

Chattanooga Chapter

## AGA Newsletter

### Welcome!

Greetings AGA Members! I would like to thank David DiStefano, CPA, CMA once more for speaking to our members at our August meeting. It was a great review of upcoming auditing standards. For our next meeting, we are honored to have Ronald Harris, Director of Workforce Diversity at BCBS. The meeting will be held on September 20, 2016, 11:30 A.M. at the McDaniel Building (455 N. Highland Park, 37404). The cost of the luncheon is \$16.50 per person.

Please RSVP to Carlos Pride at: [cpride@chattanooga.gov](mailto:cpride@chattanooga.gov) by September 16, 2016

### Speaker's Background



Ronald Harris serves as the Director of Workforce Diversity at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. In this capacity, Mr. Harris provides strategic leadership and counsel for diversity initiatives within the organization that include diversity awareness training, recruitment, employee development, and community outreach. He also ensures adherence to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action Plan and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Mr. Harris has served in various roles of management throughout his 30 years of service at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, each with increasing responsibilities. He currently serves as Chair for the organization's Corporate Diversity Council. Ron is also a member of the BlueCross BlueShield Association Diversity Alliance, which connects various BlueCross BlueShield Plans throughout the country as a resource to share best practices and address diversity awareness and community outreach.

Mr. Harris is a regular speaker at business functions and conferences throughout Tennessee and the country on diversity topics that impact the workplace. Subject matter that is covered includes: generational diversity, disability awareness, stereotypes, effective cross-cultural communication, religion in the workplace, the business case for diversity and others.

Questions or comments? Email at [pboylan@chattanooga.gov](mailto:pboylan@chattanooga.gov) or call 423-643-7381



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**Paul Boylan - President, AGA Chattanooga Chapter**

### Lunch Menu:

Carved Roast Beef  
Honey Glazed Ham  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Butter Rolls  
Peach Cobbler  
Bread Pudding  
Iced Tea

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### Know Your Board!

**Shannon Stephenson** brings more than 12 years experience in accounting, financial reporting, leadership and business forecasting as a senior manager and business owner. She is currently the Executive Director for Chattanooga CARES, a community based health organization focusing in the prevention, education and treatment of infectious disease and related epidemics. Shannon holds a Master's of Business Administration in Finance and Accounting from Lincoln Memorial University and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of Tennessee.



**Brooke Weaver** has been with the County Clerk's office for 10 years, is the Coordinator of County Commission Records, and the Assistant Accountant. She has experience in a number of industries including real estate, investments, non-profits, and community outreach. She graduated with honors in both Accounting and Business Administration from Chattanooga State and Bryan

College. As a first year AGA Board Member, she is excited about reaching out to individuals interested in the government accountability community, promoting professional interaction and networking, and serving the local community.

The Chattanooga Chapter has a dedicated group of incredible professionals that have the skill sets to meet our Chapter's objectives. Together, they can build an even more robust organization. She looks forward to working with each member as the Chapter continues to grow.



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**David DiStefano, CPA, CMA** speaks to the AGA members at the August member luncheon.

### Community Outreach

Our outreach for the month of September will be donations to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Items requested:

- Monetary Donations
- Canned Food Items
- Milk

Please bring your donations to the September luncheon, your support is greatly appreciated!

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### National News

#### Calling All Academics!

Do you or someone you know teach at the collegiate level? To continue AGA's outreach to students, tell us about anyone teaching accounting, finance and related topics at the collegiate level. Email their name, school and email—thank you!

#### National Leadership for 2017-2020: Could it be YOU?

AGA is looking for a few good volunteers for National Officer positions: RVP, SVP, Treasurer-Elect, or President-Elect. Please visit the "Call for Nominations" page for desired qualifications and nomination process details. The deadline to nominate is Oct. 31—don't delay!

### Officers & Board Members—Chattanooga Chapter

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