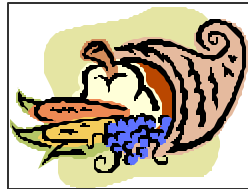


President's Message

By Tonya Davis



I want to thank the board for putting together our 4 hour continuing education

seminar this month. This should be an excellent event. I encourage everyone to attend (especially if you need some last minute CPE before the end of the year!).

Our service projects for this year are under way. The Boy Scout Popcorn Sale concludes around the first of November. If you have not had an opportunity to help out our youth, please do so. 73% of the popcorn money stays here locally to provide for scouting scholarships for underprivileged youth, camping equipment, and other funding needs. For many Scouts, this is the only fundraising activity of the entire year.

We have committed to provide a meal for the Ronald McDonald House this month. If everyone provides a small part, we can send a large meal for the residents to enjoy.

The Angel Tree Foundation is also on the horizon. They always appreciate our support.

Lastly, it's that time of year when we begin to get busy thinking about the holidays. This month celebrates Thanksgiving, a time for family and friends to get together to give thanks. Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Until next time.....Tonya



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November Half Day Seminar

Tuesday, November 18, 2003
12:00 PM

Richard Moore

Presentation Topic: Detecting and Prosecuting White Collar Crimes

Agenda

- 12:00 – 12:30 Registration/Networking
- 12:30 – 12:45 Welcome
- 12:45 – 2:15 Presentation
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 4:30 Presentation

Naval Reserve Center

2101 Alcoa Highway
(865) 545-4720 Ext. 242

Menu

Lunch includes sandwich, chips, cookie and a drink

Cost \$50.00 per member/non-member

Please return registration form early. Space is limited to the first 50 applicants. Contact Mike Blair with at (865) 632 - 6056 or tmbclair@tva.gov with any questions.

AGA National News

Does AGA National Have Your Email Address?

AGA wants to keep you informed about CPE events, conferences and the latest industry news. Follow the links at www.agacgfm.org to update your email address.

FASAB Future – Bold New Direction

An AGA/NASACT Training Audio Conference Wednesday, December 17, 2003. 2 CPE Hours Available! The FASAB project to further develop the conceptual framework for federal reporting will have ramifications for (1) asset and liability recognition and measurement, (2) identification and treatment of special purpose entities, and (3) the scope of the board's future efforts. The class is being taught by Wendy Comes Executive Director of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, for an enlightening two-hour discussion. You will also be given an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences during the last 25-30 minutes of the audio conference. Follow the links at www.agacgfm.org for more information.

Last Call for 2004 Federal, State and Local Awards Nominations

These awards will be presented at AGA's Second Annual National Leadership Conference, February 19-20, 2004 in Washington, D.C. Submit your nominations today! Follow the links at www.agacgfm.org for more information.

A Call for National Officer Nominations

National Officer nominations are due October 31st. Follow the links at www.agacgfm.org for more information.

November Issues of the TOPICS and CGFM TOPICS are now available

You can access the TOPICS Newsletter at www.agacgfm.org/publications/topics/tpoics_index.aspx and the CGFM TOPICS Newsletter at www.agacgfm.org/publications/cgfm/cgfm_issues.aspx.

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 point-wise in chapter recognition program.

2003-2004 National Events Calendar

November 12, 2003	The Obvious vs. Hidden Effects of State Budget Cuts	St. Paul, MN
November 13, 2003	Fall Professional Development Conference	Indianapolis, IN
November 17-19, 2003	Crossing Boundaries for Better Government	Durham, NC
November 18, 2003	Detecting and Prosecuting White Collar Crimes	Knoxville, TN
November 19-20, 2003	8 th Annual Mid-Atlantic PDC	Williamsburg, VA
December 3, 2003	Performance Based Budgeting Symposium	Nashville, TN
December 4, 2003	AGA Central Arkansas Winter Seminar	Sherwood, AR
December 15-16, 2003	2003 Knowledge Management Conference	Arlington, VA
December 17, 2003	FASAB Future – Bold New Directions	Teleconference

For more information on these national events, go to [AGA National Events Calendar](#).

Chapter News

Remember that the Ronald McDonald House community service project is on-going throughout the year. We can provide on site meal preparation, frozen dinners, goodie bags as well as help with mass mailings. Please contact Amy Paganelli if you are interested in participating.

Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$5,007.96 as of September 30, 2003.

Member and officer newsletter submissions for the November newsletter are due November 21st.

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

2003-2004 Chapter Events Calendar

(tentative)

Meetings

November 18 th	12-4 pm	Naval Reserves	Fall Seminar
December 9 th	11:30 am	Riverside Tavern	Dee Anderson
January 13 th	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	Tax Update
February 10 th	11:30 am	Italian Market & Grill	Missy Cain
March 9 th	11:30 am	Sullivan's	Mark Paganelli
April 13 th	8-5 pm	Rothchild's	TBA
May 11 th	11:30 am	UT Facility Club	Awards Ceremony

Service Projects*

November	Ronald McDonald House Dinner
December	Angel Tree
January	Boy Scouts of America Clothing Drive; Chocolate Fest
February	Food Drive
March	Public TV Telethon
April	VITA
May	

* We will be doing service projects with the Ronald McDonald house at various times throughout the year.

Are you considered the go-to-guy or gal on a particular topic or area? If so, then why not submit an article to the newsletter and share your knowledge with the chapter? It is a great way to contribute to the chapter and we earn points toward our 10,000 point chapter goal. Please send submissions to alwilliams@tva.gov.

Points Update

Through 11/4/2003

Leadership	1650
Education	550
Certification	700
Communication	975
Membership	50
Community Service	0
Awards	<u>500</u>
Total Points YTD	4425

Chapter Goal = 10,000

"The most valuable things in life are not measured in monetary terms. The really important things are not houses and lands, stocks and bonds, automobiles and real estate, but friendships, trust, confidence, empathy, mercy, love and faith."

-Bertrand Russell, 1872-1970, British Philosopher, Mathematician, Essayist


November Speaker Bio

Richard Moore


Richard Moore was sworn in as TVA's first Presidentially appointed Inspector General on May 9, 2003.

From 1985 until his confirmation as Inspector General, Mr. Moore served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. During that time, he prosecuted criminal cases involving white collar crimes, official corruption, and general federal crimes. He also served as Coordinator of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force in the Southern District, as Senior Litigation Counsel, and as Chief of the Criminal Division in the U.S. Attorney's Office. From 1997 to 1998, Mr. Moore was an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy at Oxford University, Oxford, England, where he conducted an independent study on the prosecution of complex international fraud cases. Prior to serving with the U.S. Attorney's office, he was in private practice in Mobile, Alabama, and Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Moore attended undergraduate school at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. degree. He graduated from the Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama, with a J.D. degree.

Mr. Moore resides in Knoxville, Tennessee, with his wife and daughter. He is an avid equestrian. 

December Chapter Meeting

The December chapter meeting will be held at Riverside Tavern at 11:30am on December 9th. The speaker on the schedule, Dee Anderson, will not be able to present due to an illness in the family. The Board is currently working on scheduling a replacement speaker. An email with the speaker and presentation topic will be sent as soon as possible. 


“Life is either The Greatest Adventure in the World -- or it's not. You Choose....”
-John Milton Fogg, Author, Speaker, Trainer, Coach

October Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Audrey Atkins


The second meeting of the year was held on October 14, 2003, at Naples Italian Restaurant. President-Elect Dana Lamson opened the meeting with several announcements. She announced our chapter would be hosting a half day fall seminar in November instead of the usual lunch meeting. She also passed out CPE certificates from last year. The next couple of announcements were regarding public service events. Angel tree tags will be available for pickup at the November meeting. Anyone not attending and interested in sponsoring an angel tree tag can email (dlamson@blounttn.org) or call (865-273-5717) Dana and she will set one aside. Also, the Boy Scout popcorn drive is doing on through the end of October.

Craig Peters of Peters & Associates was the lunchtime speaker. He is a credit union auditor and has also taught courses and spoken to credit unions on various topics such as strategic planning and internal controls. When speaking to our group, his primary focus was on what a credit union is and the differences between credit unions and banks. Topics ranged from how credit unions are set up to what a typical credit union balance sheet looks like to taxation issues. There was a short question and answer period at the end.

A short executive meeting was held immediately following the luncheon. There were three main areas of discussion. One was the November service project. Amy Paganelli is going to check on planning a date in November to take food to the Ronald McDonald House for dinner. The second matter was finalizing plans for the fall seminar. Everything was done before hand except nametags and a brochure. Amy agreed to create a brochure for the event. Finally, Aldena Phillips mentioned she knew someone wanting to speak to the chapter regarding Unclaimed Property. The Board is going to look into seeing if that is a possibility in early 2004. 

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Member News

Andrea Williams will be receiving her Certified Internal Auditor designation this month. She has now met the two year employment requirement after passing the four part exam in November 2002. 

Ronald McDonald House Dinner

Submitted by: Amy Paganelli

The East TN Chapter of AGA will be providing dinner for the residents of the local Ronald McDonald House on Monday November 17th, 2003. The menu is listed below. If you would like to participate please contact Amy Paganelli 544-9588 or apaganel@mc.utmck.edu. Volunteers please plan to deliver your food between 5 and 6 p.m. that day. The staff will "lay out" the food and let the residents know it is available.

Menu- Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Tea

Volunteers to date:

Dana Lamson, Sherry Sheffey, Susan Gennoe, Dave Bennett - 1 pan lasagna, 1 jug of tea, 2 pans of brownies

Diane Matthews - 1 jug of tea, 2 bags salad

Aldena Phillips - either a layer salad or a vegetable tray


Amy Paganelli- 1 pan of lasagna

Andrea Williams - salad and dressings- Italian, ranch and honey mustard

Mike Blair - Bread

Mindy Stooksbury – 1 pan lasagna

Angel Tree For Decemeber Service Project

Our chapter will be sponsoring 50 angels from the Angel Tree this year. Angel Tree tags will be available at the November chapter meeting. Please see Dana Lamson at the Novemeber meeting to chose your angel. If you are interested in sponsoring an angel but unable to attend the November meeting, please contact Dana Lamson at (865) 257-5717 or dlamson@blounttn.org to reserve your tag. 

It's That Time of Year Again – Make Sure You Have Your CPEs

Submitted by Mindy Stooksbury

Over 2900 active CGFM holders need to meet their Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirement this year - that is to say, you will have had to earn 80 CPEs within the two-year time frame of January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2003.

How do you know if this is your year to make sure you have earned 80 CPEs? If you earned your CGFM in 1994 or an odd numbered year (1995, '97,'99, 2001) then your 80 CPEs should be 'in your pocket' by December, 2003. There is a grace period of 3 months, but March, 31, 2004 is the deadline for having earned the required number.

If you have not yet reached your mark, you still have time. What you have to do is remind yourself that every activity might serve a dual purpose. If you are earning a graduate degree, if you are lecturing or writing, or if you are earning CPEs for another certification, you can earn CPEs towards your CGFM certification requirement. Review the opportunities available to you for earning CPE hours, and you will realize there are many ways in which you can maintain your CGFM certification without undue cost or time demands.

For example,

*On-line CPE availability includes AGA on-line courses that offer CPEs for reading The Journal of Government Financial Management and taking the relevant quiz; on-line courses offered through Micromash and SmartPros two educational organizations in partnership with AGA; and, the GFM Courses that are offered through Management Concepts or the self-study guides published by AGA.

*Federal Government employees have free access to E- Training through the Gov Online Learning Center.

*CPEs sponsored by AGA chapters, state CPA or other government finance officer societies and other organizations.

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2004 AGA National Leadership Conference

AGA invites you to take advantage of early registration rates for our Second Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC) on Feb. 19-20, 2004 at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. This conference offers 14 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours and features top speakers from federal, state and local government discussing "First Responders: Financial Leadership in an Era of Crisis," which are issues important to all government leaders. The conference program includes keynote presentations from:


- The Honorable John Ashcroft, JD, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (invited);
- Ralph Campbell, Jr., State Auditor, State of North Carolina
- Bruce Carnes, Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Barbara Hafer, State Treasurer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- John Koskinen, Former Deputy Mayor and City Administrator, The District of Columbia;
- Andrew Mitchell, Acting Director, Office for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security;
- David Zeppieri, Chief Information Officer, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams;
- and many others...

Now more than ever before, federal, state and local government financial professionals are working together to do more with less. In an age of heightened security and increased demand for services, the three levels of government are ever more dependent upon each other.

The NLC will bring together the top leaders from all levels of government to discuss the issues most pressing to government accountability professionals in a new and challenging environment. In addition, this conference provides outstanding opportunities for you and your staff to network and share your professional experiences with your colleagues. Attendees can enhance their career development while learning from other leaders in government financial management and private sector financial and technology management.


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To register or to learn more about the conference, visit the conference website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc/>, or call our Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211. We look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C. 

It's That Time of Year Again... (Continued from page 5)

*Instructors can earn CPE hours for teaching a course, with the total number of CPEs not to exceed 40 CPEs in any two-year period; writers who publish an article or book that contribute directly to your professional proficiency can earn CPEs; and students who are earning their Masters degree can earn 45 CPEs by completing a 3-credit college course that relates to financial management or related technical subjects.

For more detailed information about earning CPE hours, what topics and subjects qualify for CPE hours and answers to commonly asked CPE questions, please go to the AGA website (www.agacgfm.org) and click on "CGFM Certification," "How Do I Maintain a CGFM," and "CPE Requirements," to read the publication, Interpretation of Continuing Professional Education Requirements. 

"We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
Through the unknown, unremembered gate
When the last of earth left to discover
Is that which was the beginning;
At the source of the longest river
The voice of the hidden waterfall
And the children in the apple-tree
Not known, because not looked for
But heard, half-heard, in the stillness
Between two waves of the sea.
Quick now, here, now, always--
A condition of complete simplicity
(Costing not less than everything)
And all shall be well and
All manner of thing shall be well
When the tongues of flames are in-folded
Into the crowned knot of fire
And the fire and the rose are one. "

Excerpt from T.S. Eliot's "Little Gidding"

2003-04 'B2B' AGA Membership Campaign

'Back to Basics, Back to Benefits'

Membership is the lifeblood of our Association. Serving the needs of our members is the driving force behind our education programs, our certification program, our publications and our advocacy of issues affecting government financial management.

Recruiting new members and retaining current members takes everyone working together, especially at the chapter level. I believe one of our best marketing tools is the positive experience of other members.

AGA's National President, Jullin Renthrope, CGFM, is challenging every member to recruit at least 1 new member into AGA before the close of the membership year, April 30, 2004. And, he is challenging our leaders to do even more—to recruit three new members each before the close of the membership year. This group includes the National Executive Committee, Regional Vice Presidents and Elects, Regional Coordinators, national board and committee members, chapter presidents and chapter membership chairs.

No campaign would be complete without an array of enticing incentives and prizes:

- Recruit a member and Earn AGA Dollars – Back by Popular Demand!
 - Recruit 2 members and start earning AGA dollars (on full, early career or private sector members recruited)
 - Recruit 2 members, receive \$10 AGA Dollars
 - From there, earn \$5 AGA Dollars for each member recruited
 - Redeem for national membership dues, national conference registration, CGFM fees
 - Start earning Dollars on members recruited November 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004
 - Dollars can be redeemed anytime after December 10th and must be used by August 31, 2004. (Dollars will be awarded at the close of each month and listed on the Members Only site on the 'Recruitment' page.)

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- Grand Prize – sponsor 3 or more new members and be entered into a drawing to win a 3-night, 4-day stay at a four-star hotel. Airfare and hotel accommodations for 2 provided. (Trip to be redeemed in the Continental US.)
- Sponsor Achievements
 - Recruiter of the Year (1 winner) – The member who recruits the most new members from May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004. Receive a plaque and complimentary AGA meeting registration (NLC05 or PDC04).
 - Top Sponsor (2 winners) – The next two members who recruit the highest amount of new members from May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004. They each receive a plaque and a complimentary AGA meeting registration (NLC05 or PDC04).
 - Chapter Overall Growth (6 winning chapters) – Those six chapters achieving the highest overall growth percentage for the membership year. Each wins a plaque and a complimentary AGA meeting registration (NLC05 or PDC04). Chapters can designate whom to award the registration to.
 - All Sponsors receive an AGA Sponsor lapel pin – as a thank you gift.
- Leadership Challenge
The AGA Leader from the above list who recruits the highest amount of new members during the membership year (May 1, 2003 – April 30, 2004) receives airfare and hotel accommodations to the PDC04 in Washington, DC.

Start recruiting today!



"I sometimes suspect that half our difficulties are imaginary and that if we kept quiet about them they would disappear."

- Robert Lynd (1879-1949)

"It's funny how when we're children, all we want to do is grow up, but when we're older and grown up, we wish the world was as simple and innocent as it was when we were a child."

- Tim Hussar

Community Events

There are many events that we can enjoy during the holiday season. Here are some that are coming up!

Coats for the Cold: Runs 11/3 through 11/20/2003. Donate a new or used coat to be distributed to needy families at Goody's and Prestige Cleaners locations.

Mission of Hope Clothing Drive: Runs 11/21 through 12/8/2003. Donate new and used clothes, hygiene items and non-perishable food at Chik-Fil-A, Food City or Kmart.

Knoxville's Riverlights Festival Boat Parade: November 21, 2003 from 7-10pm at Volunteer Landing.

Fantasy of Trees: Runs 11/26 through 11/31/2003 at the Knoxville Convention Center. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children over 4 years old.

The City Ballet's "The Nutcracker": Runs from 11/29 through 12/30/2003 at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. Call 291-3310 for tickets.

Jefferson County Craft Association Holiday Sale: November 15 from 9am – 4pm at the Maddox Student Activity Center at Carson-Newman College.

24th Christmas Craft Show and Sale: November 28 and 29 at Bearden Middle School.

Baptist Holiday Gift Bazaar: November 18 and 19 from 7:30 am – 5pm at the Baptist Hospital for Women.

"The Trouble with Christmas": Runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 11/13 through 12/20/2003 at the West Side Denner Theatre. Dinner begins at 6:45pm and the show starts at 8:15pm. The award-winning comedy was written by Knoxville Mark Hatmaker.

UT Potters Event: The Ceramic Christmas Sale runs November 19 and 20 from 9am – 6pm at the UT Art and Architecture Building.

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