
Association of Government Accountants East Tennessee Chapter

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President's Message

Greetings all! Summer has come and gone, school is now in session, and it is almost "Football Time" in Tennessee (Life is good!). It's that time of year when the East Tennessee Chapter comes back to life. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is ready for an exciting year in AGA.

Our first meeting this fall will be on September 11th at Copper Cellar. We have an exciting speaker in General Fred Forster. General Forster is an energetic and dynamic man. He will be talking to us about the Nine Counties/ One Vision initiative. This should be a very interesting meeting giving insight into all of our communities and their direction for the future.

Also, your executive committee had an excellent meeting in August where we set our priorities for this year. Our meetings and tentative speakers are outstanding. Our October meeting will feature our AGA National President, Mr. Richard Norment.

This is an honor to our chapter having the National President speak at our monthly meeting. Please mark October 9th on your calendar and plan to attend. The meeting will be held at the Airport Hilton at the McGhee Tyson Airport. Access should be very easy from Knoxville either on Alcoa Highway or the Pellissippi Parkway.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your President this year. It is one I do not take lightly and will work very hard to make this a wonderful year for you. If you ever have any questions, suggestions or comments, please feel free to call me or e-mail me. My office phone number is (865)273-5710 and my e-mail address is dbennett@mail.blount.state.tn.us.

See you at the September meeting,

David R. Bennett, CPA, CGFM,
President

September Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 11th

Time: 11:30 - 1:00

Place: Copper Cellar,
Cumberland

Cost: \$5.00

Menu: Choice of one:

Grilled Chop Sirloin,
Baked Potato & Salad,
or Chicken Salad
Sandwich

If you are planning to attend, please notify Susan Gennoe at (865)273-5718 or sgennoe@mail.blount.state.tn.us by noon on September 6th.



Speaker Information:

General Fred Forster

General Forster has a very decorated past and is continuing to work for our country in the duties he presently has now. At present, Gen. Forster is President and CEO of Blount Partnership. His former occupation was Commander of the 134th Air Refueling Wing at McGhee Tyson ANG Base. His wife is Carolyn DeLozier Forster along with two daughters, Joy and Rebecca.

Gen. Forster's military duties past and present include: United States Air Force 1968-1976, T-38 Instructor Pilot; Staff Officer USSAG/7 AF Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand; KC 135 Aircraft Commander, Command Pilot, 4500 hours; Tennessee Air National Guard 1976-present: Group Plans Officer, Chief of Aircraft Maintenance, Instructor Pilot, Assumed command of 134th Air Refueling Wing, March 1988, Promoted to Colonel, July 1987, Promoted to Brigadier General, November 1998, Chief of Staff, Tennessee Air National Guard, November 1998-present.

Military Decorations include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal.

Civic Duties include: United Way of Blount County, Board of Directors - 1994 - present
United Way of Blount County, Campaign Chairman, 1996
Leadership Blount County Graduate, 1996
Technology 2020, Board of Directors, 1999-present
Nine Counties One Vision, Co-Chairperson, 1999-present
Tennessee's Resource Valley, Board of Directors, 1999-present

Executive Board Meeting

The first chapter executive meeting was held Monday, August 13, 2001 at the new re-opened Regas Restaurant. The following officers were present: David Bennett – President and Liaison, Carol Malkemus – President-Elect, Mike Blair – Treasurer, Aldena Phillips – Membership Chair, Dana Lamson – Newsletter Editor and Program Chair, Greg Jaynes – Education, Nancy Donahue – Secretary, Robert Harrill – Awards Chair, Amy Paganelli – Historian, Susan Gennoe – Meetings Chair, and Phyllis Palmer – Webmaster. Absent were Suzanne Walker CGFM and Research Chair, and Tom Collins Public Service Chair. David Bennett called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Dave distributed the list of officers for the coming year, a tentative meeting schedule and restaurant information. Mike presented the audited financial information. Phyllis reported that the chapter achieved the platinum and gold status again this year. The educational plan for next year is being prepared. Once again the chapter is planning to offer a one-day seminar in May. Amy is working on the historian's report. Phyllis has been working hard to get a web site up and details should be available soon.

The first chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Donahue, Secretary

Member Profile – Susan Gennoe

Susan is the Budget Manager for Blount County Government. Susan received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Tennessee. She became a CPA in 1992.

Susan started her career with Ernst & Young in 1990. In 1992, she became staff accountant with Highway Transport, Inc. From 1995 to 1998, she became a staff accountant with Novinger, Ball, & Zivi, P.C. In 1998, Susan became Budget Manager for Blount County.

Susan is a member of AGA, GFOA, TGFOA, and a Budget Reviewer for GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award. Susan is also the Meetings Chair for East Tennessee Chapter of AGA this year.

Susan lives in Maryville with her son, Riley and husband, Steve. Susan's favorite past time is shopping (for bargains), cooking, jogging, and church work.

**2001-2002
East TN AGA Chapter Calendar**

- 9/11 -Fred Forster
Nine Counties One Vision
Copper Cellar, Cumberland
- 10/9 -Richard Norment
National President, AGA
Airport Hilton, McGhee Tyson
- 11/13 -Dave Saxe, Pres. Journal
Broadcasting
Copeland's
- 12/11 -Angel Tree Representative
TN Riverboat ?
- 1/08 -Joe Ayers, Pres. Cumberland
Securities
Tennessee Grill
- 2/12 -Richard Chambers,
Inspector General, TVA
Naples
- 3/12 - (still planning)
- 4/09 -Frank Crawford and Robert
Smith on GASB 34
Pellissippi - all day seminar
- 5/14 -Awards Banquet
? Don Sundquist
UT Faculty Club

National Events

October 29-30, 2001
10th Annual State & Local
Government Leadership Conference
Phoenix, AZ

July 7-10, 2001
Professional Development
Conference
Atlanta, GA

Chapter Reports

For the start of our new year
we have, 2,732 in chapter points.
Mike Blair, Treasurer, reported an
ending cash balance of \$6,928.03 on
May 31, 2001.

Website

Thanks to Phyllis Palmer, East
TN Chapter's AGA website is up and
running. The website address is:
www.kornnet.org/etaga.

For newsletter submissions,
please contact Dana Lamson at 865-
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If you do not receive the newsletter
by email, but would like to, please
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