

Happy Valentine's Day! Our February meeting will be held on Valentine's Day, so we hope everyone will join us in a Valentine's Social. We will not have a speaker, but will spend quality time with our fellow members.

For those of you who missed the January meeting with John Werner from Knox County, you missed a good one! He provided us with an exciting and informational look at Knox County Government.

If you have any suggestions for a topic and/or speaker for the March meeting, please contact Andrea Williams, President or myself. We are always looking for member ideas.

As we continue to try to grow our chapter, try to bring a co-worker to the next meeting. The best way to encourage someone to join is by bringing him/her to a meeting. It's hard to convince someone to join when they haven't experienced our group.

Have a wonderful day and I look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

*Mindy Stooksbury
President-Elect*

February Meeting

**Tuesday, February 14, 2006
11:30 AM**

Valentine's Day Social

Agenda

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

Calhoun's on the River

(865) 673-3355
400 Neyland Drive

Menu Choices

The Volunteer Buffet

Chicken Teriyaki Over Rice
Prosperity Pork Loin
Potatoes AuGratin
Country Style Green Beans
Fresh Baked Breads
Tea & Coffee

Cost

\$5.00 per Member
\$10.00 Non-Members

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at (865) 974-4300 or chartse1@utk.edu with your reservation by February 10th.

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AGA National News

Upcoming AGA CPE Opportunities

AGA, in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT), and the National Association of Local Government Auditors (N.A.L.G.A.), is pleased to announce a new audio conference addressing "SOX". March 1st at 2:00 (Eastern Daylight Time) there will be an audio conference regarding the Implications of Sarbanes-Oxley for the Future of the Auditing Profession. To register, go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/sox0306.aspx>.

Call for 2006 National Academic Scholarships 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: (1) Up to six \$1,000 full-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, (2) Up to two \$500 part-time merit scholarships to AGA members and their family members, and (3) One \$1,000 community service scholarship. The **deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 2006**. Apply now and take full advantage of your AGA membership. To download a copy of the application go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/> or contact [Rosanna Ortiz](mailto:Rosanna.Ortiz@agacgfm.org)

FINAL CALL FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

AGA's National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for our 10 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence:

Robert W. King Memorial Award

Einhorn-Gary Award

Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award

Achievement of the Year Award

Educator Award

Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award

Special Achievement Award

Chapter Service Award

Chapter Education Award

Community Service Award

These awards will be presented during AGA's Professional Development Conference and Exposition in San Diego, CA June 18-21, 2006. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. All nominations are due by Friday, March 3, 2006. Visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/> for all nomination forms or for more information contact Rosanna Ortiz at rortiz@agacgfm.org.

Check out 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.

2005-2006 National Events Calendar

June 16, 2006

National Executive Committee Meeting

San Diego, CA

June 18-21, 2006

55th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition San Diego, CA

Chapter News

🖨️ if anyone is interested in assisting Phyllis Palmer as Webmaster, contact Andrea Williams. 🖨️

📄 Member and officer newsletter submissions for the March Newsletter are due March 27th. 📄

\$\$\$ Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$11,354.32 as of December 31, 2005. \$\$\$

🖨️ Don't forget to visit our chapter website at www.kornnet.org/etaga for all the latest news and information! 🖨️



2005-2006 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

March 14	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
April 15	8:00 am	TBD	Leadership Seminar
May 9	11:30 am	UT University Club	Awards Banquet

Service Projects

March	Public Television Telethon
April	Haven House
May	Linen Drive

Points Update

Through December 5,
2005

Leadership	3,200
Education	750
Certification	1,250
Communication	3,221
Membership	250
Community Service	450
Awards	200
Total Points YTD	9,321

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Public Service Project for February – American Heart Association

OPENING ON THE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There is an opening for CEC Program Chair. If interested, please contact Andrea Williams at (865) 632-2612 or alwilliams@tva.gov.

LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?



ENTRY LEVEL & EXPERIENCED AUDITORS

The Tennessee Valley Authority Office of the Inspector General is currently hiring entry level and experienced auditors. Entry level applicants should have a BS or MS in accounting, finance or related field with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Experienced applicants should have a business related 4 year degree and 3+ years experience. For more information on these positions, go to <http://oig.tva.gov/vacancy.htm>.



AGA provides job listings for the accounting professional. Visit <http://aga.careerbank.comwww.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx>



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



March Meeting

Our March chapter meeting will be held at Calhoun's on the River on March 14th at 11:30 pm. The speaker has not yet been determined. Our public service project for the month of March will be the Public Television Telethon. Details will be published in the March newsletter.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

On January 10, 2006 the East Tennessee AGA Chapter met for their regular monthly meeting at Calhoun's in Knoxville.

Andrea Williams opened the meeting with a welcome to those attending and to our speaker for the day, Mr. John Werner. Mr. Werner is the Finance Director for Know County Government. He spoke to us on Measurements for Success and implementing the Balanced Scorecard for a better government.

There was no board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Julie Talbott
Secretary

February Speaker -

There will be no speaker for the month of February. The lunch meeting will be a Valentine's Day social hour for members of AGA that are willing to attend.

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Annual CGFM renewal time!

AGA National is getting ready to send you an annual renewal invoice for your CGFM certification and/or AGA membership. If your address has recently changed, please be sure to update your contact information with AGA and pay your dues in the "Members only" section of AGA website (www.agacgfm.org).

Below you'll find answers to frequently asked questions about CGFM renewal:

Q: How often do I have to renew my CGFM designation?

A: CGFM certification is renewed on an annual basis. A renewal invoice is sent out in February and the payment is due by March 31st. If you do not receive an invoice by mid-March, please call AGA at 1.800.AGA.7211.

Q: What are the requirements for maintaining the CGFM certification?

A: To maintain the designation, a CGFM holder must:

1. Pay the CGFM renewal fee at the beginning of every year.
2. Adhere to the AGA Code of Ethics.
3. Every two years complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management topics or related technical subjects (with at least 20 in each year).
4. Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

If you did not renew your CGFM certification last year or have not earned 80 CPE hours in your last two-year CPE cycle, please contact the Office of Professional Certification at 1.800.AGA.7211 (703.684.6931), ext. 305.

Q: I just retired. Do I need to do anything to adjust my CGFM status?

A: Yes. If you have recently retired from AND are no longer substantially working in the government financial management community, please notify AGA of your change of status to "retired" by fax (703-562-0361) or email (agacgfm@agacgfm.org).

Should you return to work (substantial employment or contracting) in the government financial management community, please contact AGA to change your CGFM status back to "Active."

Katya Silver
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