

East Tennessee Times

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President’s Message—Nancy Donahue, CGFM

I hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday and all your Christmas wishes came true. I had a wonderful visit with the grandchildren – they sure make Christmas special these days. We had fun playing soccer and target football and of course there were several Barbie and Hannah Montana dolls to play with.

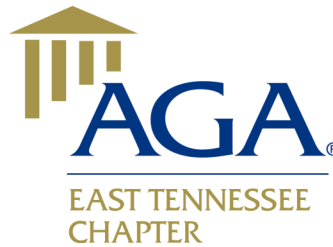
Our January speaker will be W. David Winstead a TVA Senior Special Agent (Investigations) and he will be presenting on fraud. Our meeting will be at Calhoun’s on the River, January 12, 2010 beginning at 11:30 am. Hopefully everyone will have recovered from the New Year and will be getting use to

writing 2010!

Our service project for January will be Ronald McDonald House. Please bring toiletry items and toys/games. We will also collect for Ronald McDonald House again in April.

We will be finalizing plans for the Southeast Region PDC and sending out registration information in January so please keep the dates of March 24-26, 2010 open.

We are sad to say farewell but also offer our best wishes to Dave Bennett from Blount County Government. Dave will be taking a job in the private sector in January and our chapter and profession



will feel this change. Dave we wish you well and will miss you tremendously!

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

Nancy

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January Meeting—David Winstead

David received a bachelor’s degree in Economics from Carson-Newman College, a law degree from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from the University of Tennessee. After graduation from law school, David served on active duty in the U.S. Army JAG Corps where

he defended the Army against contract and tort lawsuits and later, after becoming a Reservist, was called up to serve as a prosecutor for the 101st Airborne Division.

As a civilian, David was Assistant County Attorney for

Anderson County, Tennessee. In 2001, he accepted a job as an attorney for the TVA Office of Inspector General (OIG). He later became a Special Agent for the TVA OIG.

His presentation topic will be fraud.

January Meeting
Tuesday, January 12
11:30 AM

David Winstead
TVA OIG

Presentation Topic:
Fraud

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
Sirloin of Beef and Barbeque
Pulled Pork with side items

Cost \$10 per member

Please contact Kristi Reynolds at
kureynolds@tva.oig.gov or
 865-633-7360 with your reservation

AGA National News...

AGA Research Survey—AGA is conducting a study on Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC). GRC is a management improvement initiative. The survey focuses both on organizations that have developed or are developing GRC.

Please go to

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=vR2h5m23Xh_2bCKNULxOirIA_3d_3d to participate in this important study.

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

01/13 Audio Conference—
Impact of the Stimulus Plan on Internal Controls

01/25 Audio Conference—
President's Executive Order: Reduce Improper Payments and Eliminate Waste

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

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 Prepare?

There are several ways to study for the CGFM examinations.

- By attending the training courses offered in conjunction with Management Concepts.
- By purchasing AGA's study guide available at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/pre>

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- By referring the AGA's study references available at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studymaterials.aspx>
- By contacting your local AGA chapter about available study groups and support.



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

Chapter Meeting Calendar...

01/12/2010 Calhoun's on the River:
David Winstead—TVA Office of Inspector
General

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 November
30th as \$23,729.69.**

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!

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 December, we are col-
lecting our Angel Tree presents for the
names distributed in November.

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-

January Service Project—Ronald McDonald House

Our January service project is the Ronald
McDonald House. We will be collecting
toiletries and games to be donated to the
Knoxville facility. The Ronald McDonald
House provides a place to stay for fami-
lies whose children are receiving special-
ized medical care in nearby hospitals.
They provide home-cooked meals, pri-
vate bedrooms, and playrooms for the
children. Help us by bringing items for

donation.

Thanks again to everyone who donated
items for the Angel Tree project. It was a
huge success!

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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December Meeting Minutes

On December 8, 2009 we held our meeting at Calhoun's on the River in Knoxville and enjoyed a very delicious meal along with seeing a great turnout with the Angle Tree Gifts.

Our quest speaker was Dr. Reed who led us through the process of finding out which personality quad we belong to.

Our learning and thinking process is determined by how we take in information. Do you get it from others or do you get it from a book?

We learned of four quads Upper Right; Lower Right; Upper Left and Lower Left. Some of the characteristics of those quads are as follows:

- Upper Right—Sympathetic

Leads by trust and participation
 Mediators—"We Can Work it Out"

- Lower Right—Analytical

Leads by principals and procedures

Planners—"Be Prepared"

- Upper Left—Practical

Leads by personal

Visionaries—"Yes We Can"

- Lower Left—Intuitive

Leads by energizing people and holding up vision

Visionaries—"Just Do It"

We also learned that no one quad is better than the other. Which one are you?

Connie Aytes



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.