

East Tennessee Times

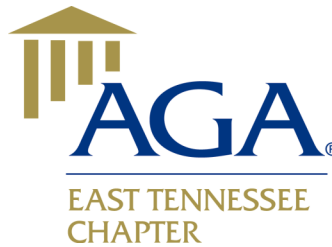
President's Message—Nancy Donahue, CGFM

I hope this newsletter finds you well, warm and dry. We seem to be stuck in a wet and cool cycle and I held such hope for 2010!

The brochure for the Southeast Region Professional Development Conference was e-mailed on Friday, January 22nd. There is no changing our minds about hosting the PDC any longer! The focus is on fraud, theft, controls and ethics with 16 hours of technical CPE available. We are excited with our line up of speakers and look forward to seeing everyone in Gatlinburg March 24-26, 2010. Please contact any board member with questions.

With February our minds tend to think of Valentines, love and hearts so it is very fitting that our service project this month is Saving Little Hearts. Saving Little Hearts provides surgery care packages to children undergoing open heart surgery. Care packages include items such as long distance phone cards, disposable cameras, toys and coloring books, pens and journals, toiletries and other useful items.

We will be collecting items that can be included in the care packages. Visit www.savinglittlehearts.com to learn more about Saving Little Hearts.



Please let us know how we can best serve you this chapter year.

Nancy

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February Meeting—Whitney Lawson

Whitney Lawson is a Field Marketing Specialist with Becker Professional Review.

Whitney will be speaking on the trends and planning processes for CPA and CFA certifications.

Becker has provided professional education in the area of accounting and finance for over 50 years.

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 9

11:30 AM

Whitney Lawson
Becker Professional Review

Presentation Topic:
Planning Process Toward CPA
Certification

Agenda

11:30- 12:10 Registration, Net-
working and Lunch

12:10 – 1:00 Presentation

Calhoun's on the River
400 Neyland Drive

(865) 673-3399

Menu

Pork Barbeque Buffet

Cost \$10 per member

Please contact Amy Rush at
arrush@tvaog.gov with your
reservation by February 4th.

AGA National News...

2010 National Leadership Award Recipients Announced—The recipients of the Federal Leadership and State and Local Leadership Awards have been announced and will be presented at the National Leadership Conference February 18-19 in Washington D.C. For the list of award winners visit:

http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/agatoday/011110/nlc_awards.aspx

Two Universities Selected as Finalists for AGA Case Study—North Carolina State University and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville have been selected as the finalist teams in AGA’s Government

Finance Case Challenge. They will attend AGA’s National Leadership Conference in February 2010 for their final presentation.

Registration and Housing Open for PDC—Registration is now open for the PDC Conference in Orlando, FL on July 11-14, 2010. Early registration discounts are available and AGA members may register online. Room reservations are also open at the Orlando World Center Marriott at \$108/night. Visit the AGA web site for additional information and online registration.



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.

2009-2010 National Events Calendar

02/10 Audio Conference—Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors

02/18-02/19 National Leadership Conference—Washington, D.C.

03/03 Audio Conference—The War Against Fraud and Abuse

03/24 Audio Conference—Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Re-

porting—SEA Performance Information

04/21—The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors

07/11-07/14 Professional Development Conference—Orlando, FL

09/16-09/17 Internal Control and Fraud Conference—Washington, D.C.

**AGA’s 2010
Professional Development
Conference
Orlando, FL July 11-14, 2010
REGISTER ONLINE TODAY**

Certified Government Finance Manager—How Do I Purchase the Exams?

After you have applied for the CGFM program and received an eligibility letter from AGA, you are ready to purchase the exams.

You must register with Pearson VUE, pay for your exam(s), and schedule your appointment.

You must have your candidate ID (found in your eligibility letter) to purchase the

exam(s).

Detailed instructions for this process can be found at:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/purchase/>



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

Chapter Meeting Calendar...

02/09/2010 Calhoun's on the River:
Whitney Lawson, Becker Professional
Review

03/24-26/2010 Regional Professional
Development Conference—Gatlinburg

04/13/2010 Calhoun's on the River:
Speaker to be announced

05/11/2010 Calhoun's on the River:
Awards Ceremony and Final Meeting

Remember that all regular monthly meet-
ings start at 11:30am and end at 1:00pm.
Most meetings offer 1 CPE for those
needing continuing education. This is a
great deal...lunch and 1 CPE for only \$10!

Financial Information

**Treasurer Mike Blair
reported the bank
balance as of December
31st as \$22,662.07.**

WE'RE EXCITED!!!

We will be hosting the Regional
PDC on March 24-26, 2010 in
Gatlinburg. Mark your calendar
now to attend and to assist our
local chapter in making it a
huge success! Don't miss this
opportunity—brochure is at-
tached.

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 ser-
vice projects held throughout the year.
More information will be available at the
monthly meetings on the specifics of
each project. For February, we are col-
lecting items to go in baskets for Saving
Little Hearts.

Sept: American Heart Association

Oct: Samaritan's Purse

Nov: Angel Tree

Dec: Angel Tree

Jan: Ronald McDonald House

Feb: Saving Little Hearts

Mar: Saving Little Hearts

Apr: Ronald McDonald House

May: American Cancer Society

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

Chapter Recognition Program Points Update

Leadership:	2,825
Education:	2,325
Certification:	725
Communications:	2,620
Membership:	100
Early Career & Students:	200
Community Service:	<u>600</u>
TOTAL YTD	9,395

This program provides incentives and
award to participating chapters and pro-
vides a framework for well-rounded chap-

February Service Project—Saving Little Hearts

Our February service project is Saving
Little Hearts. Saving Little Hearts children
and the family of children with congeni-
tal heart defects. They provide emotional
assistance and educational information
through their care packages. We will be
collecting the following items for the care
packages that are delivered to area hos-
pitals.

Long distance phone cards, disposable
cameras, individual snacks, travel size
hand wipes, word find puzzle books,
crayons, anti-bacterial hand lotion, travel
size toiletries, playing cards, journal,
toothbrush, and toothpaste.

Help us by bringing any of these items to
the February meeting.

Membership Drive

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!

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January Meeting Minutes

On January 12, 2010 we held our meeting at Calhoun's on the River in Knoxville and enjoyed a very delicious meal.

Our guest speaker was David Winstead, Special Investigator for TVA OIG.

David's topic was fraud and provided us with valuable statistics on the subject.

The executive board met afterwards to finalize the plans for the upcoming Re-

gional Professional Development Conference in March in Gatlinburg.



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 (within the Chapter year)	\$10 Incentive voucher
Service project participation	\$10 Incentive voucher

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