



EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER



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NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message

Greetings! It finally looks as though fall has finally arrived! Speaking of colder weather, don't forget that this month we are collecting your unused coats for the Coats for the Cold program. This program collects and then distributes coats for those people in need. So dig in your closets and donate those unused coats!

I hope everyone enjoyed Rosalind Torrence's presentation to "True Colors". I guess I was not to surprised when the majority of us rated the same color, green=responsibility. After all, we are accountants and like things in order. But it was fun to see others who differ.

After the October meeting, Aldena Phillips, Audrey Atkins, and I visited the Ronald McDonald house to deliver the donated toiletry items. They were much appreciative of our donations and offered a tour of their house. Thank you very much for those who participated in this community service project.

Please join us for another exciting meeting this November. Our speaker will be Dr. Matt Murray, a faculty member of the Economics Department from The University of Tennessee. In addition, we will be handing out Angel Tree gift requests. I hope to see everyone there!

President,

Carol Malkemus

November Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 12th
Time: 11:30-1:00
Place: Tennessee Grill
Cost: \$5.00
Menu: Choice of one:
Wheat Berry Club
Grilled Hickory Chicken
Tennessee Tradition
Salad with Soup
Dessert: Double Chocolate Brownie

If you are planning to attend, please notify Dana Lamson at (865) 273-5717 or dlamson@mail.blount.state.tn.us by noon on November 8^h.

Speaker Information

The guest speaker for the Tuesday, November 12^h will be Matthew N. Murray. Dr. Murray is Horne Professor of Business at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He also serves as Associate Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research, housed in the College of Business Administration. He received his B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa University. In CBER Dr. Murray maintains the Tennessee Econometric Model and develops the monthly Economic Indicator Series for the state and its major metropolitan areas. He recently coordinated development of population projections for Tennessee's new growth

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management law and is undertaking a study of how lake management policy in East Tennessee influences recreation spending and property values. Some of his other work includes a study of tax policy in Tennessee analysis of tax policy and economic development in Maine, issues related to the taxation of electronic commerce and analysis of tax competition across counties and states. Dr. Murray has published widely and his comments on state and national economic and fiscal matters appear frequently in the media.

Minutes

The second Chapter meeting of the year was held October 8, 2002 at Patrick Sullivan's in the Old City. Carol Malkemus opened the meeting by introducing our speaker, Rosalind D. Torrence. She then introduced Amy Paganelli who spoke about the upcoming membership drive. A cash prize will be awarded to the member who recruits the most new members from now until April. Also, a voucher for a free lunch will be given to all new members. Carol reminded the group that there is an on going collection for toiletry items to be given to the Ronald McDonald House. She asked that everyone bring coats to the November meeting for our Coats for the Cold service project. Also in November, the angel tree tags will be handed out. New members and guest introduced themselves and it was announced that the next meeting will be held at the Tennessee Grill instead of Copper Cellar.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

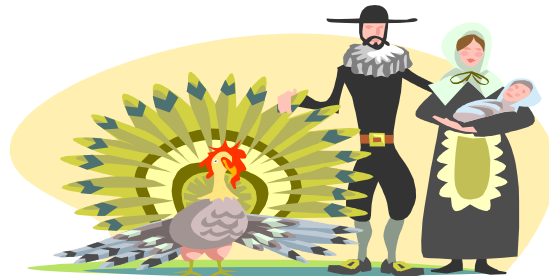
The second chapter executive meeting was held immediately following the luncheon. The following officers were present: Carol Malkemus, Tonya Davis, Mike Blair, Audrey Atkins, Sherry Sheffey, Amy Paganelli, Aldena Phillips, Nancy Donahue,

Karen Phillips, Alicia Reed, Dana Lamson, and Phyllis Palmer. The board discussed the spring seminar and was looking for someone to coordinate with IIA. The speakers were finalized for the rest of the year and the food drive was put off until March. Dana volunteered to organize the angel tree project.

Amy asked for input on the membership drive. It will be announced that there will be a cash prize for first place and a nice prize for second place. Before wrapping up the meeting, Carol asked that the group find ways to maximize our points.

Submitted by: Audrey Atkins

New Ideas for Thanksgiving



Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Learn how to make a Turkey Treat for all ages.

What you will need

? Microwave, Bag of Candy Corn (beak and eyes), Bag of Caramel candy squares (body), Bag of Dove Chocolate (base/feet), Bag of striped chocolate cookies (tail and feathers), Thanksgiving cup cake liners, Microwave plate.

How to make It

- 1.) Unwrap a piece of Dove chocolate to use as the base of the turkey. Place on Microwavable plate.
- 2.) Unwrap a piece of caramel and stick on top of Dove chocolate bar for the turkey's body.

- 3.) Take a piece of candy corn and push down on top of caramel (pointed end out). This makes the turkey's beak.
- 4.) Take another piece of caramel and push down on top of the first caramel. This is the head of the turkey.
- 5.) Break off the little white end of 2 candy corns and push in the top caramel for the eyes.
- 6.) Take one striped chocolate cookie and apply to the back of the body to form the feathers.
- 7.) Put the turkey in the microwave for a few seconds to about 8 seconds just so that the candy and cookie can fuse together. (Watch this! Not to much time, or it will melt.)
- 8.) Place in freezer for a few minutes to help the turkey "set up" quicker.
- 9.) Serve in a Thanksgiving cup cake paper.

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CPE Hours Due December 31 – If your GCGFM in 1996, 1998 or 2000, you will need to complete the 80-hour CPE requirement by the end of the calendar year to maintain your CGFM certification. If your CGFM was awarded in the odd-numbered year, (1995,1997,1999,2001) or 1994, you must complete 20 hours by the end of this calendar year. One way to earn CPE hours is to visit the AGA website and review the many online courses offered by Smart Pros or read AGA's Journal of government Financial Management and earn 3 CPE hours through CPE Online, which quizzes on the content of each Journal. Read in more detail about the CGFM Program's CPE requirements at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm_detail.htm.

Source: Certified Government Financial Manager Topics Newsletter.

Member Profile

Audrey E. Atkins

Audrey Atkins is one of the newest members of the AGA East Tennessee Chapter. She currently serves as the Secretary for the AGA East Tennessee Chapter. We are pleased to have Audrey Atkins on our team were she has been a wonderful asset to our chapter.

Audrey received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee in Accounting. She currently works for the University as an Accounting Assistant. Audrey previously worked for McDonalds Corporation as an Office Intern were she helped create weekly reports, analyzed and reported inventory information for all stores.

Audrey's is originally from Louisville, Kentucky. She says she moved to Tennessee to attend the University of Tennessee and has never left. Audrey enjoys watching basketball in her spare time. Her favorite team is "Kentucky". Karen says just ask any of her friends and they will let you know how much of a fan she really is of "Kentucky".

Please help welcome Audrey Atkins to the AGA East Tennessee Chapter!

Upcoming Community Events

Ronald McDonald House – Donations were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House this month. Thanks to all who helped make his effort a success!

Coats for the Cold – It's not to late to donate your "Coats for the Cold" .The Coats for the cold will be taken up during the Meeting on November 12, so be sure to bring your coat(s) to the meeting.

Angel Tree – Angel Tree names will be given out during the meeting on November 12. More details will be given during the November meeting.

More information will follow on the Community Events listed below:

**Public TV Food Drive
Chocolate Fest**

Conferences & Exhibitions

Professional Development Conference

*June 29 - July 2, 2003
Sheraton Chicago, Chicago, IL*

*June 27 – 30, 2004
Marriott Wardman Park, Washington D.C.*

*July 10 – 13, 2005
Marriott Orlando World Center, Orlando, FL*

National Leadership Conference

*February 20 – 21, 2003
Ronald Reagan Building/International Trade Center, Washington, D.C.*

National Events/News

Postal Service to Cut More than 1,000 Jobs

The postal Service plans to eliminate 1,060 accounting technicians positions and close its 85 regional accounting offices by September 2003 as part of a plan to streamline its financial reporting system – *Tanya N. Ballard, Government Executive.*

State & Local 2002 Conference – What a Success!

AGA would like to Thank everyone who attended the 2002 State & Local Government Leadership Conference in Richland, VA. Be sure to make plans to join AGA for the first annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) that will be held February 20-21,2003 at the International Trade Center, Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC.

For more information about the NLC conference, and the other items listed above, visit the www.agacqfm.org.

Membership News

Announcing prizes for the members that recruit the most new members into the East TN Chapter in FY 2003. Contest runs September 2002 through April 2003. First prize is \$100.00 and second prize is a wonderful goodie still to be determined. Members be sure to have potential new members complete the application by including your name in the sponsor blank!!

If you know these people- please call them.

Lisa Hammer, TVA, 632-4731
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Think back to the day you decided to join AGA...a chance to network with other professionals, increase knowledge of government financial management, gain added recognition and respect from colleagues, etc... and ask yourself why do you keep renewing? See, you know first hand the benefits of membership and once you share this information with those non-renewing chapter members, they too will decide to stay with AGA!

Submitted by Amy Paganelli.

Chapter Reports

We have 3,000 in chapter points.
Mike Blair, Treasurer, reported an ending cash balance of \$5,420.68 as of October 28, 2002.

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

11/12 – Matt Murray
Tennessee Grill
12/10 – Riverboat
01/14 – ?
Copper Cellar
02/11 – Don Benson
Naples
03/11 – Mickey Billbrey
Calhoun's
04/08 – Pellissippi or New Location
AGA Conference with IIA
05/13 – FBI Whitecollar Crimes
Riverside Tavern

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