

*** Happy New Year 1998! ***

**AGA Washington Chapter
Monthly Luncheon and CPE Session
Thursday, January 8, 1998**

Our monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, January 8, 1998, will feature Frank Sullivan who will speak about implementing managerial cost accounting. The Chapter will also sponsor a CPE event following the luncheon. The session will cover Human Resource Emerging Issues and will be presented by Mr. Ken Bresnahan, chair of the CFO Council human resources committee (see the related article on page 5). In addition to the luncheon meeting and CPE event at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, the membership committee has arranged a reception/happy hour that night at the Market Inn Restaurant at 200 E Street, SW.

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

11:30 am	Social
12:00 noon	Luncheon & Discussion
1:15 to 3:15 pm	CPE Session
Luncheon cost:	Members \$17.00; Non-members \$22.00
Luncheon & Session:	Members/Nonmembers \$35.00
CPE Session Only:	Members/Nonmembers \$25.00

Please call (703) 758-4080 and select option 1 to make your reservation by Monday, January 5, 1998.

Upcoming events:

- January 11 - Champagne Jazz Buffet Brunch
- February 5 - CPE Event - Statistical Sampling
- February 7 - Chinese New Year's Dinner

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Luncheon Speaker



*Frank W. Sullivan
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Financial Management
Department of Veterans
Affairs*

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown appointed Frank Sullivan Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Management on May 1, 1994.

As the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Sullivan is responsible for continually improving the Department's financial services and for planning, managing, coordinating, and overseeing all of the Department's financial management policies,

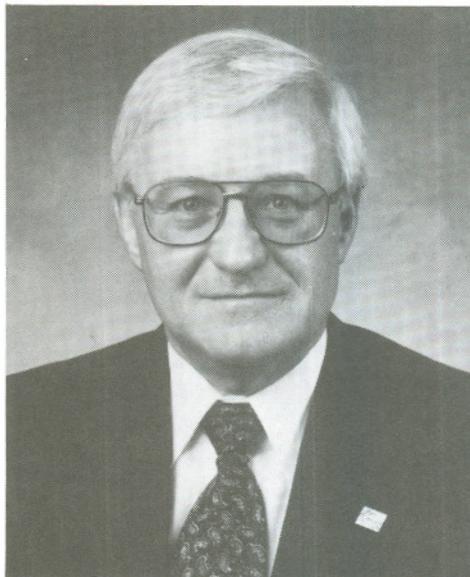
systems, and operations. He acts as the primary advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Management on these matters. He also chairs the CFO Council (CFOC) Reports Streamlining Committee and a CFOC cost accounting work group.

Mr. Sullivan's public and private sector career includes over 20 years' experience in financial management. Prior to his selection as the Deputy Assistant Secretary, he served as the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Policy, a component office within the Office of Financial Management. In this capacity, Mr. Sullivan was responsible for formulating and disseminating the Department's financial management policies, plans, and procedures. He previously served in several executive positions, including director of the Division of Accounting and Fiscal Policy in the Office of the Secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services; manager of financial systems for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration at the Department of Transportation; manager of financial systems for GTE Telenet Communications Corporation; and project manager for RDW Genysis Corporation.

Mr. Sullivan received his MBA degree in accounting from George Mason University. He is also a certified public accountant in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a member of the American Institute of CPAs and AGA. He and his wife and two children reside in Virginia.

Mr. Sullivan will discuss implementing managerial cost accounting.

President's Message



William J. Anderson, Jr., CGFM, President

Your Washington Chapter Team hopes that you had a wonderful holiday season and that a happy new year is on the way to you. Our very effective Chapter Liaison network informs us that our Chapter members have made many New Year's resolutions this year. The Top 10 are to:

10. Eat healthier and exercise more so that I get into shape for the 1998 PDC, which will be held in our own backyard.
9. Attend the Chapter's January 11 Jazz Brunch and February 7 Chinese New Year's Dinner.
8. Go to AGA luncheon meetings this winter and spring so that I can justify going to the PDC in June.
7. Network at AGA Washington Chapter events because that's a good way for me to look for a new job or to recruit new staff.
6. Meet more of my professional associates by attending AGA Washington Chapter events.
5. Get out of the office at least once a month for excellent food and CPEs at a convenient location and an unbeatable price.
4. Participate in and report community service activities to the Chapter.
3. Lighten the load in my mailbox and give AGA's Membership Team more time to recruit new members by paying my 1998 AGA dues on time.
2. Meet Bill's challenge by sponsoring at least one new member before April 30, 1998.
1. Embarrass Bill and the Washington Chapter Team by causing severe overcrowding at our monthly luncheon meetings and the April evening meeting.

Our November 18th educational event "Implementing Managerial Cost Accounting at Your Agency," was a sell out. The program speakers were fabulous, the facility was great, and the program received rave reviews from the attendees. Our many thanks go to all those who helped put together this highly successful event, especially Doris Chew and Virginia Murphy, and to our speakers for sharing their knowledge and experience with us. Thank you very much Vincette Goerl, Jim Reid, Robyn Seaton, Frank Sullivan (also this month's luncheon speaker), Bill Gilfillan, R. Schyuler Leshner, David Zavada, John Glover, Doug Webster, Ken Winter, Ray Morris, and Howard Katz. If you missed this excellent CPE event, you have another opportunity on February 12, when we present our "GPRA Session" at the J. W. Marriott Hotel. Mark your calendar now and register early for this session, which is also being co-sponsored by the CFO Council.

Chapter members who are Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM), and that includes sixty percent of you, are reminded that the CGFM renewal process begins this year. CGFMs who were certified on or before December 31, 1995, will renew their certificates in early 1998. The CGFM renewal fee will be included on the membership dues renewal notice mailed in early February. They will be asked to certify that they have completed at least eighty hours of continuing professional education (CPE) during 1996 and 1997 and have followed AGA's Code of Ethics. Those certified in 1996, will renew in early 1999, and must complete at least eighty hours of CPE in government financial management topics or related technical subjects during 1997 and 1998. Your chapter's total education program (i.e., luncheon meetings, afternoon sessions, and full-day sessions) provides a very cost effective way to earn CPEs. Keep this benefit in mind, especially when you recruit new members, as it provides yet another outstanding incentive to belong to AGA's Washington Chapter.

Remember items 8 and 10 from our Top 10 list? They pertain to the 1998 Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC), which begins Sunday afternoon on June 21 and ends Wednesday evening on June 24, 1998. The PDC, hosted by your Capital Region, is being held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. The Fabulous "Hubcaps" will entertain us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Yes, CPE by day, and rock & roll is alive and well by night, at your 1998 PDC!

I hope to see you at our Champagne Jazz Buffet Brunch on Sunday, January 11th at the Market Inn Restaurant (see the enclosed flyer for details). Remember, this month's Happy Hour is also at the Market Inn. So come on by and get a sneak preview of the location for our brunch. Also, please mark your calendar for Saturday, February 7th for our Chinese New Year's Dinner at Charlie Chiang's.

Bill

The Officers and Directors
of the
Association of Government Accountants
WASHINGTON CHAPTER
cordially invite you to a

CHAMPAGNE JAZZ BUFFET BRUNCH

Market Inn Restaurant
200 "E" Street, S.W.
Washington, DC
(Free Parking Beside Restaurant)

Sunday, January 11th, 1998
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. by January 7, 1998 to (703) 758-4080, option 5

Cost (includes tax and tip):
Adults - \$24.00; Children 12 and under - \$10.00; Children under 4 - free

featuring

champagne, live jazz,

Salads & Raw Bar

Caesar Salad, Veggie Pasta Salad, Salmon & Dill Pasta Salad,
Cole Slaw, Raw Veggies & Ranch Dip, Medley of Fresh Fruits,
Large Spiced Shrimp & Alaskan Snow Crab Legs

Hot Buffet

She Crab Soup, Eggs Benedict & Lobster Benedict, Hollandaise,
Sausage, Bacon, Garden Vegetables, Au Gratin Potatoes,
New Orleans Style Red Beans & Herb Rice,
Cajun Rotisserie Chicken Quarters, & Seafood Newburg

Made to Order Station

Sliced Fresh Roast Beef, Spiral Sliced Honey Cured Ham,
Belgian Waffles - - Made to Order with Hot Syrup, Pecans,
Powdered Sugar, Fresh Strawberries, Ice Cream & Whipped Cream

Pasta Special Every Sunday

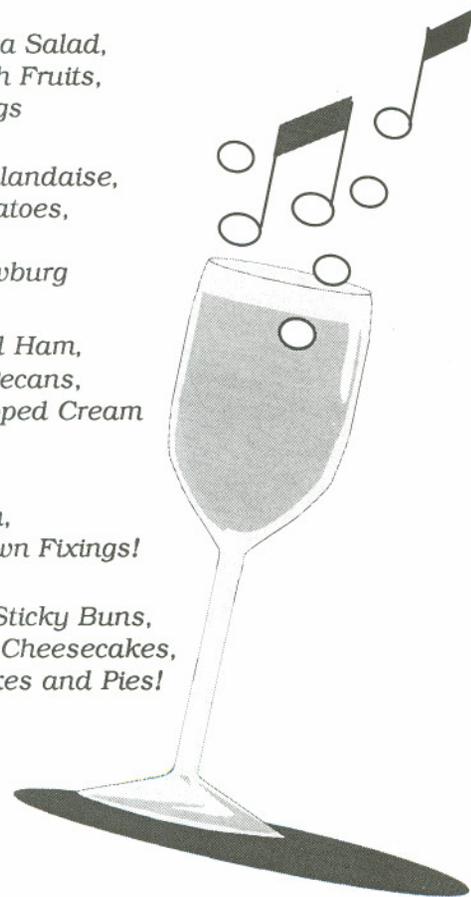
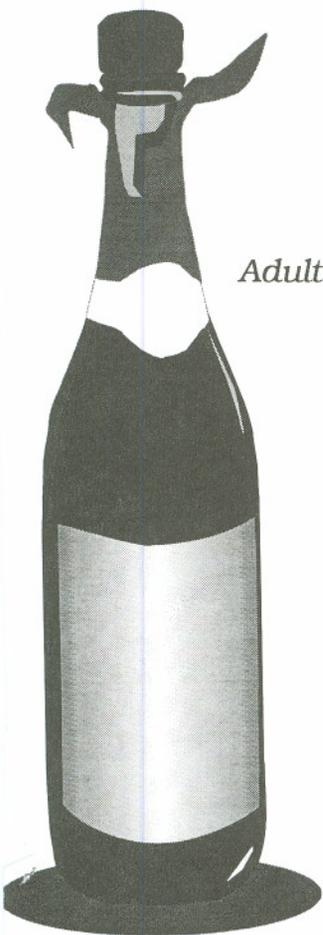
Omelets

Veggies, Cheese, Bacon, Tomato, Spring Onion,
Shrimp, Ham, Creole Sauce, & Denver Mix...Pick your own Fixings!

Breads & Desserts

Assorted Fresh Baked Rolls, Genuine Rum Buns, Pecan Sticky Buns,
Carrotcake Cheesecake, Apple Pie, Key Lime Pie, Assorted Cheesecakes,
Chocolate Mousse, Chocolate Cake, & Other Assorted Cakes and Pies!

and your AGA colleagues



Community Service Corner

by Roger Von Elm, Community Outreach



Bill Anderson and Roger Von Elm presenting the Chapter donation to the Rev. Jack Martin, Executive Director of the Central Union Mission.

What a busy holiday season for the Chapter's community service program! Thanksgiving week Bill Anderson and Roger Von Elm presented \$500 to both Project Harvest and the Central Union Mission on behalf of the Chapter. Bill was interviewed by WHUR radio which co-sponsored the Project Harvest one-day food drive and fund raising efforts with WRC television (see page 8 for photos of the Project Harvest festivities). At the Central Union Mission, Bill and Roger

received a very warm reception from the executive director who gave them a tour of the facility and briefed them on the many new or expanded program plans underway. These plans include a new day room, literacy center, and expanded sleeping capacity for the coming winter. The mission was also busy with the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner preparation and the Christmas bag program. The director noted that the mission buys eighty percent of its food needs and operates a \$1.8 million budget strictly from private donations. Additional donations are always gratefully accepted and are definitely put to good use.

In December, the Chapter sent Lisa Gragg, the wife of Wayne Gragg, who died last year from complications related to Hodgkin's disease, \$1,500 in savings bonds for their three children and \$250 in cash collected at our September luncheon meeting. At the time of his death Wayne Gragg was the president-elect of the Central Kentucky chapter.

The Chapter also had a very successful Holiday party and received tremendous response from members for the Toys-for-Tots program. We thank all those members who contributed and we will have a final report in next month's newsletter.

Now it's January, and you have just received (or will soon receive) your 1997 tax booklet from the IRS. Completing your tax return is difficult enough for many of us who do it every year and have some financial background. Imagine the challenge this presents to individuals with disabilities, the elderly, or non-English speaking residents. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program assembles volunteers to provide assistance to people who cannot afford a paid preparer and those who are unable to prepare their own return.

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The Washington Chapter has participated in the VITA program for many years, due to the depth of financial and tax knowledge of many of its members, and the chapter is pleased to renew its commitment for the upcoming tax season. We are looking for volunteers to work one or two evenings a week in February and March for this rewarding program. Members interested in participating or needing additional information should call Roger Von Elm at (202) 296-2020 or Robert Wheeler at (202) 622-3794.

Highlights of the November 19, 1997 Executive Council Meeting.....

By Judy Czarsty, Secretary

- The Chapter will donate \$500 to the Central Union Mission on November 24, 1997 for their Christmas bag program and \$500 to Project Harvest on November 25, 1997 to feed the hungry at Thanksgiving.
- More than 150 people attended our November 18, 1997 all-day educational event on Implementing Managerial Cost Accounting.
- The Chapter has earned 6,335 points in the Chapter Recognition Program as of October 1997.
- The Chapter is scheduling afternoon CPE sessions to follow our luncheons. On January 8, 1998, Ken Bresnahan will present a session on "Human Resource Emerging Issues." Following the February 5th luncheon we will learn about statistical sampling from Abe Akresh. Finally, following the March 5, 1998 luncheon we will have a session entitled: "CGFM Overview and Self-Assessment." More post-luncheon sessions are under consideration.

Join Us at a Happy Hour

**Where: The Market Inn Restaurant
200 E Street, S.W.**

**When: January 8th
from 5:00 to 7:00 pm**

Free parking beside the restaurant.

Summary of Luncheon Speaker's Remarks: VA Official Discusses Relationship Between the CFO and CIO

by Edward E. Baxter, Assistant Editor

Few in government have the role of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)—that's not the case for Mark Catlett, however, who serves as Acting Assistant Secretary for Management at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and oversees both CIO and CFO functions. Catlett is one of just four individuals who occupy this unique position in the federal government.

Perhaps no one then is more qualified to discuss the relationship between the CIO and CFO functions, particularly in this era of reinventing government, than Catlett. Catlett went on to discuss how the CIO and the CFO share a unique responsibility in managing efforts to make the department work better and more efficient—not just for the agency itself, but, more important, for its customers.

Catlett argued, however, that CIO and CFO functions often find themselves at odds in terms of their respective roles in the organization. Catlett argued that the focus on the CFO vs. CIO split often diverts organizations from the more important issues. Most important, according to Catlett, is the relationship between the CFO, the CIO, and the program functions.

According to Catlett, that relationship is defined largely by the principles of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). "If the CIO and the CFO are not part of GPRA, then they are not part of what's going on. I feel very strongly about this," Catlett added. Planning before the formulation of the budget is critical to the success of the organization, according to Catlett, empha-

sizing that even if functional areas don't exactly know what GPRA is, they can follow goals and objectives which reflect GPRA principles. "The budget is where the tough decisions are made. Planning is a separate exercise, but equally impor-

tant. Some decisions need to be made in the planning stage, not the budget stage," Catlett said. The organization needs to be highly focused as well.

At Veterans Affairs, they are taking an approach to integrate non-information technology entities into the planning process in defining information technology (IT) system architecture. Simultaneously, the VA established customer service standards—all of which are designed to break down barriers in the organization and increase efficiency. "It's the right focus," Catlett emphasized.



Mark Catlett discussing the relationship between the CFO and the CIO.

"The job of the CIO is to make that IT architecture real—make it part of what's going on in the department," said Catlett.



Following his presentation, Mark Catlett discusses his experience serving as both CFO and CIO at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"The data needs to be tangible to those who need it. The real challenge is defining what that's going to take, in technical terms, to achieve."

The IT architecture challenge, however, is simply one piece of the puzzle. According to Catlett, in order to be successful in any organization, "the CIO and CFO principles need to be there, but the program people need to lead us." Equally significant is how the CIO and CFO communities respond to this challenge, Catlett emphasized. Above all, the relationships between the CIO, the CFO, and the support functions will remain critical

to the success of any organization.

The Chapter has earned 6,335 points in the chapter recognition program as of October 1997

U.S. CFO Council Human Resources Committee

The U.S. Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Council, comprised of the CFOs and Deputy CFOs of the largest 24 Federal agencies and executives of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Treasury, was established to improve Federal financial management. Acknowledging that a highly qualified financial workforce is key to achieving success and sustaining progress, the Council chartered the Human Resources Committee (HRC).

The HRC began its work by first establishing the framework for a highly qualified financial workforce. In collaboration with JFMIP, the Framework for Core Competencies for Financial Management Personnel in the Federal Government was published in November of 1995. This document begins a series of documents that identifies the core competencies (knowledge, skills, and abilities) for personnel within a specific occupational grouping, and it identified core competencies for financial managers, budget analysts, and accountants. Recognizing that a government that works better and costs less requires a sound partnership between program and financial managers, the second document in the series identified core competencies in financial management for program managers. Exposure drafts are in process for financial systems analysts, information technology personnel, management analysts, and financial specialists. In addition to identifying core competencies, the documents identify learning objectives and training resources.

With work nearing completion on development of core competencies, the HRC has begun focusing on the recruitment, development, and retention of personnel, with the core competencies as the foundation. The HRC and the Interagency Advisory Council (IAG), which is the federal human resources equivalent to the CFO Council, have established a workgroup to address recruitment and retention. Their first product is a

publication, *Current Recruitment and Retention Tools*, that summarizes into six pages information on existing authorities (some rarely used, scattered throughout three volumes of Title V of the Code of Federal Regulations) available to management for recruiting and retaining highly qualified personnel. The HRC/IAG group is working with OPM to update classification and qualification standards for financial management positions. Also, the HRC formed a team to develop an entry level recruitment program to enable the federal government to compete for highly qualified personnel.

The HRC has several projects underway related to the development of financial personnel. The CFO Council approved the concept of a CFO Fellows Program, to be inaugurated in FY 1998, that will be a highly competitive program for developing potential executive financial managers. A subcommittee is working to define selection criteria and identify a training sponsor/administrator. The HRC is also exploring strategies with the Private Sector Council and academia for delivery of uniform and consistent quality financial management training to federal personnel throughout the nation.

Further information and news is available on the HRC's Internet home page on FinanceNet at <http://www.financenet.gov/financenet/fed/cfo/hrc/hrc.htm>

The HRC welcomes volunteers to help with these initiatives. For further information, please contact Ken Bresnahan, Chair at (202) 219-6891.

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February and March 1998 Courses at the Inspectors General Auditor Training Institute (IGATI)

February 1998

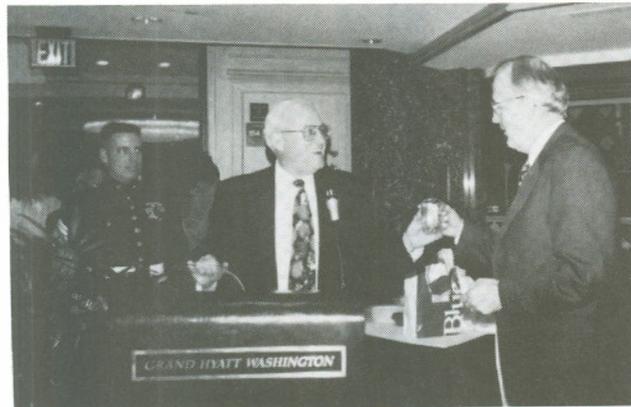
2-6	Auditing in the EDP Environment
17-18	Making Effective Audit Presentations
18-19	Advanced Audit Tools and Tech: Aud. Mgr.
23-24	Federal Financial Auditing II

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2-6	Fraud Auditing
2-4	Writing Successful Audit Reports
16-20	Federal Financial Auditing III
23-27	The Audit Process: An Overview for Non-Auditors
3/30-4/3	Auditing in the EDP Environment

To register for any of these courses or if you have any questions, please call Gale Moore, Registrar, on (703) 805-4501. An SF182, SF1556, other training authorization forms, or personal checks may be sent to Registrar, IGATI, P.O. Box 518, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 22060 or faxed to (703) 805-4503. All classes are held at 5500 21st St., Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. Special arrangements can be made to have dedicated classes given on-site. Please call for details.

Holiday Reception Photos



“20,000 by 2000” and “2,000 by 2000” - Earn Prizes for Recruiting New Members

By Mike Noble, Membership Director

Since 1950, AGA has been providing the education, training, and tools that enable government financial officials to operate more efficiently and be more accountable to the public. In fact, this is the foundation that provides the focus of every AGA program. Members are offered programs and activities designed and conducted by government financial management professionals for government financial management professionals. The current membership drive is an opportunity for each of you to reach out to friends, co-workers, and other financial management professionals and offer them our many advantages by encouraging them to become AGA members. You benefit (see prizes below), your friend or co-worker benefits, and AGA is strengthened, which will benefit you more!

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes! - To sweeten the pot, AGA is offering a number of incentives for recruiting new members. The 1997-1998 membership drive, which runs May 1, 1997 through April 30, 1998, is half over, but there is still time!

- **Grand Prize** - A random drawing for a four-day, three-night vacation for two at a luxurious resort, including airfare and hotel accommodations. Members who have sponsored a minimum of five new members are entered into this drawing and, thereafter, once for each additional member sponsored.
- **Second Prize** - A random drawing for a set of exclusive golf clubs or, for the non-golfer, a weekend stay in a luxury suite at a five-star hotel (travel expenses not included). Members who have sponsored a minimum of three new members are entered into this drawing and, thereafter, once for each additional member sponsored.
- **AGA Dollars** - After you recruit two new members, you earn five AGA dollars for each member recruited (including those first two). Dollars can be redeemed for AGA merchandise, membership dues, and conferences.

Grand prize and second prize drawings will take place in May 1998; AGA dollars will be awarded in May 1998. In addition, grand prizes, second prizes, and AGA dollars will be awarded each year through the 1999-2000 membership year, so you have three years of opportunities. Start now!

Recruitment packages are available at the monthly luncheon meetings, usually on the registration table. They are also available on AGA's Web page at www.agacgfm.org. If you would like me to mail a recruitment package to you or a potential recruit, call me at (202) 622-6410, or e-mail at mike.noble@cfomail.fin.irs.gov.

Social Events

The next monthly “Happy Hour” is at the Market Inn, 200 E St., SW, on January 8th, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Drinks are \$1.49 each and there will be complimentary Cajun Buffalo Wings and Red Beans with Rice.

The following Sunday, January, 11th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, AGA is attending the Champagne Jazz Buffet Brunch at the Market Inn, 200 E St., SW (see the enclosed flyer for details). The Federal Center SW Metro stop is nearby and there is free parking next to the restaurant. Several members have already checked this out and report that the food and jazz entertainment are both fabulous! Cost will be \$24 per person. Make your reservations by calling the AGA Voice Mail line at (703) 758-4080, option 5.

Our Chinese New Year Celebration, arranged by former Chapter President Sam Mok, will be on Saturday, February 7th, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, at Charlie Chiang's Restaurant, 4250 Connecticut Ave. NW (at Van Ness St.). There is free indoor parking and the UDC Metro stop is on the same block. Cost will be \$25 per person. Please register for this event by calling the AGA Voice Mail line at (703) 758-4080, option 4.

February Education Event

On February 12, 1998 the Washington, DC Chapter and the CFO Council GPRA Committee will co-sponsor a seminar on Implementing the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The seminar will provide valuable insights on GPRA from agency financial managers. The seminar will be held at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, DC. Additional information will be provided in next month's newsletter and a separate mailing. For more information, call Virginia Murphy at (703) 741-1738.

Mailing the newsletter to our entire membership is expensive. If you were able to receive the newsletter electronically complete with photos and graphics would you be interested in receiving the newsletter this way instead of a printed copy through the mail? Please let us know your thoughts by email to rbuchanan@anteon.com or michael.sciortino@us.coopers.com

Project Harvest Photos



Bill Anderson with Ronald McDonald presenting the Chapter Project Harvest donation.



Left to right: Eva Williams, Judy Czarsty, Bill Anderson, and Roger Von Elm with Ronald McDonald.



WHUR radio live presentation of the Chapter donation.



Left to right: Susan Fritzlen, Eva Williams, Roger Von Elm, Judy Czarsty, and Julie Price.

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Nominations Solicited for AGA's National Awards Program

by Warren Cottingham

The Washington, D.C. Chapter is soliciting nominations for AGA's National Awards Program to be given at the annual AGA Professional Development Conference, June 21 through 24, 1998, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The next page of the newsletter describes the award categories, criteria, and nomination procedures. Please route this information throughout your organization and/or post it to a bulletin board.

Nominations should be submitted by February 6, 1998. Mail nominations to:

AGA Washington, D.C. Chapter
 ATTN: Awards Committee
 P.O. Box 423
 Washington, D.C. 20044-0423

or fax nominations to:
 Warren Cottingham at
 (202) 874-9634.

All nominations received for the national awards will be considered for the Washington, D.C. Chapter awards as well. If you have any questions about the awards or nomination procedures, please call (202) 874-9584.

The Washington Chapter will soon be establishing a Chapter web site on the world wide web and is seeking volunteers to help with maintaining the site. If you have the requisite skills and desire, please contact Dan Murrin, director of professional services/research at (202) 327-6356.

Financial Management Web Pages:

- AICPA: www.aicpa.org
- American Accounting Association: www.rutgers.edu/accounting/raw/aaa
- FASB: www.rutgers.edu:80/accounting/raw/internet
- FASAB: www.financenet.gov/fasab.htm
- IGNET: www.sbaonline.sba.gov/ignet
- FinanceNet: www.financenet.gov
- Federal Tax Code Search: www.tns.lcs.mit.edu:80
- Fedworld: www.fedworld.gov/uscode
- GASB: www.financenet.gov
- GFOA: www.financenet.gov/gfoa
- House of Reps: www.house.gov
- IRS Digital Daily: www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod
- Lib. of Congress: lcweb.loc.gov/homepage
- OMB: www.qns.com/~ombokc/intro.htm
- SEC: www.sec.gov
- Thomas Legislative Search: thomas.loc.gov

If you know of an additional web site that is useful to financial management professionals, please let us know the address so that we may pass the information on to the membership.

Advertisements

The Washington Connection accepts advertisements that would be appropriate for our membership, i.e., ads which relate to the financial management profession and which do not conflict with the Association's goals and objectives. Advertisement prices are:

- full page (7" x 9" ad on 8" x 11" page) \$300.00
- half page \$150.00
- quarter page \$75.00

All prices are for one printing in one issue. Advertisement copy may be provided on disk or by fax. Camera ready copy should be provided for most logos and other graphics. If you are interested in advertising in *The Washington Connection*, contact Bob Buchanan or Michael Sciortino by phone or email as listed below:

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 Email: michael.sciortino@us.coopers.com

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

*is accepting nominations for the following
Professional Development Conference/AGA National Awards*

FRANK GREATHOUSE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognizes superior and innovative leadership and achievements by government employees in financial management. Key factors are: exceptional initiative over a period of years that resulted in savings or increased effectiveness in use of resources; innovative thinking and research; notable authorship; and distinctive leadership and professionalism.

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Recognizes superior achievement in the advancement of quality and efficiency in Federal financial management. Key factors are: improved management and control techniques; individual initiative; and results expressed in terms of savings or other benefits.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognizes significant achievement in Federal financial management by junior financial managers (must be under 35 years old to qualify). Key factors are: innovative and imaginative techniques; individual initiative and productivity improvements; and value of results achieved and expected cost savings.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD

Recognizes special achievement in Federal financial management education and training. Key factors are: complexity and relevance of subject; number of times and number of students attending program; breadth of applicability to individuals or organizations; developmental efforts; and consensus of attendees' evaluations.

CRITERIA

- AGA membership required for the Special Achievement Award but not for the other awards.
- For the Frank Greathouse Distinguished Award and Achievement of the Year Award, nominee must have been employed in government service at the time the work being recognized was performed.
- Nominations for the Special Achievement Award must be made by a chapter but the other nominations may be made by chapters, individuals or government units.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations should include the name and phone number of the individual or group making the nomination; the nominee's name, phone number, title, agency and time period; a description of achievements organized according to the key factors; a biography; and a citation. Please send nominations by February 6, 1998.

For additional information, call Warren Cottingham at (202) 874-9584. Nominations may be sent via facsimile to Warren at (202) 874-9634 or mailed to:

AGA Washington, D.C. Chapter
ATTN: Awards Committee
P.O. Box 423
Washington, D.C. 20044-0423

Nominations may also be sent via E-mail to WARREN.COTTINGHAM@FMC.AGENCYSVCS-FMS.FMS.SPRINT.COM.

Government Financial Management



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