schools for five years and is responsible for all accounting, budgeting, and human resources functions in the school system. Before accepting that position, she worked for Maryville City Schools as the schools Coordinator of Accounts & Budgets.

Mindy, received her Bachelor of Arts in Business Management in 1993 from Maryville College. She went on to receive her Masters in Business Administration in 1998. In Addition to her degrees, Mindy worked to receive a certification in Professional Human Resources (PHR) in 2001, International Personnel Management Association - Certified Professional in 2001 (IPMA-CP), and Certified School Business Administrator (CSBA) certification in 2001.

Mindy lives at home in Maryville with her husband Joel and her three dogs; Dinky, Neo and Mojo.

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Upcoming Events

Food Drive

Food Drive - February 12, 2003

Public TV Telethon

Telethon - March 11 from 6:60 - 11:30

Please be sure to volunteer for the Public Tv event coming up. Several of the AGA members expressed what a great time they had during the Telephone last year. Don' t miss out!

Conferences & Exhibitions

2002-2003 AGA Calendar

February 20 – 21, 2003

First AGA National Leadership Conference, Washington, D.C.

March 1

Performance and Accountability Reports due to AGA for CEAR Program.

March 6 - 7

NEC Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria, VA.

March 8 - 9

Leadership Training Workshop, Alexandria, VA.

June 29 - July 2

AGA's 52nd Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, Chicago, IL.

National Events/News

New Scholarship Opportunity Available for AGA Members

Rutgers University has created a scholarship program for AGA members interested in earning the CGFM certification and an advanced degree in government financial management, which is now completely available online. Rutgers will commit \$25,000 over a two-year period, with five students receiving \$2,000 each in the first year.

For more information, contact AGA Director of Education Linda Martin- Latham, MA, at 800.AGA.7211 x 209, or at latham@agacgfm.org. Check www.Gov-maccy.rutgers.edu for additional Information about admission, curriculum, program requirements and faculty.

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

Membership News

Limited Time Offer! AGA is offering members a \$5 discount on their 2003-04 national membership dues if they renew online by February 28th! This is now available via the AGA website in the Members Only section – <http://members.agacgfm.org/ScriptContent/Index.cfm>. So renew today !

Submitted by Amy Paganelli.

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

Chapter Reports

We have 6,261 in chapter points. Mike Blair, Treasurer, reported an ending balance of \$4,324.84 on December 31, 2003.

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**2002-2003
East TN AGA Chapter Calendar**

02/11 – Butch Peccolo, UT
Calhoun's
03/11 – Mickey Billbrey
Naples
04/25 – AGA Conference
Rothchilds
05/13 – FBI Whitecollar Crimes
Regas

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