

📢 President's Message 📢

First things first, I would like to congratulate Andrea on the birth of her daughter on September 13th. Congratulations and best wishes for Andrea and her growing family!

I hope that everyone is looking forward to the October meeting as it should be extremely interesting. John Sterling of PSTCC will be speaking on Terrorism Awareness. In this day and age, we should all be cognizant of the warning signs and dangers of terrorist acts.

Our service project for this month will be the Race for the Cure. More information will be available from Tonya Davis at the meeting. Please plan on participating if your schedule allows, as this is a very worthy cause.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about our chapter or would like to suggest topics or speakers for future meetings, please contact one of the board members listed on the last page.

Thanks!

Mindy Stooksbury
President Elect

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October Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2005
11:30 AM

John Sterling
Terrorism Awareness:
What every American Needs to Know

Agenda
11:30 Registration/Networking
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 – 1:00 Presentation

Calhoun's on the River
(865) 673-3355
400 Neyland Drive

Menu Choices
Executive "Build Your Own" Sandwich Board

Chicken Tortilla Soup
Smoked Breast of Turkey, Baked Tennessee Ham & Roast Beef
Tortilla Chips & Salsa
Homemade Sour Cream & Dill Potato Salad
Seven Layer Salad & Vegetable Pasta Salad

Cost
\$5.00 per Member
\$10.00 Non-Members

Please contact Cindy Hartsell at (865) 974-4300 or chartse1@utk.edu with your reservation by October 8th.

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Studying for CGFM Examination 1?

The new study guide for CGFM Examination 1 is here! Order your copy today at http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/Studyguide1_orderform.pdf.



Happy Belated Birthday AGA! Sept. 14th marked the 55th anniversary of the incorporation of the Federal Government Accountants Association, now known as AGA! Take a trip down memory lane by visiting our new and improved [AGA History website!](#) [Click here to read some highlights from AGA's last five years.](#)

AGA's First National Performance Management Conference Registration Brochure Now Available!

AGA invites you to attend its First National Performance Management Conference (PMC), *Service Efforts & Accomplishments Reporting: The Cornerstone for Building Trust and Enhancing Management.*

When: November 14-15, 2005

Where: Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront Hotel

What: Presentations by state and local government officials who have been recognized for preparing top-quality Service Efforts & Accomplishments (SEA) Reports.

Register today for AGA's PMC and show your commitment to a more accountable government. Go to <http://www.agacgfm.org/pmc/downloads/PMC05RegistrationBrochure.pdf> for more information.

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 on points in the chapter recognition program.

2005-2006 National Events Calendar

November 14-15, 2005	First National Performance Management Conference	Portland, OR
December 12, 2005	National Executive Committee Meeting	Alexandria, VA
February 1, 2006	National Executive Committee Meeting	Washington, DC
February 2-3, 2006	Fourth Annual National Leadership Conference	Washington, DC
June 16, 2006	National Executive Committee Meeting	San Diego, CA
June 18-21, 2006	55 th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition	San Diego, CA

Chapter News

📄 Member and officer newsletter submissions for the November Newsletter are due October 25th. 📄

\$\$\$ Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$11,229.67 as of August 31, 2005. \$\$\$

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

2005-2006 Chapter Events Calendar

Meetings

November 8	12:00 pm	Naval Reserve Base	State of the State
December 13	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
January 10	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
February 14	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
March 14	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBD
April 15	8:00 am	TBD	Leadership Seminar
May 9	11:30 am	UT University Club	Awards Banquet

Service Projects

November	Second Harvest Food Bank
December	Angel Tree
January	Baby Bundles
February	American Heart Association
March	Public Television Telethon
April	Haven House
May	Linen Drive

Points Update

Through October 4, 2005

Leadership	1500
Education	50
Certification	500
Communication	1288
Membership	0
Community Service	0
Awards	200
Total Points YTD	3,538

Chapter Goal = 10,000

Public Service Project for October – Race for the Cure

Make this years Race for the Cure a team event! Register as a team and come out to the Knoxville Race for the Cure on October 22nd. Out of town on Race Day? Can't make it to the race location? Then "Sleep In for the Cure®" is for you. This is a NEW program designed for those who want to support a great cause, but are unable to race or walk. Join in a fun and worthy activity while enjoying the comrade of friends, family, co-workers, etc. Please contact Tonya Davis at (865) 545-4451 ext. 288 or tonya.l.davis@irs.gov if you are interested in participating in this project.

OPENING ON THE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There is an opening for CEC Program Chair. If interested, please contact Andrea Williams at (865) 632-2612 or alwilliams@tva.gov.

LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?



ENTRY LEVEL & EXPERIENCED AUDITORS

The Tennessee Valley Authority Office of the Inspector General is currently hiring entry level and experienced auditors. Entry level applicants should have a BS or MS in accounting, finance or related field with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Experienced applicants should have a business related 4 year degree and 3+ years experience. For more information on these positions, go to <http://oig.tva.gov/vacancy.htm>.



AGA provides job listings for the accounting professional. Visit <http://aga.careerbank.comwww.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx>

👏 CONGRATULATIONS 👏

Andrea Williams gave birth to Avery Kathleen on September 13th.

November Meeting

Our November chapter meeting will be a seminar held at the Naval Reserve Base on November 8th at 12:00 pm until 4:30 p.m. The speaker has not yet been determined. Our public service project for the month of November will be the Second Harvest Food Bank. Details will be published in the November newsletter.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The East Tennessee Chapter held their last meeting on September 13, 2005 at Calhoun's on the River in Knoxville.

After lunch, chapter President-elect Mindy Stooksbury called the meeting to order. Mindy announced the vacant position of Programs Director was still available and anyone interested should contact a board member for information. Also, Mindy mentioned Ronald McDonald House Service Project was on the calendar for Saturday, September 17th for those who wanted to attend.

Dana Lamson discussed the new point's scholarship program and all new enrollees should contact her by September 30, 2005.

Dana also introduced our speaker, Carol J. LaRue from the Financial Resource Center. Carol's presentation was "10 Financial Fitness Exercises". She highlighted steps to Personal Financial Planning.

Meeting adjourned.

Julie Talbott
Secretary

October Speaker - John Sterling

John Sterling, a former cowboy, soldier, policeman, and college professor is the new coordinator for the newest academic program at Pellissippi State Technical Community College: Security Engineering and Administration Technology or SEAT. The SEAT program will help train highly educated specialists to administer the latest advances in corporate and government security. The program has been planned with the assistance of local security administrators from such agencies as TVA, the FBI, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Knoxville Police Department.

A native of Washington State, Sterling grew up in Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado and at one time trained horses, worked cattle, built fences, put up hay and did "all the chores that make being a cowboy so much fun." He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Regis University in Denver and then, later, earned both a Master's Degree in Public Policy and a Juris Doctor (law) degree from Regent University in Virginia Beach. Long before completing his post-secondary education, however, Sterling worked in sheriffs' and police departments in Kansas, and Colorado. He has also served as a security inspector for Martin Marietta Aerospace in Denver and as a postsecondary instructor (Political Science, American Government, Constitutional Law, and International Relations) in various states.

His military experience includes duty in Guatemala, Panama, Germany, and several CONUS Army bases. He served with the 5/19th Special Forces Group and the 220th MP Company (COANG) and the 3/87th Infantry (USAR) before leaving the service as a Captain in 1993.

In 2003, before relocating to East Tennessee, he was a Professor of Criminal Justice for Elizabeth City (NC) State University and after the 9/11/01 attack, he also served as a Law Enforcement Counter-Terrorism instructor for the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. Before joining Pellissippi State, Sterling served as East Tennessee Regional Coordinator in the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

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Earning the CGFM and Spreading the Word

When state of Michigan employee Doreen Brown earned her CGFM certification, she naturally wanted her immediate supervisor to know about it. But she didn't stop there, asking AGA to also notify other top state officials, including the governor herself.

Brown, who is an accounting manager for the Michigan Department of Management and Budget's Financial Services Division, said her goal was to spread the word about AGA's certification program.

After passing all three CGFM examinations, her achievement was announced at a staff meeting of 80 employees, it was written up in the local newspaper, and she received a letter of congratulations from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

"Serving the public is one of the noblest occupations one can choose, and your career doing so speaks volumes about the greatness of your character," Granholm wrote. "From the beginning, your record of dedication shines brightly and this achievement is just another highlight in your already outstanding career." Granholm went on, "Greek dramatist Sophocles once said, 'Success is dependent on effort.' Judging from the consistent quality work and the unwavering commitment you have demonstrated over the years, you are a model of effort and example of success."

New CGFMs can follow Brown's example. Consider announcing the accomplishment to the governor, treasurer, controller and/or state auditor. AGA sends out information about the CGFM with every personalized letter that is sent. It's a great way to raise awareness of the CGFM designation.

Brown noted that Granholm had previously shown support for the CGFM by signing a proclamation naming March as CGFM Month in Michigan. Brown's Greater Lansing Chapter has also been active in encouraging members to earn their CGFM. In fact, the chapter reimbursed Brown for \$500 of the costs of her examination fees and preparation materials.

Howard Pizzo, Past Chapter President and Director of Financial Services, is also a new CGFM, having earned his certification during the Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Florida in July. Pizzo and other chapter members are actively promoting the CGFM in Michigan, and Brown is helping co-workers who are studying to earn their certification. "We have a lot of interest," she said.

If you are a new CGFM, be sure to fill out and return your supervisor notification form to the National Office so we can notify others of your accomplishment. The forms are mailed with the new CGFM award packages. AGA chapters can contact Katya Silver (ksilver@agacgfm.org) about ways to recognize new CGFMs and educate others about the CGFM certification.