



EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

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NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message

Well, my year as being your president is drawing to a close. What a year we have had! There have been several interesting speakers beginning with Ted Hall and to end with Beth O'Brien, Rosalind Torrence, Dr. Matt Murray, Russell Fallis, Don Benson, Butch Peccolo, and Mickey Bilbrey in between. We learned a little bit about our economy, anthrax, growing issues in health care, UT investments, and our "true" colors.

I am so proud of the community service projects our chapter has participated in this year. The events include donating toiletry items for the Ronald McDonald House, donating coats for the Coats for the Cold program, participating in the annual Angel Tree program, collecting food for a food drive, assisting the Kidney Foundation's Chocolate Fest, and my personal favorite, answering phones for East Tennessee Public Television's telethon. Give yourself a pat on the back for all that you have done this year. Thank you very much!

I hope that you were able to make it to our annual spring seminar. The speakers and the topics were interesting and informative. I certainly learned the following:

- Do not use my pet's name as a computer password

- White-collar crimes are number seven on the FBI's priority list, with the nation's infrastructure being first and second.
- It is a good idea to check your credit history every six months to a year to see if someone other than yourself is using your identity to receive credit.
- Tennessee's economy is bound to get better "in about six months".
- When being audited, check your body language to be sure you are not giving the wrong impression.

And finally, I sincerely want to thank each and every member of the board. Each person has contributed so much that it made my year as president very easy. My thanks to Tonya, Audrey, Aldena, Nancy, Amy, Mike, Dana, Susan, Sherry, Phyllis, Karen, Alicia, Tom, and Dave for all your hard work this year and for putting on a successful seminar.

*President,
Carol Malkemus*

May Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Time: 11:30 p.m.

Place: Regas

Cost: \$5.00

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Choice of One:

- Chef's Special ½ Pound of Chopped Sirloin w/ Baked Potato
- Baked Potato & Salad
- Mesquite Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ Regas Fries

If you are planning to attend the April Seminar, please notify Dana Lamson by no later than May 9th at (865) 273-5717 or dlamsom@mail.blount.state.tn.us

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The annual spring seminar was held on Friday, April 25th at Rothchild's Catering. Carol opened the seminar by telling the group about our chapter and invited anyone to join who has not already. The first speaker of the day, Deborah Meyers Thornton with TVA, talked about using common sense when it comes to IT Security. Our next speaker, Beth O'Brien from the FBI spoke about white-collar crime, but she also touched on other issues such as Internet safety and fraud.

W. Grey Steed, a Private Investigator, spoke with the group about identity theft while they enjoyed a delicious lunch. Mr. Steed told great stories and jokes as part of his presentation. After lunch Dr. Matt Murray from the University of Tennessee spoke about the outlook of the economy nationally to locally. The final speaker of the day was Melinda Crutchfield, an investigator with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office. Her presentation focused on the behavioral aspects of interviewing suspects and ways they get them to confess.

Throughout the day many wonderful door prizes were given away. Mike Blair won the grand prize at the end of the day,

which included goodies such as a cooler, beach ball, and chips. Carol wrapped up the meeting by inviting everyone to the May meeting.

Submitted By: Audrey Atkins

Speaker Information

Beth O' Brien

* Ms. O'Brien is a 1985 graduate of the Catholic University of America, Washington DC, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. In 1990, she received a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law in Camden, New Jersey. Ms. O'Brien is a member of both the New Jersey and the Pennsylvania bars.

While attending law school at night, Ms. O'Brien worked as a government contract accountant for RCA Corporation, a legal assistant for the law firm of Morgan, Lewis, and Bockius, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a law clerk for the Supreme Court of New Jersey in Trenton, New Jersey.

Ms. O'Brien was appointed a Special Agent of the FBI in June 1990. For eight years, she served in the FBI's Norfolk, Virginia, field office where she conducted White Collar Crime investigations. In 1998, she was promoted to a Supervisory Special Agent position and was assigned to the Criminal Investigative Division at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC. Ms. O'Brien currently supervises a squad of White Collar Crime and Computer Crime Special Agents in the FBI's Knoxville, Tennessee, field office.

**Certified Government Financial Manager
CGFM**

Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
Recognizes CGFM Designation.

Institute of Internal Auditors' (IIA) Board of Regents has recognized the Certified

Government Financial Manager (CGFM). It has been accepted as a designation for the CIA exam's part IV Professional Recognition Credit. Effective immediately, currently registered and new CIA candidates who have successfully completed the requirements for the CGFM designation are eligible to receive Professional Recognition Credit for part IV of the CIA exam. A major goal of AG's is to gain greater recognition of the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

Source: *Managing Smarter for the Future*

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

Member Profile

Diane Lindsay Matthews spent her early years as an Air Force brat. Her family was stationed at varied locations including Cape Canaveral, Florida; Roswell, New Mexico; Rome, New York; and Wheelus Air Force Base, Libya. The family returned to their native Jefferson County after her father's retirement.

Diane received a B.S. in Accounting from Carson-Newman College and an M.A. in Accounting from the University of PO Alabama. After graduation, she returned to

Carson-Newman as an Accounting Instructor. Upon passing the CPA exam, she was forced to seek a real job to become licensed. Diane spent seven years with the State of Tennessee, Division of State Audit, where she audited colleges and universities and not-for-profit organizations.

Diane left State Audit to serve as Fiscal Director of a large quasi-governmental public non-profit. After ten years, she found her true home in October 2002. She is now at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. Surprisingly, she is not a patient but is the Director of Fiscal Services for the facility.

Diane lives in East Knoxville in a house full of her collections of turtles, antique toasters, and china teacups. She enjoys reading and playing the flute. A former foster mother to seven children, she is currently the Tennessee State Director for the National Foster Parent Coalition for Allegation Reform (NFPCAR) and is dedicated to working towards reform in our nation's foster care system.

Conferences & Exhibitions

2003-2004 AGA Calendar

April 4 * Deadline to submit nominations for 2002-2003 National Awards.

April 4 * Scholarship applications due National Office.

April 27 – May 3 * National Community Service Week.

June 28 * National Executive Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL.

June 29-July 2 * AGA's 52nd Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, Chicago, IL.

September 19 * NEC Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria, VA

December 5 * NEC Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria, VA.

News

Please help me congratulate one of our current AGA Board Members, Dana Lamson.

Dana Lamson was recently honored at Montgomery Bell State Park for completion of the third level in the University of Tennessee's County Officials Certificate Training Program. The third level is the final level in the three-level, 115 hour, program intended to promote increased efficiency of county government through professional development. Graduates of the program must take 12 hours of training per calendar year to retain their certification.

Dana was among 29 officials who completed the third level and was recognized by The University of Tennessee as a Certified Public Administrator. The program is administered by the UT County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS).

Please help me congratulate Dana Lamson in her outstanding accomplishments.

Membership News

To learn more about AGA Membership you may visit the following website page:

<http://members.agacgfm.org/ScriptContent/Index.cfm>.

Chapter Reports

We have 10,932 in chapter points. Mike Blair, Treasurer, reported an ending balance of \$4,682 on March 31, 2003.

2002-2003 East TN AGA Chapter Calendar

05/13 – FBI Whitecollar Crimes
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Thanks

What an exciting year this has been as the AGA East Tennessee Newsletter Editor, I would like to thank everyone for the help in making this newsletter so successful.

I look forward to working on the Board next year as the Meeting Chair person.

Note: This will be last newsletter of the year for the AGA East Tennessee Chapter. The newsletter will begin again in September 2003.