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## WASHINGTON CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

**THURSDAY, April 3, 1997**

Grand Hyatt Hotel  
1000 H Street, NW  
(At Metro Center - 11th Street Exit)

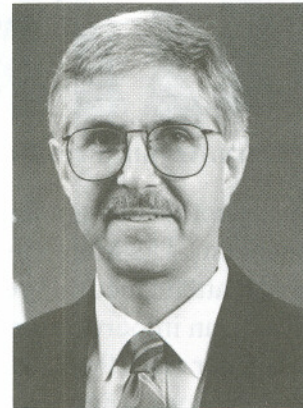
Social: 11:30 - Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

Cost: Members \$17.00; Nonmembers \$22.00

New members - your first luncheon meeting is free!

**Please make your reservation by  
Monday, March 31, 1997**

### **“Success in a Changing Environment: Improving Financial Management”**



**Mitchell L. Laine, Deputy CFO, U.S. Department of  
Education and AGA National President**

Mitch Laine is currently serving as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Education. He is responsible for

managing the formulation, development, and implementation of policies, procedures, and operations related to financial management, financial operations, contracts and purchasing, internal controls, audit follow-up, credit management, and asset management. Mr. Laine served as the Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Department of Education, from February, 1983 to May, 1991, where he was responsible for all audit activities in the Department. Previous to that, he was with the Office of Management and Budget, where he was involved in the development and implementation of government-wide accounting, auditing, and financial management policies. Mr. Laine also was with a regional public accounting firm in Michigan, where he specialized in providing audit and consulting services to state and local governments.

In January 1992, Mr. Laine received the Distinguished Executive Award from President Bush. In June 1994, he received the Association of Government Accountants Distinguished Leadership Award for initiating changes and improvements in financial management at the U.S. Department of Education. In December 1994, he received the U.S. Department of Education Executive Management Award in appreciation of efficiency and effectiveness in the field of management. Mr. Laine is the Vice-chair for programs of the Federal Chief Financial Officers Council and President of the Association of Government Accountants. He also served as an advisor to the Budget and Financial Management Teams of the Vice President's National Performance Review. Mr. Laine has a MBA from Wayne State University and a BBA from the University of Michigan. He is a CGFM and a CPA.

Mr. Laine's luncheon address is entitled "Success in a Changing Environment: Improving Financial Management." He will speak about the need for government financial managers to meet the significant challenge of contributing to improved government service delivery, efficiency, and effectiveness. His address will highlight some of the things financial managers can do to ensure success, and it will present lessons learned from recent experiences in the private-sector as well as government.

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## President's Message .....



**Gary Amlin, President**

We had another outstanding turnout for our luncheon. The March luncheon saw our largest attendance this year to hear a very good speaker with an important topic. Our speaker was Cynthia Warner with the "Year 2000" project in the General Services Administration. She was extremely informative and presented a topic that is very important to us today. The luncheon was followed by an educational event on the "Year 2000" problem and some of the plans that are being made to deal with this difficult issue. I know you enjoyed her comments and appreciated her coming to address our chapter. We continue to bring in these exceptional personalities for your benefit. Please review our newsletter for each upcoming speaker so you can participate in these exchanges. Located within this newsletter is a write-up of Ms. Warner's remarks. If you were unable to attend, please refer to the article in this newsletter for coverage.

Our April luncheon will provide another opportunity to hear an excellent speaker, Mr. Mitch Laine, our national President. As discussed on the cover page, Mitch will speak about how we, as federal financial professionals, can succeed in the chang-

ing environment in which we work. Please try and make this luncheon if at all possible.

Also, scan the newsletter for information on other opportunities coming up for your participation. Looking forward to seeing you at our April luncheon!

*Gary Amlin, CGFM*

## Highlights of the February 26th, 1997 Executive Council Meeting .....

- Warren Cottingham, Awards Director, reported that chapter nominees were submitted for AGA's National Awards Program, and he is waiting to receive nominations for the Ronald J. Lynch Memorial Scholarship Award, which are due by March 31, 1997.
- Harvey Wiley, Director for Community Outreach, provided information about chapter scholarships to some local universities. Committees are preparing for the Career Awareness Day and the Small Business Workshop.
- Germaine Rowley, Director of Administration, reported that the chapter has earned 9,301 points for the Chapter Recognition Program.
- The February 24th educational seminar on GPRA, which was cosponsored with the other local AGA chapters, was well attended. The next cosponsored event will be in April on Financial Systems.
- The Executive Council scheduled its next meeting for March 26, 1997, at 11:30 a.m. at the Veterans Administration Headquarters building.

*Marianne Morahan, CGFM*

The Chapter has earned 9,301 points in the Chapter Recognition Program as of January 1997

## Summary of Luncheon Speaker's Remarks: The Year 2000 Challenge: Senior GSA Computer Specialist Speaks on Federal Initiatives Underway .....

By Edward Baxter, Assistant Editor

As the new millennium approaches, it seems like not a day passes without hearing something about the "Year 2000" problem.

ABC's "World News Tonight" featured a story on March 10, 1997, which estimated the cost for the federal government to fix this problem as \$30 billion, and an estimated global cost at a staggering \$650 billion. Retirement checks may not be able to be processed and credit card companies will no longer be able to correctly

process transactions. These are just two examples of what could happen if computer systems are not reprogrammed to recognize the year 2000. March luncheon's keynote speaker was Ms. Cynthia Warner, a Senior Computer Specialist from the General Services Administration's (GSA) Office of Information and Technology. Ms. Warner also serves as a program manager for the "Year 2000" Subcommittee of the CIO Council, a federal inter-agency organization which deals specifically with cross-cutting issues relating to the Year 2000 (commonly referred to as "Y2K") challenge. The committee sponsors Y2K awareness initiatives such as conferences, workshops, and executive awareness sessions and helps to facilitate the sharing of Y2K solutions.

Some of the most important computer software currently used in government and industry may not work correctly beginning in the year 2000 because it can only use two digit years in performing calculations. Software will therefore not be able to rec-

ognized a change to the new century. Not restricted to only mainframe computers, Y2K problems can occur with local area networks (LANs), personal computer's (PCs), and telecommunication systems such as private branch exchanges, since they all depend upon software. Even some of the most commonly used software for PC applications will suffer from the same Y2K problem unless they are upgraded to compliant versions. The implications of the Y2K problem are tremendous for both the government and

private industry, and steps must be taken immediately to ensure date compliance.

The Year 2000 Subcommittee of the CIO Council is a very active group which meets monthly to craft uniform and viable strategies for the federal government. Compatibility is critical—all branches of the federal government need to be able to process information interactively in order to work to the maximum potential. The three most critical resources to meet Y2K challenges are "time," "talent," and "money." Time is perhaps the most critical of the three, since we are less than three years away from the turn of the century, and there's a tremendous amount of work still to be done. Further, it's going to take talented people in order to resolve the Y2K problem, and the government must ensure that talented programmers remain on the payroll. Money is the final challenge, since no additional funding for Y2K initiatives has been allocated.



Cynthia Warner from the General Services Administration speaking about the federal government "Year 2000" initiatives.

*(See Speaker's Remarks, next page)*

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The Subcommittee has several other functions including promoting awareness of the Y2K problem, not just in the federal government, but also in state and local governments, the private sector, and internationally, as appropriate. The Subcommittee sponsors and attends conferences designed to highlight ongoing federal initiatives to meet Y2K. Furthermore, these conferences also highlight the resources which are available to all those affected or concerned with this problem. The federal government therefore is sharing useful information on the lessons it has learned, and/or the policy it has formulated to address the Y2K. The Subcommittee also maintains a home page on the world wide web (www), which contains a wealth of information on Y2K initiatives. "This web site is the one-stop source for Year 2000 information for the Y2K subcommittee," Ms. Warner said. The Universal Resource Link (URL) is <http://www.itpolicy.gsa.gov>. The committee has also issued several brochures on Y2K initiatives designed to further promote awareness of the problem.

Data standards are another important concern for the subcommittee. The establishment of a four-digit year, and a two-digit month, and a two-digit day will serve as the foundation for the next century. The subcommittee has formulated standardized contracting language which can be used by federal agencies when purchasing IT equipment. Similarly, an addi-

tion to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) ensures the government will only buy information technology products that are Y2K compliant. The

challenge here, Ms. Warner added, is relying on the vendors to ensure they are meeting the standards which the government has set. Finally, the Subcommittee is working with GSA to identify products that are Y2K compliant and identify them on the GSA Advantage System. Also located within GSA is another important resource known as the Millennium Solution Center

run by the Federal Information Systems Support Program, for resolving Y2K problems.

Ms. Warner concluded her presentation by once again emphasizing the extreme urgency of the Y2K problem. As we have become increasingly dependent on management information systems over the last several years, and we become more so each day, the Y2K dilemma presents a tremendous challenge, both to private and government organizations. The Subcommittee is concerned about not only fixing the problem, but creating uniformity in doing so, and implementing safeguards so that this problem will not occur again.



Following the luncheon address, there was a further Year 2000 discussion with the above pictured panelists. From left to right are Fred Fagerstrom, Price Waterhouse, moderator; Pam Stallings, HUD; Andy Malay, COMSYS; and Julia McCreary, IRS. Another presenter, not pictured, was Bill Franklin, GAO.

Be sure and make your reservation  
for the next luncheon by Monday,  
March 31st

..... Membership '97

By Eva J. Williams, CGFM, Director for Membership

By the time you read this issue of our newsletter there will only be a month left in the membership year, as it ends on April 30th. I want to let you all know where our chapter stands as of the end of February. As you can see below, thanks to your hard work we are doing well again this year, but we really need your help this month to meet and exceed our membership goals for the 1996-97 membership year. We all want the Washington Chapter to run away with the membership prizes this year, so **let's set a record** for an AGA Chapter for April membership activity.

Washington Chapter

<u>Membership Year</u>	<u>Membership Four-Year Trend Membership at end of February</u>
1993-94	1,026
1994-95	1,049
1995-96	1,211
1996-97	1,396

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH, ACQUISITION & RETENTION  
May 1, 1996 - February 28, 1997

<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Growth</u>	<u>Percent of Goal Acquisition</u>	<u>Retention</u>
<u>Begin</u>	<u>End</u>				
		<b>May 1996</b>			
1,314	1,120		77	12	92
		<b>July 1996</b>			
1,167	1,190		83	32	94
		<b>October 1996</b>			
1,254	1,279		89	50	96
		<b>January 1997</b>			
1,307	1,344		93	84	95
		<b>February 1997</b>			
1,344	1,396		97	99	96

**New Members:** May 1, 1996 - February 28, 1997: 260

Our 1996-97 membership goals for growth, acquisition, and retention are base growth to 1,445; new member acquisition of 263; and retention of 1,183.

Membership Contest

Please keep in mind AGA's national membership recruitment contest ends on April 30th. If you aren't already participating, don't despair, all you need to do is enter your name on the sponsor line of a new member's AGA application, and your name will be put into the appropriate drawing. The drawing will take place in early May, once the national office has closed the membership books for April.

Remember, prizes include a three night "Getaway for Two" to Phoenix, Arizona (airfare & hotel accommodations), a 46" Big Screen Color Television, and a state-of-the-art Camcorder. Also, the "recruiter of the year" and the next "two top sponsors" will each receive a complimentary AGA meeting registration. In addition, the chapter from each chapter grouping that has the highest overall membership growth percentage will win a complimentary AGA meeting registration to use at the Chapters' discretion.

### Membership Recognition

The Membership Committee looks forward to seeing you at the chapter's **special evening meeting on Wednesday, April 16th** at the Grand Hyatt. Please join your Washington Chapter colleagues in recognizing those chapter members who have belonged to AGA for 25 years or longer at this evening meeting and social starting at 5:00p.m. See the biographical sketch of the featured speaker, Michael Rogers, on page 9.

#### Chapter Members with at Least 25 Years By Year Joined AGA

**1950**

Donald W. Bacon  
Raymond Einhorn  
T. Jack Gary

**1951**

William J. Armstrong  
Simmons B. Savage

**1952**

W. Fletcher Lutz  
Lloyd A. Nelson

**1953**

John N. Buynitzky  
C. R. "Joe" Jauchem  
Maynard B. Woodbury

**1956**

John C. Ashton  
Robert B. Brown  
Francis E. Chaney  
Max Hirschhorn

**1957**

Raymond A. Beaudet  
Ralph D. Dunavant  
Louis N. Lushina  
T. Darrell Verner

**1958**

Charles C. Lowe  
Edward J. Mahoney  
Susumu Uyeda

**1959**

Sheldon O. Deno

**1960**

Charles C. Martinez  
Frederick McGrath  
David Mosso  
Dennis J. Polivka  
Aaron Rosenthal  
Thomas M. Ryan  
Cornelius E. Tierney

**1963**

Alan J. Strelser

**1964**

Audrey B. Dysland  
Elliott H. Forgosh  
Gerald Murphy

**1965**

John Edward Murphy

**1966**

Austin J. Ballard  
Nicholas Jougras  
Albert Shanefelter

**1967**

W. A. "Bill" Broadus  
Dorothy W. Dews  
Earle A. Gumbs  
Albert Morris  
Virginia B. Robinson  
Edward W. Stepnick  
John E. Toole

**1968**

Irvin E. Faunce  
Harry W. Feldman  
Joseph F. Reday

**1969**

Blaine G. Dando  
George C. Davis

**1970**

Richard Billig  
Edward C. Capps  
Eleanor M. Clark  
Frank L. Coveleski  
Gerard R. Edwards  
Sue Fields  
Beatrice D. Fones  
Gordon W. Harvey  
Kenneth W. Leland  
Charles L. Martin  
Adam T. Shaw

**1971**

Robert W. Beuley  
Daisy P. Burley  
Joseph J. Donlon

**1972**

Bruce K. Birnberg  
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Roland W. Cyr  
Irby W. Fleming  
Stanley W. Fredericks  
Paul R. Frey  
John H. Gartner  
Thomas W. Novotny  
Robert A. Pewanick  
Joyce D. Shelton

#### CGFM Grandfathering Period

I am also quite pleased to report that as of the end of February, 13,244 Certified Government Financial Managers have been designated and 826 are members of our chapter.

***Mark your calendar! May 1st is the Annual Awards Luncheon. The program starts with a social hour at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street, NW, Washington, DC***

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## Upcoming Financial Management Courses

### April - June 1997 Courses at The Center for Applied Financial Management

#### April 1997

1-2	Survey of Federal Accounting Concepts and Standards
7-8	Managerial Cost Accounting
9-10	SF 224: Statement of Transactions
11	Reconciling the Statement of Differences
17-18	Accounting for Revenue
21-22	Implications of Federal Appropriations Law
24-25	Budget Execution Game
28-29	Property, Plant, & Equipment/Stewardship Reporting
30	Certifying Officers: Your Roles and Responsibilities

#### May 1997

1-2	Accrual World
5-6	Federal Asset and Liability Standards
8-9	Dollars and Sense
12-13	Basic Standard General Ledger
19-20	Advanced Standard General Ledger

#### June 1997

3-4	SF 224-Statement of Transactions Course
4	Managing Your Imprest Fund
5	Reconciling Differences
9	Basic Accounting Concepts
10-11	Budget Execution Game
12-13	Survey of Federal Accounting Concepts and Standards
16-17	SF 1219/1220 Course
23-24	Unlocking Key Reports
26-27	Managerial Cost Accounting

Contact Kimberly Pringle at (202) 874-9560 for more information or fax requests to (202) 874-9629. To register for Center courses, submit an SF-182 to the Registrar, The Center for Applied Financial Management, 401 14th Street S.W., Suite 1100 KSB, Washington, DC 20227. All courses are held at 1411 K Street, N.W., 11th floor, unless otherwise noted.

## April Evening Event .....

**T**he Officers and Directors of the Washington Chapter are sponsoring the Chapter's Special Evening Meeting on **Wednesday, April 16th, 1997.**

The meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street, NW, Washington, DC (at Metro Center - 11th Street Exit). This Special Evening Meeting begins with a social at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM, and features remarks by Michael C. Rogers, City Administrator of the District of Columbia Government at 7:00 PM. Mr. Rogers' experience and perspectives as City Administrator of the District of Columbia Government should be most informative and interesting. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend this special meeting. See the next page for Mr. Rogers' biographical sketch.

If you plan to attend, **please R.S.V.P. by April 11, 1997** by calling (703) 758-4080. The cost of the event is \$20.00 for AGA members and \$25.00 for non-members. We are looking forward to seeing you at this meeting.



## April Evening Meeting Features Michael C. Rogers, City Administrator and Deputy Mayor for Operations, DC Government

**M**ichael C. Rogers, was appointed by the Honorable Marion Barry, Jr., Mayor of the District of Columbia, to serve as City Administrator and Deputy Mayor for operations for the District of Columbia Government on February 21, 1995. In his capacity as Chief Operating Officer for the Government of the District of Columbia, Mr. Rogers is responsible for the day-to-day operations of one of the nation's most complex jurisdictions which operates simultaneously as a city, a state, and as the seat of the federal government.

Having recently completed his second year in office, Mr. Rogers, as the chief operating officer of the District of Columbia, has been recognized as having brought unique public management skills to the city. He is leading the most ambitious effort ever to transform the Government of the District of Columbia by right-sizing the number of employees and developing more customer-driven, service-oriented delivery systems. In addition, reforms in the areas of procurement, personnel policies and procedures, information technology systems, and real property management are well underway, and are some key factors to the overall transformation process. Additionally, major privatization initiatives in corrections and health care and restructuring the management and organizational systems of the District's Water and Sewer utility have been under the direction of the city Administrator.



Prior to joining the District of Columbia Government, Mr. Rogers served as Director of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), U.S. Department of Commerce. Mr. Rogers served as Director of the Mayor's Office of Contracts and Chief Procurement officer for the city of New York, where he was responsible for leading 3,000 procurement professionals in awarding 10,000 contracts, totaling \$7 billion annually. Under his leadership, the city achieved noteworthy reforms in its procurement process through business process reengineering that resulted in significant savings. Mr. Rogers was also one of the principal architects of the city's Minority Business Enterprise Program that awarded nearly \$600 million to MWBES over an eighteen month period. Mr. Rogers also was an Associate Professor in Public Administration at the Graduate School of Long Island University.

Mr. Rogers served as vice-president for Municipal Services and Executive Director of the Jacob Javits Convention Center and before that was Deputy General Manager of the Washington, D.C. Convention Center from 1981 to 1986. He first came to Washington, D.C. in 1976 as Director of the Minority Executive Placement Program at the International City Management Association (ICMA) and later served as ICMA's Executive Director. From 1971 to 1976, Mr. Rogers served in various positions in the office of the city Administrator of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Michael C. Rogers was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) in Atlanta; a Masters in Public Policy (MPP) from the University of Michigan and a Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) from Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Rogers was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1984. Mr. Rogers is affiliated with many professional organizations, including, the National Institute of Government Purchasing, National Association of Purchasing Management, International City Management Association, National Forum of Black Public Administrators, National Council for Public/Private Partnerships, American Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar Association. Mr. Rogers served as Chairman of the Advisory Council to the New York Procurement Policy Board.

### Financial Management Web Pages:

AICPA:	<a href="http://www.aicpa.org">http://www.aicpa.org</a>	GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association):	<a href="http://www.financenet.gov/gfoa">http://www.financenet.gov/gfoa</a>
AAA (American Accounting Association):	<a href="http://www.rutgers.edu/accounting/raw/aaa">http://www.rutgers.edu/accounting/raw/aaa</a>	House of Representatives:	<a href="http://www.house.gov">http://www.house.gov</a>
FASB:	<a href="http://www.rutgers.edu:80/accounting/raw/internet">http://www.rutgers.edu:80/accounting/raw/internet</a>	IRS Digital Daily:	<a href="http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod">http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod</a>
IGNET:	<a href="http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov/ignet">http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov/ignet</a>	Library of Congress:	<a href="http://lcweb.loc.gov/homepage">http://lcweb.loc.gov/homepage</a>
Federal Tax Code Search:	<a href="http://www.tns.lcs.mit.edu:80">http://www.tns.lcs.mit.edu:80</a>	OMB:	<a href="http://www.qns.com/~ombokc/intro.htm">http://www.qns.com/~ombokc/intro.htm</a>
Fedworld:	<a href="http://www.fedworld.gov/uscode">http://www.fedworld.gov/uscode</a>	SEC:	<a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>
GASB:	<a href="http://www.financenet.gov">http://www.financenet.gov</a>	Thomas Legislative Search:	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">thomas.loc.gov</a>

**April - June 1997 Courses at  
The National Capital Training Center, Graduate School, USDA**

**April 1997**

- 1-4 Government Bookkeeping and Accounting
- 7-8 Accounting for Non Accountants
- 14-16 Introduction to Federal Budgeting
- 15-18 Budget Execution
- 21-23 Budget Analysis Workshop
- 28-5/1 Budget Formulation
- 29-30 Federal Budget Process

**May 1997**

- 5-7 Federal Appropriations Law
- 7-8 US Government Standard General Ledger
- 8 Federal Appropriations Law Update
- 9 Reporting Budget Execution: SF-133
- 12-14 Budget Justification and Presentation
- 13-15 Introduction to Financial Management
- 15-16 Activity-Based Costing
- 19-20 Performance Based Budgeting
- 29-30 Federal Budget Process

**June 1997**

- 2-5 Budget Execution
- 4-6 Cost Accounting Concepts in Federal Government Operations
- 9-12 Budget Formulation
- 12-13 Performance Measurement: Financial and Program Evaluation
- 16-19 Introduction to Federal Budgeting
- 23-25 Federal Accounting Standards
- 26-27 Federal Budget Process

To register for these courses, fax or mail your training form to The National Capital Training Center, Graduate School, USDA, 600 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 108, Washington, DC 20024-2520 Voice (202) 401-9194, Fax (202) 401-9417, TDD (202) 447-3247 ext. 8123.

..... **New Members in Attendance at the March Luncheon**



**The Washington Chapter hosted two new members. Howard Crawford, CGFM, and Patricia Lucas, both from the U.S. Information Agency, at the March luncheon meeting**

# Attention Financial Systems Professionals

The MIL Corporation, a growing small business specializing in providing a full range of life-cycle support services, continues to expand its government client base. We are seeking to qualified Financial Systems Professionals with the following experience:

- Financial management system design, requirements gathering, development, testing, and implementation;
- American Management System's (AMS) Federal Financial System versions 4.0 and up;
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The deadline for the May issue is April 7th.

..... AGA Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke

Did you know that some of your personally performed civic activities that benefit the community are also recognized as accomplishments by AGA? In the chapter recognition program, AGA awards chapters points for activities individual members perform on their own. This is to encourage us, as AGA members, to become involved in community affairs. The photo shows AGA volunteers Julie Bryant, Andy Kilgore, Kathy Crowley, Roger VonElm, Eva Williams, Bill Anderson, and Pat Wensel. They supported the American Heart Association, Nation's Capital Affiliate, annual gala ball on February 8, 1997.

An upcoming event which some of the pictured group will be supporting is the Heart Association's "Jazz for the Heart Benefit" which will be held on Sunday, April 20 at the Old Ebbit Grill from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The jazz benefit will feature a heart-healthy brunch, a silent auction, and jazz performances by Fred Foss and James Williams' Intensive Care Unit. Proceeds from this event will benefit heart disease and stroke research, education and community service programs. Tickets for the event are \$50.00 each. To purchase tickets call the American Heart Association at (202) 686-6888. For information on how to support such events on behalf of AGA call Eva Williams at (202) 622-8719. For information about other eligible activities call Germaine Rowley at (202) 927-0620.



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**CAREER AWARENESS DAY**

Career Awareness Day, one of the Chapter's community service activities, is designed to acquaint youth with the field of government financial management. The Chapter's Fourth Annual Career Awareness Day Program will be on Monday, April 14, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., at the U.S. General Accounting Office. We have invited students from Woodson Senior High School's Business and Finance Program, American University's Kogod College of Business Administration, George Washington University, and Howard University to attend the program.

The following is the agenda for this informative and quality outreach program:

8:30-8:40 AM	Introduction	Gary W. Amlin, CGFM President, AGA Washington Chapter
8:40-9:00	Video - GAO: A Proud Heritage (75th Anniversary Celebration)	William J. Anderson, CGFM President-Elect, AGA Washington Chapter
9:00-9:30	Working in the Private and Public Sectors	John W. Hill, Jr., CGFM Executive Director DC Financial Responsibility & Management Assistance Authority
9:30-10:00	Career Readiness	Valerie Lau, CGFM Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Treasury
10:00-10:15	Video - Your Professional Best Bet: Membership in the AGA	Eva J. Williams, CGFM Director for Membership AGA Washington Chapter
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:00	Personal Objectives and Plans	Virginia B. Robinson, CGFM Former Executive Director, Joint Financial Management Improvement Program
11:00-11:30	Diversity of Careers in Government	Mitchell L. Laine, CGFM Deputy Chief Financial Management Officer, U.S. Dept. of Education
11:30-11:45	Video - Accounting: The One Degree with 360 Degrees of Possibilities	
11:45-12:15	Career Enhancement Opportunities: Professional Certification and Participation	Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM Director Planning & Reporting Accounting & Information Management Division U. S. General Accounting Office (GAO)
12:15-12:20	Closing Remarks	Harvey P. Wiley, CGFM Director for Community Outreach AGA Washington Chapter
12:20 PM	Lunch	

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