



Nashville Notes

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**President's Message,
Melinda Parton
2005 – What is Ahead?**

Last month we reflected on another year that has past. Now that we have entered a new year, what is ahead of us for the year? As we began the year, we all were quickly reminded of the relatively short time we all have here on this earth. We must treat each day as if it is our last, for we are not promised a tomorrow. Lives of thousands across the world were suddenly taken and others greatly impacted when the tsunami hit Indonesia the day after Christmas. Our hearts and prayers reach out to those impacted by death and devastation. Our chapter will be taking donations from members toward the tsunami relief effort. You can send your donation to Tammy Farley, Community Service Chair or Amy Czerwinski, Treasurer, through the end of February. You can also pay online through Paypal on our website at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org>. We will send one check to AmeriCares Foundation to help in the relief efforts after our March monthly meeting.

What is ahead in our government? Inauguration of our President of the United States, George W. Bush on Thursday, January 20th for another four-year term? Our State's General Assembly, or Legislature, convened a new legislative session. The 104th General Assembly officially convened on Tuesday, January 11th for the first regular session. Did you know the Senate is composed of 33 members elected to a four-year term and the House is composed of 99 members elected to a two-year term? Did you also know that during this first week, the organizational structure is formed that

will govern the next two years of deliberations and enactment of legislation? The Legislature's first order of business is the swearing in of the members-elect followed by the adoption of rules and procedures to be followed by each body. Finally, the election of presiding officers of each body and the appointment of officers and members of each standing committee are made. We all have at least a generalized understanding of the organization of government, but we sometimes do not know the interesting facts about our legislative organizational process. I am excited about the year ahead and the opportunity we have as financial managers in government to establish meaningful goals that will help each of us to advance government accountability.

What is ahead for our chapter? Make plans to attend our February 16th and 17th Winter Seminar that will include speakers on topics that the membership indicated was of the most interest to them this past summer in the survey completed online. Please go to our website

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Chapter Recognition Points YTD
(through January 6, 2004)

Leadership	3,575
Education	10,300
Certification	8,875
Communication	4,650
Membership	475
Community Service	925
Awards	700
Total Points YTD	<u>29,500</u>
Chapter Goal	<u>10,000</u>

CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, February 10, 2005

11:30 a.m.

Speaker

Chief Ronal Serpas

5th Floor of the Suntrust Building located on 4th Avenue North. We will NOT be meeting at the Nashville City Club for this meeting.

COST: \$10.00 per member

Make your luncheon reservation online at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org>.

If necessary you may call
(615) 401-7843
by 6:00 p.m. Monday,
February 7, 2005

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for details and registration information. The topics to be covered include understanding performance measures; what does accountability really mean, how to detect and investigate fraud; the art of business communication and conduct; and enterprise resource planning from a business perspective.

Our program committee is planning a wonderful Spring social event for our membership on Thursday, May 5th at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) for the showing of "Chicago." Based on surveys completed this last summer, a TPAC performance was at the top of the list as a social event for members.

Hope to see each of you at our Chapter Meeting on February 10th.



February Speaker Ronal Serpas

Chief of Police, Metro-Davidson County

On January 12, 2004, the Metropolitan Police Department welcomed Ronal W. Serpas, Ph.D., as the sixth Chief of Police in the Metropolitan Government's 41-year history.

Chief Serpas is a strong advocate of community policing and has implemented an accountability-driven leadership strategy throughout the police department. During weekly Compstat meetings, the department's management team, including precinct and division commanders, focuses on accountability in traditional and non-traditional law enforcement areas.

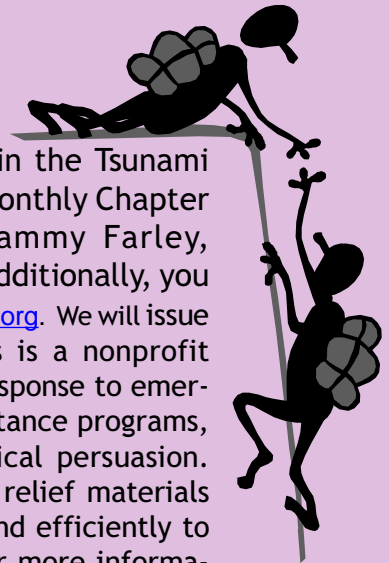
Chief Serpas, 44, is a 24-year law enforcement veteran. He came to Nashville from the Washington State Patrol, which he directed for 2½ years. Prior to moving to Washington, Chief Serpas retired as the Assistant Superintendent of Police and the first Chief of Operations of the New Orleans Police Department, where he rose through the ranks from June 1980 to July 2001. Under his leadership as Chief of Operations, overall violent crime was reduced by 54%.

Chief Serpas received his Doctorate in Urban Studies, with an emphasis in Urban Crime, from the University of New Orleans in 1998. While in New Orleans, he served as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Extraordinary Faculty, at Loyola University from 1993 until his relocation to Washington State.

In remarks as he took the helm of the Metro Police Department, Chief Serpas said there will be strong, renewed emphasis in reducing violent crime. "The drug dealers, robbers and other criminals responsible for terrorizing our friends, families, children and guests will be arrested and brought to justice," Serpas said. "Our police department will be integrated into the fabric of Nashville's diverse communities. Police officers will work closely with citizens to solve problems that undermine the quality of life that is so vitally important to us all, and as equal partners to help us in fighting crime.

Tsunami Relief Efforts

The Nashville Chapter of AGA will be accepting donations to aid in the Tsunami disaster relief efforts. Donations will be accepted until our March Monthly Chapter meeting. If you would like to donate, you may contact Tammy Farley, Tammy.Farley@state.tn.us or Amy Czerwinski, Amy.Czerwinski@state.tn.us. Additionally, you may make donations through PayPal on our website at www.nashvilleaga.org. We will issue a single check to AmeriCares after the March meeting. AmeriCares is a nonprofit disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization providing immediate response to emergency medical needs, as well as supporting long-term humanitarian assistance programs, for all people around the world, irrespective of race, creed or political persuasion. AmeriCares solicits donations of medicines, medical supplies and other relief materials from U.S. and international manufacturers, and delivers them quickly and efficiently to indigenous health care and welfare professionals around the world. For more information on this organization, please visit www.americares.org.



News From National

Keeping New Year's Resolutions at Work Takes More Word Power than Willpower

According to a recent VitalSmarts survey, 69 percent of people are setting New Year's resolutions relating to things they want to change at work. Almost 86 percent said their path to success was currently blocked by a conversation they were either avoiding or not handling well. And while most want to make some significant changes, 95 percent have no idea how to speak up to get what they want. Some common problems include: unrealistic expectations, an unpleasant boss, an unreasonable workload, not knowing how to ask for a raise and a lack of opportunity. "The right skills make all the difference. The people who routinely solve touchy problems at work know what to say and how to say it—they are masters at crucial conversations," says Joseph Grenny, co-author of *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When the Stakes are High*. "When you learn how to talk through tough issues with your boss, peers and senior management, you can resolve almost anything that has you bothered at work." Surprisingly, even though an overwhelming number of those surveyed thought they would fail in dealing with tough issues at work, 69 percent said they were going to try anyway. "Don't take a cue from the desperate," says Grenny. "Before you step into a high-stakes conversation, you need to prepare." —AccountingWEB. To view the whole article, visit www.accountingweb.com.

Survey: Professionals with Certifications Earn 30% More

Data from more than 2,800 survey respondents in the U.S. accounting, finance and banking professions shows that workers with a professional credential of some type earned 30 percent more in 2004 than those working without any kind of credential. The average annual salary for CPAs participating in the survey increased just over 2 percent from 2003 to \$73,295. CPA salaries were not broken down by career longevity, but three-quarters of all respondents had been working in their current position for less than five years. Professionals with a credential of some kind (about half of the respondents) were earning \$70,096 compared to those without any kind of credential who are earning only \$53,748. The survey also showed men are 25 percent more likely than women to hold a professional credential but women with a credential are earning 31 percent more (\$60,942), than their female counterparts. —AccountingWEB. <http://www.accountingweb.com/cgi-bin/item.cgi?id=100291>

3 Ways to Make a Luncheon Reservation

1. **Standing Reservation** (automatic reservation each month, will still need to cancel if unable to attend) To update or make a standing reservation or to see if you have a standing reservation, go to <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/reserv.html>
2. For **Reservation On-line** go to the Nashville Area Chapter website at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/reserv.html>.

PLEASE NOTE: Any on-line reservation made after the deadline, 6 pm the Monday before the meeting, will NOT be accepted.

3. For **Reservations** or **Cancellations** by Phone or E-mail contact Kevin Huffman at (615) 401-7843 or Kevin.Huffman@state.tn.us.

Cancellations – Made NO LATER than 6 pm on the Monday before the luncheon. A member may send someone in their place to the luncheon. If none of the above occurs, then the member must pay \$10.

A G A 2005 Winter Seminar

February 16 & 17, 2005
Nashville State Community College
Room C209

Sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants Nashville Chapter

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

7:30 a.m.	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction Melinda Parton, AGA Chapter President
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Understanding Performance Measures Janet Kelly Carr, Ph.D., Financial Solutions for Public and Nonprofit Organizations
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.	Enterprise Resource Planning from a Business Perspective Donald E. Edmiston, Consultant, Bearing Point
3:00 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	Enterprise Resource Planning from a Business Perspective Donald E. Edmiston, Consultant, Bearing Point
4:40 p.m.	Adjournment for the Day

Thursday, February 17, 2005

7:30 a.m.	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	How to Detect and Investigate Fraud David Himmelreivh, TennCare Office of Inspector General
9:30 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m.	How to Detect and Investigate Fraud David Himmelreivh, TennCare Office of Inspector General
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m.	The Art of Communication and Business Conduct Margaret Ann Pritchard, President of Manners and Protocol
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	The Art of Communication and Business Conduct Margaret Ann Pritchard, President of Manners and Protocol
4:40 p.m.	Program Ends

Registration Fees:

- \$50 AGA members (1 day)
- \$75 AGA members (2 days)
- \$95 Non-AGA members (1 day)
- \$170 Non-AGA members (2 days)

This will include program materials and continuing professional education. Lunch will not be provided; however, Nashville State Community College does have a daily vendor providing lunch each day. The vendors providing lunch are:

Wednesday, February 16

Claiborne and Company
Meat and three style.

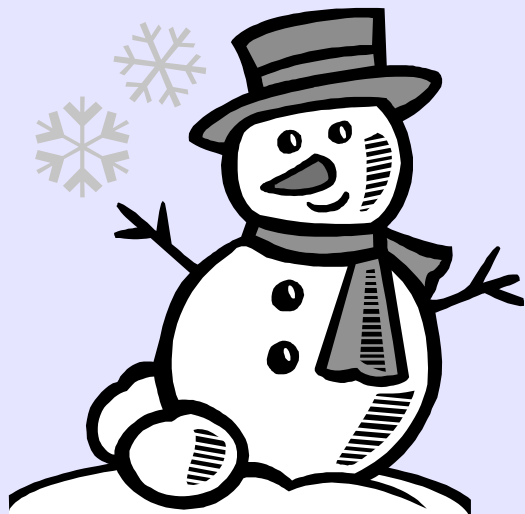
Thursday, February 17

Caesar's Pizza
Pizza by the slice/pasta dishes, salad, and bread.

Both vendors are reported to have really good food.

For more information or to register, visit

<http://www.nashvilleaga.org/AGA2005Wintersem.pdf>



January CEC Meeting

Submitted by Penny Austin, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Chapter's Executive Committee met on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, in the 11th floor conference room of the Andrew Jackson Building. President Melinda Parton called the meeting to order. Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present were Melinda Parton, Dianne McKay, Amy Czerwinski, Penny Austin, Phil Carr, Melvin Jones, Tammy Thompson, Georganne Martin, Kevin Huffman, and Dan Willis. Committee chairs or representatives present were Brian Derrick, Karen Hale, Randy Kinnersley, Alla Baranova, and Nathan Abbott.

Welcome

Melinda Parton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

November 29, 2004 CEC Minutes

The November 29 CEC minutes were published in the January newsletter. Dianne McKay made the motion to approve these minutes. It was seconded by Georganne Martin and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance

Georganne Martin reported that she is now working on the history report for the current year.

Treasurer

Amy Czerwinski distributed financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2004. Total net assets at the end of the period were \$31,620.11.

Meetings and Attendance

Kevin Huffman reported that so far 43 members are signed up to attend the luncheon. Kevin spoke with a representative from Nashville City Club who agreed to extend the deadline for reservations another day. The representative had also asked Kevin about possible meeting dates for the upcoming program year. The committee discussed possible dates and decided it would be best to schedule all monthly meetings for the first Thursday of the month if possible. Kevin will confirm these dates with the Nashville City Club. Tammy Thompson and Melinda Parton will meet to discuss the details for ordering ribbons or stickers to be placed on members' name tags.

Program

Brian Derrick reported that David Manning, Director of Finance for Nashville and Davidson County, will speak at the luncheon on Thursday. Phil Carr will introduce Mr. Manning. Brian also reported that he has not received any reservations for the spring social within the last month. The social will be more actively promoted closer to the date of the event.

Education

Karen discussed the Winter Seminar to be held at Nashville State Community College on February 16 and 17, 2005. Registration for AGA members will be \$50 for one day or \$75 for both days. Registration for non-members will be \$95 for one day or \$170 for both days. Confirmed topics include accountability, understanding performance measures, the art of communication and business conduct, and how to detect fraud. Amy Czerwinski mentioned that she has had individuals ask about the possibility of including a tax update session at the seminar. Because tax hours can no longer be used as CPE to meet the yellow book requirements for auditors, the committee decided not to pursue the request.

Karen also announced that the Spring Workshop is tentatively scheduled for April 21 and 22. This workshop will be free to AGA members. Non-members will be charged \$25. The workshop will focus on accounting and information technology basics and will be geared toward our early careers members.

As a way to promote our education opportunities, Karen suggested that we include a calendar of events in our newsletter and on our website.

Melinda Parton mentioned that we should begin promoting the Regional Professional Development Conference to be held in March. Karen will make an announcement at the luncheon.

Newsletter

Nichole Curtiss was unable to attend but asked Melinda Parton to report that the deadline for submissions for the newsletter is Friday, January 7.

Meeting Minutes

Membership

Beth Pendergrass was unable to attend but asked Melinda Parton to report that we have a total of nine new members for the program year. Melinda challenged everyone to recruit new members. She also provided the committee with a listing of suspended members and asked everyone to contact anyone that they know to encourage them to renew.

CGFM

Gerry Boaz was unable to attend but asked Dianne McKay to report that the CGFM committee will meet on January 14 to begin preparations for the training for Exams 2 and 3.

Community Service

Alla Baranova reported for Tammy Farley. She reminded everyone that we are collecting for the Coat/Hat/Glove drive in January and February. Beth Pugh is the contact person for this effort. We will also begin accepting donations for the South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund that will aid relief efforts in the countries devastated by the recent earthquake and tsunamis. Donations can be given to Tammy Farley or Amy Czerwinski. Dan Willis will also set up a PayPal form that can be used to donate to this cause.

Internet

Nathan Abbott provided the attendees with printouts of the newly redesigned Nashville AGA website. Melinda Parton strongly encouraged everyone to visit the site and e-mail Nathan or Dan Willis with any updates or changes to be made. To keep the site updated, each committee chair should provide new information to Nathan and Dan as required.

Randy Kinnersley and the other CEC members expressed their appreciation for all the great work that Nathan and Dan put into the site. This was a very time consuming project and the results look great. Melinda Parton mentioned the need to ensure the chapter submits the site for a national award.

Nathan and Dan will accept submissions for changes to the site until the next CEC meeting. At that time, the site will be published to the web.

Early Careers

Randy Kinnersley reported that he received several positive comments about our program for the students who attended our last luncheon. He also provided attendees with a handout containing some suggested ideas to improve this event. These included the following: 1) Charging a fee so more students could attend. 2) Holding the event in the spring. 3) Targeting juniors and seniors. 4) Splitting the Snodgrass scholarship between schools who attend. Holding the event in the evening was also discussed. Randy said that these are only suggestions and he would need to explore them further. He also hopes to begin a mentoring program next program year.

Awards

No report.

Chapter Recognition

Dianne McKay reported that the website for reporting our chapter recognition points has been down. An extension for reporting has been given.

Strategic Plan

Dianne McKay provided the attendees with copies of each committee's strategic plan. She and Melinda Parton will meet to decide how this will be presented to the membership. Dianne stated that she thinks this will give the membership an opportunity to learn more about the role of each committee. Melinda expressed a desire to prepare an annual report based on our accomplishments as they relate to our strategic plan.

Nominating Committee

Dianne McKay provided the committee with a letter recommending the following officers for the 2005-2006 chapter year:

President-elect	Gerry Boaz	Directors	Donna Duarte, Brian Derrick, Penny
Treasurer	Chuck Holland		Austin, Kathy Anderson, and
Secretary	Nathan Abbott		Nichole Curtiss

Georganne Martin made a motion to accept these nominations. Melvin Jones seconded the motion and it passed.

Melinda Parton adjourned the meeting.

Chapter Meeting Minutes cont'd.

January Chapter Meeting

Submitted by Penny Austin, Chapter Secretary



The Nashville Area Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, January 6, 2005. President Melinda Parton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Ray Register offered the invocation. The minutes of the December Chapter meeting were approved as printed in the January newsletter. Guests and new members were introduced and welcomed.

Phil Carr introduced the guest speaker, David Manning, Director of Finance for Nashville Davidson County. Mr. Manning spoke about current projects underway throughout the city. He also discussed some of the challenges facing local governments.

Melinda Parton reminded everyone that we are collecting for the Coat/Hat/Glove drive. For more information, members can contact Beth Pugh. We are also collecting donations for the South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund that will aid relief efforts in the countries devastated by the recent earthquake and tsunamis. Donations can be given to Tammy Farley or Amy Czerwinski.

Karen Hale reminded everyone of the upcoming Winter Seminar that will be held at Nashville State Community College on February 16 and 17, 2005. Lunch will not be provided but there will be vendors on site. Registration for AGA members will be \$50 for one day or \$75 for both days. Registration for non-members will be \$95 for one day or \$170 for both days. A drawing was held for two free registrations to the seminar. Melinda Parton and Ann Collett were the lucky winners. Karen also mentioned plans for a spring workshop to be held in April. More information regarding this training event will be coming. The Southeastern Regional Professional Development Conference will be held in Gatlinburg on March 2-4, 2005.

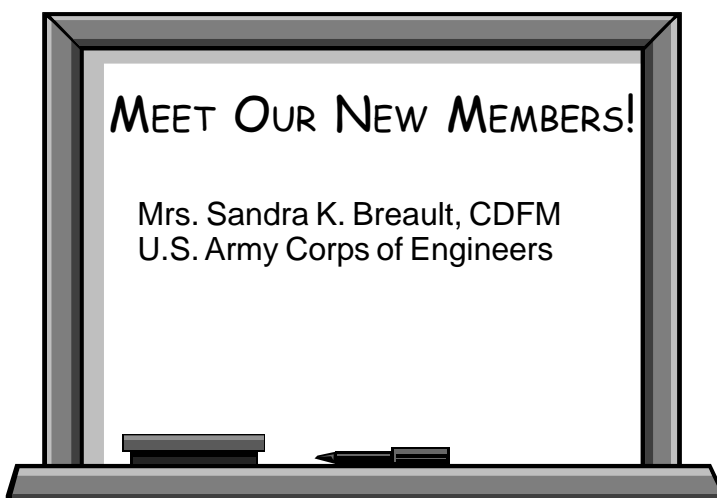
Gerry Boaz announced that the CGFM committee is planning to offer free training on Exam 2 in late March and Exam 3 in late April. Eight hours of CPE will be earned for each session. Anyone interested in the training was asked to contact Gerry Boaz, Rebecca Barr, or any member of the CGFM committee.

Dianne McKay presented the nominations for officers that were agreed upon by the nominating committee. Dianne thanked the members of the committee for their service. The nominations were as follows: President-elect, Gerry Boaz; Treasurer, Chuck Holland; Secretary, Nathan Abbott; Directors, Donna Duarte, Brian Derrick, Penny Austin, Kathy Anderson, and Nichole Curtiss. All nominees have indicated their willingness to serve. Dianne also informed the chapter that independent nominations would be accepted. An independent nomination must be submitted by at least 50 members, must reflect the willingness of the individual to serve, and must be filed with the President-elect by March 15.

Robbie Hunter announced that the Institute of Internal Auditors is hosting their annual Auditors and Accountants Seminar on January 24, 2005. Flyers for the seminar were available at each table.

The door prize was awarded to Lynn Wright, and Ron Anderson provided the answers to the monthly puzzle.

The meeting was adjourned.



Congratulations!

Have you or someone you know received an award, promotion, or certification?

Well...don't keep it to yourself. Let us know about it!! We are proud of our members and would like the opportunity to express our congratulations and make sure you are recognized for your achievements.

Committee News

Awards Committee

Points for the Chapter Service Drawing

The drawing for the 54th Annual Professional Development Conference in Orlando, FL, July 10 – 13, 2005, will be held at the May luncheon meeting. To be eligible for the Chapter Service Drawing, you'll need 20 points. For each point you have earned, you'll receive one chance in the year-end drawing. Good luck!!

This is how to earn points:

Luncheon attendance	2 points
Attending chapter sponsored training	1 point
Sponsor a new member	2 points
Service on a chapter committee	2 points each
AGA community service projects	1 point per hour served (10 pt. max.)
Newsletter article	
(Financial topic)	8 points each
(Nonfinancial topic)	4 points each
Obtaining CGFM certification	8 points upon completion
Attending chapter sponsored social event	2 points
Sponsoring a Luncheon Guest	1 point for each guest (10 pt. max.)

Member of the Year Award

The Awards Committee meets in April to determine the Member of the Year Award. This is usually awarded to the member who has the most points and has participated in the widest variety of activities when the Committee meets. In the event of a tie, the Awards Committee's tie-breaking vote will be final. The prior year's winner and Award Committee members are ineligible for this award.

Points Spreadsheet

Check the Points Spreadsheet on our website monthly to make sure your points are up to date for both the Chapter Drawing and Member of the Year Award. If you find discrepancies, please contact first Donna Duarte at 741-9681 and she will direct you to the Committee Chairperson who will make the corrections. Members of the Awards Committee do not update the spreadsheet.

CGFM Committee News

Win Financial Assistance toward CGFM Exam Fees

The CGFM Committee congratulates the following CGFM exam fees subsidies winners: LaShawn Barber, Karen Hale, Rosalyn Pope, and Sharon Wahlstrom. The committee will reimburse the three winners the entire exam fee of \$327. The winners must register for, pay for, and take all three exams before September 30, 2005, to receive reimbursement (based on proof of registration and payment). Please email Gerry Boaz, Committee Chair, at (Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us) or Rebecca Barr, Co-Chair, (Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us) between now and **September 30, 2005**, regarding completion of the requirements for reimbursement.

CGFM Exam Study Group

A CGFM exam study group has been formed. Former CGFM Committee member Rosa Jennings and current CGFM exam fee subsidy winner Rosalyn Pope are heading the study group. The group typically meets on different days each month at 12:00 on the 13th floor of the William Snodgrass/Tennessee Tower Building. If you are interested in joining the study group, please notify Gerry Boaz (Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us) or Rebecca Barr (Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us) via email of your interest in participating.



Free Lunch for Those Passing the CGFM

The CGFM Committee is continuing its program to congratulate those individuals passing the CGFM exams by offering lunch certificates that are good for a free lunch at any AGA luncheon meeting. If you passed the CGFM exams during January 2004 – January 2005 and have not received a lunch certificate, please contact

Gerry Boaz
(Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us) or

Rebecca Barr
(Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us).

Committee News

Early Careers Committee

Nashville AGA Chapter Sponsors First Student Day

The Nashville Chapter hosted its first Student Day on December 2, 2004. Students and professors from four area universities participated in the event. The participants joined the chapter membership for lunch at the December chapter meeting where Mr. Steve Adams, Chief Administrative Officer of the Tennessee Lottery, was the guest speaker.

Following lunch, Melinda Parton discussed the purpose and mission of AGA to introduce the students to AGA. Gerry Boaz presented information on the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program, such as the format and content of the exam.

Ann Taylor-Tharpe discussed opportunities available to students through the CareersNow program. In addition, she discussed accounting opportunities at the State and the process for students to obtain employment. Two early career state employees that participated in the CareersNow program discussed their experience. Jan Sylvis then closed the program by presenting the long-term opportunities for accountants in state government. As a result of the program, one student applied to participate in the CareersNow program and a second student provided a resume and intended to apply for a position with the state.

The program was coordinated by Randy Kinnersley and Beth Pendergrass as an activity of the early careers committee. The committee would like to thank each person that presented to the students and to Brian Derrick for his assistance in making the event a success.

Nominating Committee

Nashville Chapter 2005-2006 Leadership Nominations

The Nominating Committee has selected chapter leadership nominees for the 2005-2006 year. The members of the Nominating Committee included Dianne McKay, President-elect and chairperson, Deborah Loveless, Jim Arnette, Margaret Walker, and Phil Carr.

Chapter leadership nominees are as follows:

Officers

Gerry Boaz, President-elect

Chuck Holland, Treasurer

Nathan Abbott, Secretary

Two-Year Directors

Donna Duarte

Brian Derrick

Nichole Curtiss

Penny Austin

Kathy Anderson

Each of the nominees has indicated his or her willingness to serve. The Chapter Executive Committee unanimously accepted these nominations at its January meeting.

In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, independent nominations for chapter officers and directors may be submitted to Dianne McKay until March 15. A petition that contains at least 50 signatures of Nashville Chapter members and an indication of the candidate's willingness to serve if elected must accompany all independent nominations. In the event there are additional nominations, an election will follow. If there are no other nominations, the nominees listed above will be certified without ballot.



Spring Social

Members reserve your tickets for the Spring Social, TPAC's

Chicago

The performance is May 5, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

To make a request, please e-mail Brian Derrick at brian.derrick@state.tn.us and please specify whether you want one or two tickets.



AGA Hat, Coat, and Glove Drive



Donations are going to Community Care Fellowship here in Nashville at 511 South 8th Street and is for all ages as Community Care needs those items for both children and adults. Community Care Fellowship is a day shelter for the homeless and poor in Nashville. The mission of Community Care Fellowship is to relieve the suffering among the homeless and poor and to assist them in various ways to improve their lifestyle and standard of living. They serve the homeless Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm. providing laundry, showers, counseling, personal hygiene items, and serves four meals a week. The "Dare to Dream" Enrichment Program tutors/mentors children from the Kirkpatrick Elementary School. The age group is Pre-K through the fourth grade. The hours of the enrichment program are 3:00pm until 5:00pm Monday through Thursday.

Drop sites for hats/coats/gloves:

- 1) Todd Liebergen (todd.liebergen@state.tn.us) - Rachel Jackson State Office Building
- 2) Mary Anne Queen (mary.anne.queen@state.tn.us) - Polk Building, 14th Floor
- 3) Amy Sharp (amy.sharp@state.tn.us) - Andrew Johnson Tower
- 4) Rosalyn Pope (rosalyn.pope@state.tn.us) - 13th floor of the TNTower
- 5) Beth Pugh (beth.pugh@state.tn.us) can be contacted if the items can not be delivered to any of these sites.



We will also be collecting the items at both the January and February meetings.

Mark Your Calendars

Meeting Dates

AGA Nashville Chapter

(All Chapter meetings will be held the First Thursday of the Month, except as noted below)

Thursday, February 10, 2005
(Second Thursday on the 5th floor of the Suntrust Building 4th Avenue North)

Thursday, March 3, 2005

Thursday, April 7, 2005

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Chapter Executive Committee

All CEC meetings will be held on the Monday before the chapter meeting, except as noted below)

Monday, February 7, 2005

Monday, February 28, 2005

Monday, April 4, 2005

Monday, May 9, 2005

Other Professional Organization Training Opportunities

**Middle Tennessee Chapter ACFE
Ninth Annual Fraud Conference**
March 21-22, 2005
Willis Conference Center
Nashville, Tn
16 hours CPE

<http://www.nashvilleaga.org/acfe2005.pdf>

**IIA Spring Seminar
Best Practices in Value Added Auditing**
April 29, 2005
Lipscomb University Shamblin Theater
8 hours CPE

http://www.theiaa.org/chapters/index.cfm?fuseaction=view_public_file&fileid=4271

AGA Nashville Chapter Training Information AGA Winter Seminar - See page 4 for details



Training Opportunities Relevant to the CGFM

CGFM Exam 1 Study Course – online

AGA website: <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/onlinecourses.aspx> anytime

CGFM Exams 2 and 3 Training Classes

The CGFM Committee is planning to offer FREE continuing professional education (CPE) for exams 2 and 3. Participants will earn 8.0 CPE hours for each class. The committee plans to offer exam 2 training and exam 3 training tentatively in March and April 2005, respectively. Also, once AGA releases the exam 3 study guide during 2005, the committee will also offer exam 3 training. The training classes will be based on each exam's study guides. The classes will only be offered based on membership interest. Those of you interested in taking the exam should contact

Gerry Boaz (Gerry.Boaz@state.tn.us) or

Rebecca Barr (Rebecca.Barr@state.tn.us) by February 4, 2005.

The Department of Personnel includes the CGFM certification in the list of certifications eligible for a one-step salary increase. A salary increase **may** be granted to employees of the State of Tennessee if the certification is obtained by passing the exams. To be certain that you qualify for the salary increase, obtain approval from your supervisor and the Department of Personnel **before** sitting for the exams. For specific details see the Department of Personnel Policy #90-031 (10/10/90) amended March 23, 1999.

AGA South Eastern Region Conference Promoting Peak Performance

March 2-4, 2005

Park Vista Resort

Gatlinburg, TN

Early Registration (by 1/31/05) \$295

Late Registration (after 1/31/05) \$325

Visit <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/seregpd2005.pdf> for more information

2004-2005 Nashville Chapter Leadership

Officers

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