

## Chattanooga Chapter

### AGA Newsletter

## Welcome!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 27, 2018**. We are honored to welcome Mr. John Gabriel, Jr. who will speak on "Unclaimed Funds". The meeting will be held at the McDaniel Building (455 N. Highland Park Avenue, 37404) starting at 11:30 A.M. The cost of the luncheon is \$16.50 per person.

Please RSVP to Ryan Thomas at:

**ryant@hamiltontn.gov**

by Friday, March 23, 2018 to attend.

(Please remember no shows will still be invoiced but substitutions are allowed.)

### Speaker's Background

**John Anthony Gabriel Jr.** graduated from the University of North Alabama and received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a double major in both accounting and finance. John started his career with the State of Tennessee as Legislative Auditor with the Comptroller of the Treasury. He then came to the Treasury Department as the Operations Manager in the Unclaimed Property Division for 7 years. In 2005 John was promoted to the Director of Unclaimed Property Division.

John is a subject-matter expert on the administration of unclaimed property. In addition to speaking to Tennessee companies and organizations about reporting and claiming unclaimed property, John's responsibilities include planning, budgeting, and oversight of the daily operations.

John was the President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) in 2010, currently the chair of the Uniform and Standardization Committee, and serves on the Executive Committee.

John is married and has three girls ages 21, 17, & 16.



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#### Upcoming Events:

April 24: Monthly Luncheon

May 17: Seminar

May: Awards Banquet

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#### ***Lunch Menu:***

*Salsarita's*

Fajita and Nacho Bar

Dessert  
Cake

Drinks  
Iced Tea

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#### “CGFM Month” Proclamation



Every year our chapter asks the Mayor of Hamilton County to issue a proclamation designating March as Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month. This year Mayor Jim Coppinger signed the proclamation into effect on February 28th.

Thank you Mayor Coppinger for supporting our local chapter and all the members of our chapter who hold CGFM designations!

Pictured above: Brooke Weaver, Hamilton County Mayor Jim Coppinger, and Holly Wormsley

#### Meet our Scholarship Winners!

This year our chapter was fortunate enough to award three \$500 scholarships to very deserving students. The winners were:

*Julie Ngendo from Lee University,*

*Paloma Saavedra from Southern Adventist University, and*

*Carly Woods from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.*

Some of the members of the board went to meet with the scholarship winners to present them with their certificate of scholarship and the scholarship winnings. We hope to have the winners and their professors at our May awards luncheon. Be sure to help us congratulate them!

Pictured to the right: Holly Wormsley, Carly Woods-scholarship winner, Professor Stephan Davenport from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Josh McCutcheon



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Pictured above: Holly Wormsley, Julie Ngendo-scholarship winner, and Professor Philip Rickard from Lee University



Pictured above: Vernice White, Paloma Saavedra-scholarship winner, Holly Wormsley, and Professor Julie Hyde from Southern Adventist University

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## Thank you!

Thank you to Glenda Ostrander, the SouthEast Regional Vice President of AGA National, for being the speaker at our February luncheon!



### CSAS Career Fair

Beverly Adams and Holly Wormsley participated in the CSAS Career Fair on March 9th. We had lots of goodies to hand out to the students interested in accounting, provided by AGA National and Accountemps. We had notebooks, pens, magnets, bags, salary guides, and candy. It was a hit with the students!



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chapter!

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# Thank you!

Thank you to all the members who brought donations for our community outreach in February. The Chattanooga Community Kitchen is getting lots of can goods and \$65 thanks to your efforts!

### Community Outreach:

#### *Salvation Army*

This month our community service outreach will be with the Salvation Army. Their organization was recently on the news with bare cabinets in their pantry! They are in dire need of food donations. Please help us in re-stocking their food pantry!

The following is a list of items needed by the organization:

#### Food Drive Suggested Items

Dairy:

- Canned low-sodium cream-based soups
- Dehydrated eggs
- Dehydrated milk

Fruits:

- Canned fruit or fruit cups packed in water
- Dried fruit such as raisins and cranberries

Grains:

- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Crackers - whole-wheat or white, any brand or size
- Flour tortillas - whole-wheat or white
- Granola bars of any kind or pre-packaged granola
- Grits
- Oatmeal
- Pasta noodles - whole-wheat or white, any shape or size
- Pop-corn - microwaveable
- Pre-packaged crackers - with cheese or peanut butter
- Rice - whole-wheat, wild or white

Other:

- Baking supplies - flour, sugar and cornmeal
- Condensed milk
- Cooking oils - olive, canola, peanut or others low in saturated fat
- Low-sodium broth/stock - any flavor in cartons, jars or in cube form
- Low-sodium dehydrated soups mixes
- Low-sodium seasonings, spices and herbs

Protein:

- Canned chicken or fish
- Canned low-sodium soups with meat
- Dried or canned beans
- Nuts of any kind with low or no salt
- Peanut butter

Vegetables:

- Canned low-sodium vegetables and soups
- Canned tomatoes - sauce, whole, crushed, peeled
- Dried or canned beans
- Jars of spaghetti sauce with or without meat

### Upcoming Community Outreach:

**May 24, 2018**—We have volunteered to host “Adopt a Meal” with the Ronald McDonald House. We are looking for help with cost of food for the meal, volunteers to help prepare the food that night, or volunteers to help prepare food in advance to take with us for the dinner. Preparation for the dinner begins at 4:00 and dinner is served at 6:00. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. Be sure to wear your AGA T-shirt!



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### Save the Date:

**April 15, 2018**—We would like to get a group together to volunteer at the *JDRF One Walk* held at Coolidge Park in Chattanooga. JDRF is an organization that’s moto is “Improving Lives Curing Type 1 Diabetes”. There are various different volunteer roles from check in, t-shirt distribution, activities area, food and beverage area, and water stop volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering and I will help get you registered. Be sure to wear your AGA T-shirt to the event! Please let me know if you are interested by March 30, 2018.

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#### National/Local News:

##### **CGFM—Certification**

The CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) certification is the Mark of Excellence in Federal, State and Local Government. Since its inception in 1994, the CGFM has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Experience the benefits of certification first hand - the CGFM is the mark of excellence in your profession.

The Chapter has study materials to help prepare you for the examination! Please contact me if you are interested in working on your CGFM certification.

Did you know AGA members receive \$50 off the CGFM Intensive Review Course Fee? See the National AGA website for more information.

***Need CPE credits-AGA National has monthly webinars to help you get those extra credits.***

**AGA National is running a special for the month of March to promote the CGFM certification. The online version of the CGFM study guides and practice exams are HALF OFF!**

**OTHER CPE:** NASACT and the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury is hosting the 37th annual TN Government Auditing Training Seminar in Chattanooga on April 26-27. Be sure to register for this great training! [www.NASACT.org](http://www.NASACT.org)

*Also remember our other AGA Chapters offer CPE! Be sure to check out Central Kentucky, East Tennessee, and Atlanta!*

**STUDY GROUP:** Any member who is currently working on any professional certification (CPA, CGFM, CMA, etc) and would like to participate in a study group, please feel free to send an email to [hollyw@hamiltontn.gov](mailto:hollyw@hamiltontn.gov) or [RyanT@hamiltontn.gov](mailto:RyanT@hamiltontn.gov) to find out more about the group. Our next meeting is **March 27th at 5:00.**

Also to any member who is curious about or would like help in the application process for the CPA or the CGFM, please feel free to contact Ryan Thomas at [RyanT@hamiltontn.gov](mailto:RyanT@hamiltontn.gov).

##### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

AGA National is offering scholarships ranging from \$1,500-\$3,000 for undergraduate and graduate students studying accounting, economics, finance, IT, or public administration. The deadline for applications is April 16, 2018. Please contact me if you would like further information on any of the scholarships.



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