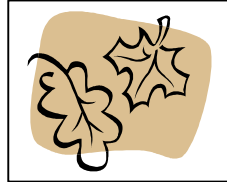


## President's Message

By Tonya Davis

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Most of you



have heard me before speak at some of our CPE functions in the past.

A New Year has begun. We have some new and also some familiar faces on the Board this year. The Board has worked hard this summer to plan an interesting and fun year for us all. We anticipate a variety of speakers this year and well as introducing some new ideas in community service.

I am a firm supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. This organization helps develop the character and values of the youth that will be our adults of the future. This year I encourage you to support this organization. Several area-wide Scout activities will be published in our newsletter this year in support of Scouting.

We have other ideas for community service. Some will require your talents and your time. Please come out and support your community. Even a tiny commitment will work wonders for our community.

For those of you that do not know, our Chapter is recognized by the activities of the membership. Besides community service, many things that the membership does also count in our recognition. Therefore, if any of the members want to "brag" about any of their accomplishments, please bring them to the attention of one of the board members. You might be the person that "puts us over the top."

Until next month...Tonya

## September Meeting

**Tuesday, September 9, 2003  
11:30 AM**

**Carol La Rue**

with Dan Thurman, President of District  
63 Toastmasters Club

*Presentation Topic: The Toastmasters  
Program*

### Agenda

11:30 Registration/Networking

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:00 Presentation

### Tennessee Grill

900 Neyland Drive  
(865) 862-8657

### Menu Choices

Tennessee Grill Burger

Hickory Chicken

Salad and Baked Potato

Dessert

**Cost \$7.00 per member**

Please contact Sherry Sheffey at (865)  
273 - 5723 or [ssheffey@blounttn.org](mailto:ssheffey@blounttn.org)  
with your reservation by September 5,  
2003.

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## AGA National News

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### AGA to Present Certificates of Excellence in Accountability Reporting to Seven Federal Agencies Sept. 12

**Alexandria, VA** - The Departments of the Interior, Labor and State, along with the General Accounting Office, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Social Security Administration and Patent and Trademark Office will receive AGA's prestigious *Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting* on September 12, 2003. Receiving the Certificate of Excellence represents a significant accomplishment for a federal agency and its management. For further information, go to: [www.agacgfm.org/performance/cear/downloads/CEARInvite2003.pdf](http://www.agacgfm.org/performance/cear/downloads/CEARInvite2003.pdf).

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### Relmond P. Van Daniker, DBA, CPA, Named AGA Executive Director

**Alexandria, VA** - Relmond P. Van Daniker, DBA, CPA, executive director of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT), has been named AGA executive director by the AGA National Executive Committee (NEC). The appointment is effective October 1, 2003. Van Daniker replaces Charles W. Culkin Jr., CGFM, who retired in July. To read further, go to: [www.agacgfm.org/news/downloads/vandaniker.pdf](http://www.agacgfm.org/news/downloads/vandaniker.pdf).

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### Study Guide - Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

It's available! *The CGFM Exam 2 Study Guide* is now for sale - go to: [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx) for further information...

Going to the beach? A late-night reader? A traveling person with time on your hands? You now have the means to begin your studies to earn your CGFM. The guide will help you prepare for CGFM Exam 2, *Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting*.

Passing a separate, end-of-course exam will earn you 24 CPE hours and will allow you to test your knowledge of governmental financial management.

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Check out [www.agacgfm.org](http://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.

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### 2003-2004 National Events Calendar

September 10 – 12, 2003	Enterprise Architecture Conference	Washington, D.C.
September 12, 2003	CEAR Awards Ceremony	Washington, D.C.
September 17, 2003	The New Yellow Book: What Changes Lie Ahead	Audio Teleconference
September 19, 2003	Yellow Book 2003 ~ Government Auditing Standards	Oakland, CA
September 30, 2003	Central Arkansas Chapter Fall Seminar	Arkansas
October 3, 2003	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Texas ASPA Conference	Austin, TX
October 8 -10, 2003	Governing Magazine Managing Performance Conference	Denver, CO
October 8, 2003	SEA Program Reviewer's Training	Denver, CO
February 3 – 4, 2004	Awarding and Monitoring Subawards Under Federal Grants	Jefferson City, MO
February 19 – 20, 2004	National Leadership Conference	Washington, D.C.
June 27 – 30, 2004	National PDC and Exposition	Washington, D.C.

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

## Chapter News

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Do you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions for chapter activities? AGA chapters are awarded points for completing certain activities and goals outlined in the Chapter Recognition Program (you can view the Chapter Recognition Program at [https://members.agacqfm.org/staticcontent/Download/CRP2003\\_2004.pdf](https://members.agacqfm.org/staticcontent/Download/CRP2003_2004.pdf)). We are looking for new, fun and interesting ways to earn our way to Platinum Chapter designation. Please bring your ideas to the September meeting.

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In case you did not notice in the September meeting information on page 1, the price of the cost per member for the lunch meetings has increased to \$7.00 this year. The cost was increased to defray the rise in operating costs for the chapter. This is still a steal for lunch and a great presentation!

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Mike Blair reports that our chapter checking account balance is \$4,776.95 as of July 31, 2003.

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

### 2003-2004 Chapter Events Calendar

(tentative)

#### Meetings

October 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Naples Restaurant	Craig Peters
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	12-4 pm	Naval Reserve	Fall Seminar-TBA
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Riverside Tavern	TBA
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Calhoun's on the River	TBA
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Italian Market & Grill	TBA
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Sullivan's	TBA
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	8-5 pm	Rothchild's	TBA
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	UT Facility Club	TBA

#### Service Projects\*

October	Boy Scouts of America Popcorn Drive
November	
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. Please see article on page 5 for more information.

"There's no business like show business, but there are several businesses like accounting." ~ David Letterman

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](mailto:alwilliams@tva.gov).

#### Points Update

Through 8/27/2003

Leadership	1650
Education	700
Certification	700
Communication	975
Membership	50
Community Service	0
Awards	<u>500</u>
<b>Total Points YTD</b>	<b>4575</b>

**Chapter Goal = 10,000**

## September Speaker Bio

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### **Carol La Rue**

Carol J La Rue, member of Moneychangers 802, Knoxville, TN District 63



of Toastmasters International, has earned her Distinguished Toastmaster Designation (DTM) after 13 years of membership. Carol has served her district as Area Governor and Division Governor and has often assisted the District Conference with presentations, serving on the Conference Committee, and attendance. Carol owns Financial Resource Center, a financial consulting firm in Maryville Tennessee serving over 400 households overseeing 2000 accounts. She has been in the financial services industry since 1972.

### **Dan Thurman**

Dan Thurman, President of Moneychangers 802, Knoxville, District 63 of Toastmasters International, as earned his Able Toastmaster Gold (ATM) after 6 years of membership. Dan is also past president of Speechmasters, Knoxville, an advanced club and has been successful as Area Governor for the District. Dan often serves the District Conference with presentations that will lead others to be better communicators. Dan has won five Club Speaking Contests, five Area Speaking Contests, and Five Division Speaking Contests, and has competed successfully in four District Speaking Contests. Dan's leadership abilities in Toastmasters have opened doors for many in their careers. Dan owns Thurman Group, a leading advertising firm in Knoxville, TN serving large corporations across the southeast. Dan is an award winning musician and an award winning artist and enjoys performing in the area as a standup comic. His many talents are assets to Toastmasters International.

"People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost."  
~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

## Summer Executive Board Meeting Minutes

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*Submitted by Audrey Atkins*

The executive committee held the first of two meetings this summer on July 15 at Calhoun's on Bearden Hill in preparation for the upcoming year. The first thing decided was that we would put an announcement in the News-Sentinel regarding monthly meetings. The group decided on a rough draft of speakers for the year and came up with new ideas for the meeting. They tossed around the ideas of nametags for officers, "mixed" seating, and having a door greeter. The lunch price will be changed from \$5.00 to \$7.00. The committee discussed the possibility of having a half-day seminar in the fall in addition to the full day spring seminar. Public service events for the year include the PBS telethon, Angel Tree, Ronald McDonald House, and a popcorn drive with the Boy Scouts.

The committee met a second time, on August 26 to finalize things for the year. The first order of business was presenting Carol Malkemus with the chapter recognition award, gold level, for her great work as president last year. Amy Paganelli checked into service projects with the Ronald McDonald House. Our options include taking dinners for the families or making gift bags. Tonya Davis found a CGFM scholarship program on Rutgers website and let everyone know about it. Andrea Williams found us a contact person, Dr. Lee Hendrick, at the University of Tennessee. He will help us spread the word to try and get student involvement. Andrea is also working on a new look for the newsletter and even giving it a name! The committee set up door greeters and discussed the preparation of nametags for the first meeting. A fall seminar has been tentatively scheduled for November. More details will be determined later. ❖

## October Chapter Meeting

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Craig Peters, from Peters & Associates, will be speaking on the trends related to credit unions during the October chapter meeting. The meeting will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Naples Restaurant on Kingston Pike.

## Member News

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Congratulations to David Willis who bowled 300 for a perfect game on August 27, 2003!

Tom Collins, the Public Service Chairman, has been called to active duty and is currently serving our country in the armed forces. If you would like to keep in touch with him, his email address is [tommy2collins@aol.com](mailto:tommy2collins@aol.com).

Is there some accomplishment or event that you would like to share with the chapter about yourself or another member? Please contact Andrea Williams at [awilliams@tva.gov](mailto:awilliams@tva.gov) with any Member News submissions.

## Ronald McDonald House Community Service Opportunities

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Our chapter has the opportunity to get involved in community service projects to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides families of seriously ill children a temporary residence to eat, sleep, relax and find support from other families in the same situation. The Ronald McDonald House in Knoxville is located on the corner of Clinch Ave. and 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the Fort Sanders area. We can provide some or all of the following services at the Ronald McDonald House throughout the year:

**On-Site Meal Preparation:** Plan and prepare a meal one evening in the on-site kitchen. (Amy Paganelli will secure a date if enough members are interested.)

**Frozen Meal Delivery:** The Ronald McDonald House tries to keep a supply of frozen food in the freezer to be used as needed by the families. Ideas are frozen desserts, casseroles, lasagna, or anything else that freezes well. Food should be delivered in non-returnable containers and labeled with instructions for cooking. These items can be dropped off at anytime, just let us know about it!

**Goodie Bags:** The staff keeps a supply of goodie bags on hand to cheer up families. The bags can *continued on page 6*

## September Member Profile

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Our member profile this month is on **Doug Jackson**.



Douglas "Doug" Jackson is calling it an end to a successful 28 year career at the Tennessee Valley Authority. Though an expert in statistical sampling and Information Systems auditing, Doug is better known for his generous nature and willingness to help others.

Doug is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He is Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Information System Auditor. He is a native Knoxville and currently resides in Powell. His hobbies include tennis, biking, hiking, and international travel. Doug has traveled to many international locations including Australia, New Zealand, England, France, Peru, Cambodia, and Thailand. His favorite place to visit is Thailand and you will just have to ask him why.

Doug's plans for retirement begin with a trip to Thailand from September through December. His future travel plans include a return trip to Peru, a trip to Nepal to visit the base camp at Mount Everest, and a return trip to Australia. It is rumored that while in Australia Doug would like to observe great white sharks in the wild from a diving cage! When Doug returns to the United States he would like to pursue occasional accounting/auditing work.

Congratulations and Best Wishes Doug! ❖

Do you need more CPE hours? There is a variety of downloadable CPE courses offered through MicroMash on the official AGA website at [www.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/education/onlinecpe.aspx).

*Ronald McDonald House continued from page 5*

contain candy, mints, stickers, note cards, stamps, bibles, or any other creative, inspirational or cheerful items. These can be provided throughout the year to the Ronald McDonald House.

**Mailings:** The Ronald McDonald House staff always needs help with mass mailings, Christmas cards, etc. We can go as a group for a few hours one day and stuff envelopes or whatever is needed.

If you are interested in participating in any of the service project options for the Ronald McDonald House, please contact Amy Paganelli at (865) 544 – 9588 or [APaganel@mc.utmck.edu](mailto:APaganel@mc.utmck.edu). ❖

## Recruiting New Members

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It's that time of year again for recruiting new members. Invite new employees to the meetings as guests or encourage coworkers who have let their membership lapse to renew. Members can work for local and state governments, school districts and retirement systems, colleges and universities, federal agencies and public accounting firms.

There are five membership types (updated 4/2003):

**Full Government Member** ~ \$90.00 national + \$7.50 local per year.

**Private Sector Member** ~ \$150.00 national + \$7.50 local per year.

**Early Career** ~ \$45.00 national + \$7.50 local per year.

**Student Member** ~ \$30.00 national + \$7.50 local per year.

**Retired** ~ Contact AGA Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 for more information about membership for retirees.

For more information on these membership types follow this link to [AGA: Membership Types, Criteria, & Dues](#). ❖

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