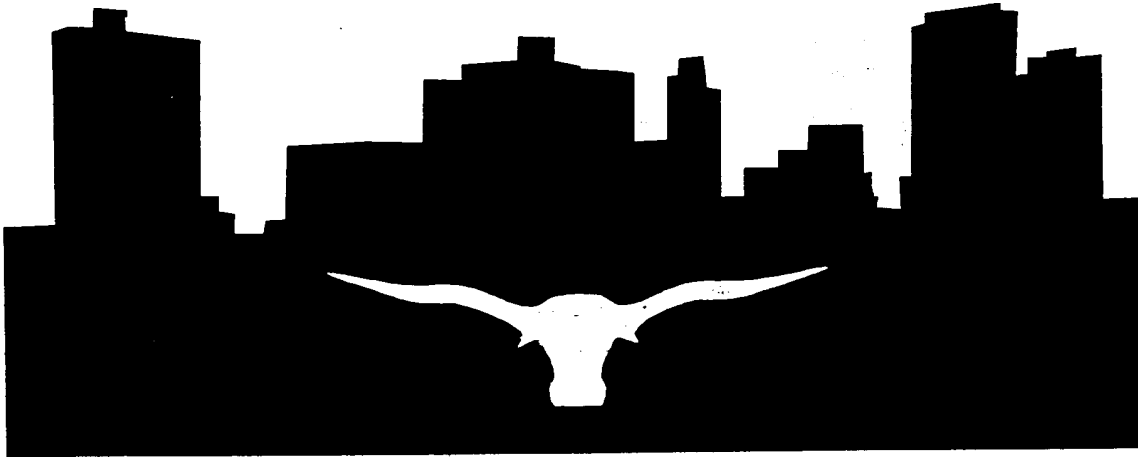


THE COWTOWNER



Fort Worth Chapter

Association of Government Accountants

October 2000 CHAPTER MEETING

Date/Time: **October 24, 2000 11:30 a.m**

Location: **Water Street Seafood Company
1540 South University Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 877-3474**

Directions: **Three blocks south of I-30 on University Drive in the University Park Shopping Center. Our meeting room in on the left side of the main entrance to the restaurant.**

Lunch: \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Sign in and pay the Treasurer, Theresa Carroll. You will have a selection of entrees and desserts to choose from. Iced tea, coffee, and water available at the service bar.

Program: **A 3 hour seminar of the "Fundamentals of Bankruptcy" Free to members \$5 for non-members**

Our speaker: Michael D. Warner, of Simon, Warner & Doby, L.L.P.

Joining us for a "Bit-O-Culture" on Dec 9, 2000. Please make plans to join us that evening for dinner at six and then over to the Bass Hall for the 8 p.m. performance of the Nutcracker Ballet. Tickets do NOT go on sale until October 9th. You are advised to call THAT DAY to order your tickets. The STAR TICKETS number is 1-888-597-7827. Bob suggests that you open your Yellow Pages phone book up to the first page six to the Bass Hall floor plan, because the salesperson talks really fast and throws seat locations at you that soundlike a foreign language...

If you get tickets, let Bob Kanaga 763-4630 know you are going and we will all plan our dinner together. Most performances sell out "really" quickly, so if you want to go, be prepared on October 9th to make that phone call for tickets.

If you have never seen the Nutcracker before, it is really a beautiful production with a Christmas theme. I hope you can join us for this AGA Chapter activity.

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As of 9/25/2000 we have earned 4,370 points and we have \$4,460.57 in the bank. Keep up the good work!

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The New Year got off to a good start as 35 people attended the September meeting. A “*Big Thanks*” to all who attended. Your support is greatly appreciated. Also, thanks again to our speaker Reem Samara for giving us an excellent presentation on “Yellow Book, OMB Issues, and Internal Controls on Grant Issues”. The combined volunteered efforts of your CEC Members make these meetings possible. Please continue to show your support by making plans to attend the three-hour October training seminar on the “Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law”.

As the holiday seasons draws near the Fort Worth Chapter of AGA offers its members a variety of opportunities for community service. AGA members are needed to work at the *Hangman’s House of Horrors* during October. You can help make *Thanksgiving* a feast for others contributing to the “Holiday Food Drive”. Finally, we’ll have a Salvation Army angel tree that will put smiles on many children’s faces on *Christmas Day*.

The Olympics may be over but we have accumulated over 4,000 points and are still “Going for the Gold” at the 2001 PDC. You can help us by attending the meetings, working on community service projects and sponsoring new members. If you have any suggestions or concerns please tell us.

September 2000 CEC Meeting

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) met at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2000 at the HUD offices in the Federal Building. Attendees were: Richard Wilkes, Larry Schroeder, Paula Graf, Leonore Hicks, Paul O’Connor, Danita Wade, Mike Beard, and Bob Kanaga.

Richard Wilkes, Chapter President, opened the meeting by welcoming us to the CEC meeting. He informed us that Betty Leonard, Membership has sent letters to 25 people who attended the FASB 34 training last May. She invited them to attend our Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2000. The purpose of the letter was to promote AGA and to recruit new AGA members to our Fort Worth Chapter. Richard received a questionnaire from AGA National concerning our Chapter Financial Policies. He has to fill out the questionnaire and provide copies of our policies to AGA National by October 31, 2000. Richard reported that the Chapter earned 4,370 points of the 10,000 point goal for the year. Richard reported for Theresa Carroll,

Treasurer, that our current bank balance is \$4,461. Committee reports from those present were made next.

Larry Schroeder, Publicity, had our meeting announcement published Monday in the TARRANT BUSINESS section of the Fort Worth Star Telegram. Good Job, Larry!

Paula Graf, Newsletter, needs articles of “People-in-the News”. She needs the Presidents Message, Minutes from the CEC, and Minutes from our monthly meeting too.

Leonore Hicks, Community Service, is collecting food and money for the Tarrant Area Food Bank tomorrow at our monthly meeting. We have five volunteers to work at the MS Haunted House on October 25, 2000. If you would like to volunteer, please call Leonore at (817) 978-9655. The Toys for Tots Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 9, 2000 at the Meadowbrook Golf Course in Fort Worth. If you want to sign up to play or just make a donation, send your checks to Grant Porter, 8416 Worthshire Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180.

Danita Wade, Education, has a disagreement with the Dallas AGA Chapter concerning how to share the proceed from our PDC. After discussion with the CEC, its was decided that she would write the Dallas Chapter and tell that that we will split 50% the first half of the net proceeds and split the remaining 50% of the proceeds by number of chapter members attending the PDC. This is the way it has been handled in the past.

Bob Kanaga, Programs, will represent AGA Fort Worth Chapter in a panel discussion with FDIC on Professional Activities. The social at his house was cancelled. He will inform us of the new date. We need additional speakers. If you know of anyone who would be willing to be a speaker, let Bob know.

Our Speaker tomorrow is Ms. Reem Samra, CPA, who will discuss “Yellow Book, OMB Issues, Internal Controls on Grant Issues”.

Our October meeting Speaker will be Michael D. Warner from Simon, Warner & Doby, L. L. P., who will present a three-hour seminar on "Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law". The luncheon is \$12 for Chapter members and \$15 for guests. The seminar is free to Chapter members and \$5 for non-members. Three hours of CPE will be awarded for attending the seminar.

Our next CEC meeting will be October 23, 2000 at 4:30 PM at HUD-OIG, 13th Floor of Federal Building. We concluded our meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Paul O'Connor, Secretary-

SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Our AGA Monthly Meeting was held at the Water Street Seafood Company on University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M on Tuesday, 26 September 1999. We had a total of thirty-five people present, twenty AGA Fort Worth Chapter members and 15 guests.

Before lunch, Mr. Richard Wilkes, Chapter President welcomed all AGA members, guests and our guest speaker to the luncheon.

Bob Kanaga, Programs announced that our October meeting includes a three-hour seminar by Michael D. Warner of Simon, Warner & Doby, L. L. P., on "Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law: The Cost for AGA members is \$12 including the seminar. The cost for guest is \$15 for the luncheon and \$5 for the seminar.

Leonore Hicks, Community Service, announced that we were collecting donations today for the Tarrant Area Food Bank and passed around a can. Leonore reminded us of the "Toys For Tots" AGA Golf Tournament on October 9, 2000 and the MS Haunted House on October 25, 2000. Our Chapter is providing five volunteers to work at the MS Haunted House for the fourth year in a row. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Leonore at 978-9309.

Richard then introduced our guest Speaker, Ms. Reem Samra, of Deloitte & Touche. Her topic was **Yellow Book, OMB and Internal Controls**

over Grant Audits. Ms. Samra discussed Yellow Book Updates, which include: Revisions to Field Work Standards, Reporting Standards, Field Work Standards for Performance Audits, Reporting Standards for Performance Audits, and Preliminary Views issued by GAO on Independence which was issued April 14, 2000. Revisions to General Standards for Financial audits to the **Yellow Book** are still in process and will be issued at a later date. Ms. Samra discussed the specific changes to Field Work Standards and Reporting Standards. The Yellow Book Chapter 5, Reporting Standards now clarifies reporting responsibility on fraud and illegal acts

Ms. Samra discussed revisions to the Single Audit Act (A-133) update. This affects all Federal, State or Local government entities who receive GRANTS greater than \$300,000/year. New Government Departments were added (Department of Education) and Programs were added to existing agencies. The update discusses auditee and auditor responsibilities in testing Internal Controls in Compliance Audits. Ms. Samra discussed some of the current Internal Control audit deficiencies and how they can be corrected by adequately planning and performing the A-133 type audits.

When Ms. Samra finished we thanked her with a big round of applause. Bob Kanaga thanked Ms. Samra for her presentation and presented her with our Speaker's gift. Our speaker gifts for this year are the Year 2000 Mint Sets from the U. S. Mint which include States Quarter sets.

Our meeting attendance drawing was held and Ms. Peggy Melnyk, a guest from Tarrant County won a free lunch for the next AGA monthly meeting. Our meeting concluded at 1:00 PM.

**Paul O'Connor
Secretary-**

Community Service Projects

- **Food Bank - \$101.47 and 8 food items**
- **Toys for Tots (donations in addition to the entry fees) - \$23.00**

Chapter Assets as of September 25, 2000

Checking Account	1,927.94
Cash Management Account	2,508.25
Savings Account	24.38
Total Cash	<u><u>\$4,460.57</u></u>



**Dinner before the
haunted house at
Pappasito's
2704 West Freeway
October 25 at 4:45 p.m.**

August 2000 CEC Meeting

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) met at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2000 at the HUD offices in the Federal Building. Attendees were: Richard Wilkes, Paula Graf, Bob Kanaga, Theresa Carroll, Paul O'Connor, Danita Wade, Leonore Hicks, and Larry Schroeder. Richard Wilkes, Chapter President, opened the meeting by welcoming us to the 2000-2001 Chapter Year. We then went around the table.

Bob Kanaga, Programs, provided CEC members with a list of CEC Members and an Activity Planner setting out Chapter activities for the year which included CEC Meetings; Chapter Luncheons and Speakers; Community Service Projects and Other Events. As RVP, Bob is pushing the State and Local Government Conference in Austin, Texas on October 30-November 1, 2000. The SLG Conf. is sponsored by AGA and Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). AGA National is celebrating AGA's 50th Anniversary on September 14-16, 2000 in Washington, DC. Everybody is welcome to attend!! AGA is providing incentives for new members in its 20,000 in 2000 Campaign. If you recruit 5 new members you will receive \$25 gift/check from National AGA. AGA Today is a new bi-weekly electronic newsletter available to all members. It's put out by Mr. Charlie Caukin, AGA Executive Director. Mike Beard, Awards was nominated to be our nominee for Regional Vice President Elect (RVP Elect). Our October Meeting will include a three hour Training Session on Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Laws. The CEC voted to pay \$5 for member's training materials and charge non-members \$5 for the training materials. Our CEC meeting in May 2000, made our September 26 Luncheon FREE for all who attend. Reem Samra, Deloitte & Touche will discuss "Yellow Book, OMB Issues and Internal Controls on Grant Updates".

Larry Schroeder, Publicity, said he would place an announcement with the Fort Worth Star Telegram announcing our September meeting.

Leonore Hicks, Community Service, is gathering more information on the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program so that we can participate in it this spring. She will provide more information at our next CEC meeting. In October, we will be working the Haunted House on 25 October. Also, in October we are having a TOYS FOR TOTS golf tournament with the Dallas Chapter at Meadowbrook Golf Club on October 9. The cost is \$160 for a four member team. We provided two fans to Catholic Charities in August. We provided sheets, pillows and towels to the Salvation Army in July. We received a "Thank You" letter from the Tarrant Area Food Bank for our June donation.

Theresa Carroll, Treasurer, announced that our "Books" have been updated to QUICKEN. It was voted by the CEC that Theresa be allowed to transfer money to our cash management account to draw more interest. We have received two checks for our participation in the GASB 34 training. We are only entitled to one of the checks. Theresa deposited both checks to our account. As soon as we figure out who to return the money to, we will write the check. Theresa will be unable to attend our Chapter Meeting and Richard Wilkes has volunteered to act on her behalf. Our current bank balance on August 28, 2000 was \$4,638.47. We had an audit performed on our books and record for the period 1 June 1999, through 30 May 2000. No problems were noted.

Our next CEC meeting will be September 25, 2000 at 4:30 PM at HUD-OIG, 13th Floor of Federal Building. We concluded our meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Paul O'Connor, Secretary

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Welcome to our newest members
Shadrach Sanders and Julian Brown
both from DCAA.

Michael Beard participated at Tarelton State University's job fair on September 27, 2000.

Thought For The Day

An interesting thought from the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers on word counts:

Pythagorean Theorem: 24 words

The Lord's Prayer: 66 words

Archimedes' Principle: 67 words

The 10 Commandments: 179 words

The Gettysburg Address: 286 words

The Declaration of Independence: 1,300 words

The USPS Proposed Changes to Domestic Mail Manual to Implement New Rate Case: 56,272 words

UPCOMING EVENTS	
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October 25, 2000

Hangman's Haunted House

October 30-31 2000

State & Local Government Conference
Renaissance Austin Hotel

November 11, 2000

AGA visit to Kimball Art Museum

November 28, 2000

TBD

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