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# WASHINGTON CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

**SSOCIATION** of

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\*FRIDAY\* September 13, 1991

SPEAKER



Honorable Daniel R. Levinson Chairman Merit Systems Protection Board

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### **MSPB** and You

Touchdown Club 2000 L Street, N.W. (Near Farragut West Metro Stop)

Social Period: 11:30 (Cash Bar) Luncheon: 12:00 noon Menu: Pot Roast of Beef Cost: \$16.00 (Members) \$18.00 (Non-Members)

Reservations Recommended Call (703) 758-4080 Thru September 10 Non-Members Welcome!

> Uncancelled No-Shows Will be billed Note on Page 8

Next Meeting Thursday October 10, 1991 Speaker (Invited) Honorable Frank Horton U.S. House of Representatives ''The CFO Act, One Year Later''

# PRESIDENT NOMINATES HODSOLL & MAZUR

By Dennis S. Mitchell, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief

President Bush has nominated Francis S. M. Hodsoll, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. The position is newly established by the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990. This appointment should improve the Government's capacity to exercise proper stewardship over public funds.

President Bush has also nominated Edward Joseph Mazur, of Virginia, to be Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget. The Controller is a new position established by the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990.

(See President Bush Nominates on Page 2 for more information)

### ETHICS RULES TO CHANGE

The **Federal Register** on July 23, 1991, pg. 33790, under "Outside Activities" proposed rules that are being taken to mean that *employees* who are members of or serve as officers of professional associations are prohibited from tending to the business affairs of a professional society while on the job.

These proposed rules would replace individual agency rules that now exist in many agencies.

From the Federal Register, "When participation in the activities of such associations tends to enhance the skills and abilities they use in the course of Federal employment, there is a perception on the part of some employees that involvement in these activities is part and parcel of their Federal employment. Unless participation is specifically authorized as part of their official duties, it is not. . . . Those who serve as officers of professional and other organizations may not participate in their official governmental capacities in particular matters affecting the financial interests of the organizations."

The rules "would make it clear that such activities are personal, while at the same time reflecting the current practice endorsed by the Office of Personnel Management for career development, of permitting employees to attend substantive programs or presentations offered by these organizations when their attendance is in the interest of the Government."

# NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Sam Mok, Chapter President sets personal agenda for the year to provide more membership value and maximize our geographical advantage, on page 2.

The Washington Chapter kicks off a very active year. A Calendar and Schedule of Events are on page 4. Small Business Classes begin on Wednesday, September 11, 1991.

Page 5 begins a series of photos and bios of Chapter officials.

Congratulations to last year's Chapter award winners, including Edward Joseph Mazur, newly nominated Controller at OMB on page 6.

A membership application is on page 7. Please retain for future use. Encourage a friend to apply for membership.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sam Mok

During the past several years, AGA-DC has been blessed with several outstanding Chapter presidents such as Diane Bray, Doris Chew, and Joyce Shelton, all of whom I have had the pleasure to serve. Their individual and collective contributions have made this Chapter one of the most successful and visible Chapters in the entire AGA family. As an understudy to these great achievers, I will do everything I can to continue that successful momentum. As your new Chapter President, I plan to expand and build upon their accomplishments.

There are many opportunities available to all of us to make AGA-DC THE BEST and THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CHAP-TER. The Chapter Executive Council met on August 6 and identified several programs that will help us achieve that goal. More detailed information will be available in future issues of this Newsletter. The members of the Chapter Executive Council cannot carry out their duties by themselves. We need your help and your support. If you are available to participate in any programs, please contact me or any member of the Executive Council. Let us work together to have the best year ever.

In the next nine months, I will pursue several personal goals to deliver to you more value for your membership. Examples of these goals are:

1. Lower the cost of the monthly luncheon meeting and qualify these meetings for professional continuing education units;

2. Improve the personal networking opportunities for ALL members. This will be done through periodic brown bag meetings with Congressional staffers and happy hours for members;

3. Increase our visibility and expand our advocacy work on professional issues. As the ONLY AGA organization in the Nation's Capital, we should maximize our geographic advantage; and

4. Expand our education programs and opportunities.

September 13, 1991, Friday, will be our first monthly luncheon meeting after the Summer.

Mr. Al Tucker is kicking off the year by inviting an outstanding speaker, Honorable Dan Levinson, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board. I know you will enjoy our keynote speaker and I am proud to be able to call Chairman Levinson a friend. Make your reservations early.

# PRESIDENT BUSH NOMINATES

### Francis S. M. Hodsoll

From November of 1981 until he arrived at OMB, Mr. Hodsoll served as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. He was previously Deputy Assistant to President Reagan and Deputy to the White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker. Mr. Hodsoll has also held senior positions in several Federal agencies, including the Department of State, the Department of Com-

### Edward Joseph Mazur

Since 1980, Mr. Mazur has served as the State Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, Mr. Mazur serves as Co-Chairman of State/Federal Cash Management Reform Task Force, 1983-present.

Mr. Mazur was awarded the 1991 Washington Chapter Achievement of the Year award for outstanding

# \*ABOUT THE SPEAKER\*

# Honorable Daniel K. Levinson

Daniel R. Levinson took the oath of office as Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board on August 15, 1986, following nomination by President Reagan and confirmation by the Senate.

At the time of his appointment, Mr. Levinson was General Counsel of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, a position he had held since March 1985. Previously, he served for two years as Deputy General Counsel of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

Prior to joining OPM, Mr. Levinson was a partner in the Washington, DC, law firm of McGuiness & Williams. He also served as an adjunct lecturer at the American University Law School and the Catholic University of America. He began his career with a two-year clerkship to the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division in Brooklyn, New York.

A member of the New York, District of Columbia, California, and U.S. Supreme Court Bars, Mr. Levinson is a member of the American and Federal Bar Associations. Since 1984, he has served on the Administrative Conference of the United States.

Mr. Levinson received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Southern California, and his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he was Notes and Comments Editor of the "American Criminal Law Review." He also holds a master of laws degree in labor law from George Washington University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Among his published works are "Personal Liability of Managers and Supervisors for Corporate EEO Policies and Decisions" (Equal Employment Advisory Council, 1982) and "Federal Personnel Law and the Mixed Case" (Labor Law Journal, December 1986).

Mr. Levinson resides with his wife and their two daughters in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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By: Pat Wensel, Chapter Secretary

Call to Order: President Joyce Shelton called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Purpose of meeting was to transition from one administration to the next.

President Shelton's last official act is to represent the Chapter at the National Professional Development Conference in Kansas City. One proposal for consideration at National is publishing membership directory at national level. If that proposal is not carried, Ms. Shelton suggests that the Washington Chapter consider publishing a Chapter directory.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report was distributed. A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded and passed by the CEC.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer, Joan Bozzonetti, presented her report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed by the CEC.

President Shelton recognized the following members for their accomplishments for the year: Joel Dorfman, Peter Ben-Ezra, and Neil Tierney.

Position descriptions for committee chairmen have been compiled on a disk in WordPerfect. Many hours of effort went into this undertaking.

Incoming President Sam Mok applauded President Shelton for the excellent job she did during her reign as President. He made particular mention of the successful seminars

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merce and the Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to his public service, he was an attorney and managing director of a British trading company in the Philippines.

Mr. Hodsoll was born May 1, 1938. His education includes degrees from Yale, Cambridge and Stanford Law School. He is married, has two children and resides in Arlington, Virginia. that made so much money for the Chapter during the year.

President Mok outlined his personal goals for 1991-1992:

1. Expand on the past success of our Newsletter and do more in the future.

2. Get more members involved in the Chapter, especially at the General sessions. Explore lowering the cost of lunch.

3. Qualify our general session meeting for continuing education credits. Has already made preliminary contacts with the IIA and AICPA.

4. Explore a more permanent anchoring for financing of Chapter operations.

5. Explore the possibility of using AGA as a vehicle to create a U.S. Management Academy to provide training in federal financial management and accounting with the goal to improve recruiting, training and retention of financial personnel in the Federal Government.

President Mok recognized the efforts of Warren Cottingham, Karl Boettcher, and Mary Lee Mason in their role as meetings committee. He then introduced new board members and some of the committee chairs that were present. Volunteers are requested to fill committee chairs that have not yet been filled.

Evelyn Brown reported that as of the April report, there are 1074 members in the Washington Chapter. There has been an increase in overall membership.

President Mok presented a plaque to outgoing President Shelton and thanked her for her many accomplishments for the year.

President Shelton adjourned the meeting.

leadership in the passage of the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990.

Mr. Mazur was graduated from the University of Connecticut (B.S., 1964) and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School (MBA, 1968). He was born September 24, 1942 in New Haven, Connecticut. Mr. Mazur is married, has three children and resides in Richmond, Virginia.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day					
8	9 October Newsletter Cut-Off	10 Reservation Deadline Wash. Ch. Luncheon	11 Mont/PG Workshop Small Business Class	12	13 Washington Chapter Luncheon	14
15	16	17 CFO Accts Workshop NOVAGA Mini-Max	18 CFO Accts Workshop Small Business Class	19 CFO Accts Workshop	20	21
22	23	24 CFO Audit Workshop	25 CFO Audit Workshop Small Business Class	26 CFO Audit Workshop FASAB Meeting	27	28
29	30					

# Schedule of Events

- 2 Holiday-Labor Day
- 9 Cut-off for submitting articles for the October issue Washington Chapter Newsletter.
- 10 Deadline for Reservations for Washington Chapter Luncheon on the 13th. Call (703) 758-4080.
- 11 Small Business Course Begins, Ten Sessions, Wednesdays through November 13, 1991 (6:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m.) For information (703) 758-4080, Box 4 Volunteer Monitors Wanted—Call David Nevermann on (703) 591-2829 for Information.
- Montgomery/Prince Georges Chapter, Half-Day Work Shop, Followed by Dinner Meeting, 5:00 Social, 6:45 Dinner, Holiday Inn, College Park, Call Sylvia Jiles for Information (202) 732-5649.
- 13 Washington Chapter Luncheon Features Honorable Daniel R. Levinson, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB and You), Touchdown Club, 2000 L St., N.W. (Near Farragut West Metro Stop), 11:30 a.m. Social; 12:00 Noon Luncheon, for Reservations Call (703) 758-4080 by September 10, 1991.
- 17-18-19 AGA's Education & Research Foundation Sponsors CFO Workshop for Accountants at the Andrews Airforce Base Officer's Club. For Information Call the Course Director, Jack Fawsett at (301) 839-8553. Offered again in Oct. and Nov.

- 17 Northern Virginia Chapter Mini-Max, Featuring Mr. John Cooley, (What You Should Know About Your Federal Retirement System), 3:30 p.m. Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington. Contact Charles Culkin on (202) 275-9486 for Information. Social 5:30-6:30, Dinner & Meeting 6:30-8:30. Contact Andrea Walker (202) 619-3066. Members with Reservations \$15. All Others \$18.
- 18 Second Small Business Class—See the Eleventh (11th) for Details.
- 24-25-26 AGA's Education & Research Foundation Sponsors CFO Workshop for Auditors at the Andrews Airforce Base Officer's Club. For Information Call the Course Director, Jack Fawsett at (301) 839-8553. Offered again in Oct. and Nov.
- 25 Third Small Business Class—See the Eleventh (11th) for Details.
- 26 Fed. Acctg. Stds. Adv. Bd. (FASAB) Meeting, 9:00 - 5:00, GAO Bldg, Rm 7313, Call Alice Keels for Information on (202) 504-3344.



### Luncheon Meetings 1991-1992 Arrangements

by: Karl Boettcher, Chairperson, Meetings

As we begin a new AGA program year,

we will meet again at the Touchdown Club. Our luncheon price will be reduced to \$16.00 per person this year. As you may recall, the Touchdown Club is located at 2000 L Street, N.W. (Southwest corner).

I am asking for volunteers to sit at the registration table to assist in collecting meal payments prior to each meeting. This is an excellent way to become acquainted with people in AGA. Please call me at (202) 208-1393 if you are interested in assisting.

Our luncheon meetings are normally the first Thursday of each month (see the schedule). However, our first meeting will be held on Friday, September 13.

Future Luncheon Meetings

October	10
November	7
December	9
*January	9
February	6
March	5
April	2
May	7

\*Joint Meeting with American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)

Note: Leadership Conference January 15 & 16, 1992.

# OFFICIALS OF THE MONTH



Left to Right: Warren J. Cottingham, Treasurer; Mary Lee Mason, Director, Chapter Procedures and By-Laws; Patricial L. Wensel, Secretary; and Samuel T. Mok, President

#### Warren J. Cottingham Treasurer

Mr. Cottingham is the Manager, Financial Integrity Staff for the Financial Management Division, Financial Management Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

He is responsible for the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) reviews and reports for the Department's ten (10) fiscal systems and the systems in Financial Management Service (FMS), Federal Finance. In addition, he heads a group developing uniform accounting policy and procedures for Treasury's fiscal systems, participates in agency reviews of their Five Year Financial Systems Plans and assists in implementing the Credit Reform Act.

Prior to joining Treasury, Mr. Cottingham worked twelve years in the General Accounting Office (GAO) as an auditor, primarily in the areas of accounting, data processing, and defense audits.

Mr. Cottingham worked on both the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Internal Control and Financial Integrity Task Forces implementing the FMFIA.

He is a Certified Public Accountant in Virginia, a Certified Information Systems Auditor, and has a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

#### Mary Lee Mason Director Chapter Procedures & By-Laws

Ms. Mason is the Program Manager, Federal Agency Financial Systems Program within the Financial Management Service (FMS) U.S. Department of the Treasury. This program is part of a joint FMS/Office of Management and Budget (OMB) effort to improve the Financial Management Systems of the Federal Government. The program provides operational oversight to the implementation of the Administration's financial management systems improvement initiatives.

Prior to joining FMS in 1987, Ms. Mason held responsible positions in financial management and budget analysis at the departmental level in the Department of Energy.

Ms. Mason is an active member of the Washington Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, has served the Chapter in several chairperson capacities and received the President's Special Achievement Award last year. She is also an active member of the Society of Military Comptrollers and has participated in conferences and workshops.

Ms. Mason has a bachelors degree in accounting from Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida and a Masters degree in Business Administration (management and marketing) from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia.

She currently resides in Easton, Maryland. Her hobbies include music, boating, fishing, coin collecting, and gardening.

#### Patricia L. Wensel Secretary

Mrs. Wensel is a senior staff accountant with the Office of the Comptroller of the Department of the Treasury.

Mrs. Wensel is a certified public accountant and a certified fraud examiner. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maryland with a B.S. degree in accounting and earned a Master's in Public Financial Management from the American University.

Prior to her present position, Mrs. Wensel served as a senior auditor and senior staff accountant with the Naval Sea Systems Command where her responsibilities included the management, coordination, and oversight of NAV-SEA's implementation of the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act. She also managed the Internal Review Program for the NAVSEA headquarters and 56 shore activities.

Mrs. Wensel is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the D.C. Institute of Certified Public Accountants (DCICPA), the National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), and the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). Mrs. Wensel was vicepresident of the Washington Chapter of ASMC.

In addition to her professional affiliations, Mrs. Wensel has performed volunteer income tax assistance under the VITA program and been active in the work of her church, serving as treasurer and member of the church council.

#### Samuel T. Mok President

Mr. Mok was appointed as the first career Comptroller for the Department of the Treasury in November 1986. Prior to joining the Treasury, he was a Budget Officer with the Bureau of East Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

Much of Mr. Mok's work experience had been with the private sector where he held positions such as Treasurer of U.S. News and World Report and Director of Accounting and Financial Controls at Time Life Books.

Mr. Mok had also spent quite a few years as an auditor with major international accounting firms such as KMG Peat Marwick.

Mr. Mok also served five years with the U.S. Army and attained the rank of Captain. He was assigned to Japan as an intelligence officer and as a Readiness Group Advisor at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

Mr. Mok received a Bachelor's degree from Fordham University and a Master's degree in Accounting/Auditing from the Catholic University of America. Mr. Mok is a Certified Internal Auditor.

Mr. Mok is a Councilor to the Atlantic Council and Chairman of the Asian American Council.

### THE CENTER FOR APPLIED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

By Eleanor M. Kelly, Marketing Director

The Center for Applied Financial Management provides help to financial staffs in Federal, state, and local government agencies. The Center is a new organization within the Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS), that offers accounting cross-servicing financial management consulting, and financial training to other government agencies and industry partners on a reimbursable basis.

Drawing on expertise within FMS and other resources, the Center provides these financial management services to help improve the quality of government. It offers unique advice and assistance—customized to meet specific customer needs.

Agencies are finding that it's easy to do business with The Center. A simple Memorandum of Understanding or an Interagency Agreement is all it takes for The Center to begin work. The Center's financial management experts require only a short learning curve to understand an agency's specific needs, and cost savings may occur if an agency decides not to purchase expensive hardware or software, or not to hire additional financial management staff.

The Center offers Accounting Cross-Servicing by providing:

• access to mainframe accounting systems, maintained by FMS; agencies can use these systems through computer terminals located at the agency site;

• systems that are accessible on a timesharing basis; fulfill all OMB Circular A-127 requirements; and, comply with JFMIP Core Systems Requirements, GAO Title II, and the Policies and Procedures Manual for Federal Accounting; and,

• modern reporting techniques without the expense of new hardware or software.

The Center also offers customized financial consulting services to agencies who need independent assistance with implementing new programs or initiatives; meeting regulatory requirements; upgrading financial systems; or improving general financial management practices for their programs. The Center's consulting staff works for its customers, under their guidance and direction, and on-site. Financial consulting services include:

 independent research, advice, and technical assistance with new financial plans, programs, policies, or systems; • financial systems planning, development, and installation;

• resolution of audit findings and deficiencies;

independent financial analysis;

recruitment of financial management staff; and

• on-site training and instruction.

The Center for Applied Financial Management also provides specialized financial training to Federal financial and non-financial program managers and industry partners through on-site training courses, seminars, workshops, conferences, and carefully designed on-the-job training.

For additional information on Agency Accounting Cross-Servicing, or to arrange for a free demonstration, contact the Agency Accounting Division on (202/FTS) 874-7379. For further information on The Center's financial consulting services, or Financial Education seminars, conferences, or workshops, contact The Center on (202/FTS) USG-SERV or 874-7378.

### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

By Dennis S. Mitchell

(1) If you would like to comment on changes that have been made to the Newsletter, suggest others, submit ideas for articles, etc., please contact the Editor-in-Chief, including in the evenings and on weekends at home (703) 768-0539.

(2) Volunteers to work on the Newsletter are welcome, especially any shutterbugs, computer jocks, typesetters, word processors, printers, desk top publishers, or just some label affixers, etc. Contact any of the Newsletter staff.

(3) Since systems and automation have become such pervasive factors in our profession, the Editor would like your opinions relative to including topics on automation in the Newsletter.

(4) Many thanks for the advice, reviews, and suggestions from several members, including Pat Wensel, Secretary; Joel Dorfman, previous Editor, and especially the Chapter President, Sam Mok, whose private sector experience in the publishing business is proving to be very valuable.

(5) Byron S. Adams is typesetting, printing, and distributing the newsletter beginning with this issue.

#### CONGRATULATIONS LAST YEAR'S CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS

The Chapter's 32nd Annual Awards Program winners were honored during the Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting on May 2, 1991 at the Touchdown Club.

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Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Improvement of Financial Management

Distinguished Leadership Charles Costello General Accounting Office for sustained and outstanding leadership in the Federal financial management community.

Achievement of the Year Edward Mazur Comptroller of Virginia for outstanding leadership in the passage of the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990.

Special Achievement Dwight Foster National Transportation Safety Board for outstanding leadership at NTSB and the Comptroller's Roundtable.

Education and Training Patricia Dews National Archives and Records Administration

and

Susan Lee National Archives and Records Administration for coordinating outstanding educational forums through the Comptroller's Roundtable.

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Awards for Outstanding Contributions to the Washington Chapter James W. Saylor Memorial Awards

Peter Ben-Ezra Department of Agriculture for outstanding service as Education Chairman.

#### Joel Dorfman

Department of Transportation for outstanding service as Editor, 1990-91, and an active and dedicated member of the Chapter Executive Committee for the past 4 years.

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### AGA MEMBERSHIP WASHINGTON CHAPTER

AGA Membership is open to professionals in the public and private sectors who specialize in governmental financial management. The AGA National Office in Alexandria, Virginia is the central administrator for AGA Chapters throughout the United States, including the Washington Chapter. To reflect varying degrees of expertise, AGA offers three membership classifications.

Full Member	Career professionals engaged in the performance of finan- cial management activities in an administrative.	
	Practicing professionals who have fewer than six (6) years experience in financial man- agement activities.	
Special Associate	pecial Full-time students and those ssociate in their first year of employ- ment.	

Full year's National and Chapter dues, are payable upon joining.

Members joining between April-March should pay the total annual dues shown above. An adjustment for the prorated amount will be reflected in the next fullyear dues invoice (April 1 of each year).

Please send a completed application (provided as page 7 of this publication) and check for full year's National and Washington Chapter dues payable and addressed to:

Association of Government Accountants 2200 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301

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Chapter Washington Chapter \$7.50 Dues

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Contact any Chapter Executive Council member for assistance. See page 3.

### RUMOR CONTROL

Hal Steinberg returns to OMB??

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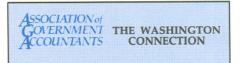
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# BILLING OF CANCELLATIONS AND NO-SHOWS

The Chapter Executive Council (CEC) voted unanimously on August 6, 1991, that no shows should pay for luncheons and seminars they miss.

The Treasurer is responsible for billing no-shows. If you find that you cannot attend a luncheon or seminar after making reservations, please find a substitute so that someone will benefit from the event.



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