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New Orleans AGA and ASWA Joint Dinner Meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2002 Five Happiness Restaurant Imperial Room

Featuring

Lonnie Stockwell, CPA

Topic: Let's Work Together - Understanding the Generation Gap

Lonnie Stockwell is the managing director of the New Orleans Office of Postlethwaite & Netterville, a regional accounting and business consulting firm located in Southeast Louisiana. He was admitted as a partner of the firm in 1985 and currently serves on the firm's management committee. Prior to joining the firm, he was a sole practitioner for five years and was the partner-in-charge of the firm's St. Francisville office prior to moving to New Orleans. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts (AICPA) and is the immediate past president of the Society of Louisiana CPAs. He is active in many community, civic and non-profit organizations. Mr. Stockwell was recognized for his accomplishments by being honored as the recipient of the 1994 AICPA National Public Service award, the highest national honor given to a CPA for public service leadership and impact. He received his B.A. in accounting from Louisiana State University.

Mr. Stockwell will share with you the results from a survey conducted with Generation X employees and clue you in to the attributes of the various generations. Learn about Generation X - their needs and how they compare to the needs of other generations - and determine if your organization is catering to those needs. Identify with the "we" versus "they" attitude in your organization and determine if this culture is attractive to the highly publicized Generation X employee.

FROM THE
PRESIDENT

Well, I am back from my vacation. And, for those that were in doubt, including me, I did get married! Michelle and I enjoyed a nice wedding ceremony at the Tara Hotel in Costa Rica. I am only sorry that I did not get to share this moment with my many good friends in AGA.

I would first like to thank Pam Lincoln for leading the February meeting in my absence. I heard the meeting was a big success and that the speaker, Mr. Don Carroum, Social Security Administration, was one of the best speakers we have had to address our Chapter. I also understand that special thanks are due to Vincent Parenti, Ron Parent, Betty Salisbury, Lila Thompson, Shelda Melancon, Jim Julian, and Gayle Harrigan for their support in the success of the meeting. I also want to thank all of you who attended.

Our next dinner meeting is one of my favorite meetings of the year. I hope you'll join us on Wednesday, March 27, at the Five Happiness Restaurant for our annual joint meeting with the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA). Try to arrive by 5:30 p.m. in order to take advantage of the cash bar and use this time to network. For those who have not attended our annual meeting with ASWA, I can promise you a variety of delicious food at this meeting.

Don't forget the AGA Professional Development Conference (PDC) is scheduled for July 7 through 10 in Atlanta, Georgia. This is a time for all professionals to learn about government accounting, systems, and technology from experienced arms of the government. In addition, it is an opportunity for

Certified Government Financial Managers and Certified Public Accountants to fulfill the majority of their continuing professional education requirements. The conference theme for 2002 is "Transforming the Government Enterprise." The program is filled with dynamic sessions to help all financial managers deal with the challenges of working in a rapidly changing government environment.

I want to thank Betty Salisbury for organizing another successful training event. On February 27, a Stress Management Workshop for Extraordinary Times was sponsored by AGA here at NFC. I also want to thank all of you who attended. Remember we are always looking for ideas for training events. Please let us know if you or your employees are in need of any special training.

No letter is complete until I remind you of our community service events. Our Chapter prides itself on community service. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program in which we help individuals prepare their 2001 income tax forms. We need volunteers each Tuesday evening from 6:30pm - 9:00pm, March 5 through April 9, at Clearview Mall. This year we will be processing the returns on the computer. Please contact Freida Scott @ 255-5706 to volunteer for this worthwhile cause.

As I mentioned earlier, our next meeting is our joint meeting with ASWA at Five Happiness on Wednesday, March 27. Please note that this meeting is on a Wednesday and not on our traditional Thursday evening. I hope to see all of you there.

Chris

AGA's FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

The February monthly meeting was called to order by President-Elect Pam Lincoln who was filling in for President Chris Cutitto. Chris was out of the country getting married. Pam introduced Shelda Melancon who lead the invocation and the pledge of allegiance. Pam announced that Jim Julian had been involved in an accident and wished him a speedy recovery. She then welcomed everyone and introduced the head table.

Pam then introduced Betty Salisbury who gave an update on training. She reminded everyone about the upcoming seminars on Stress Management for Extraordinary Times. These sessions are scheduled for February 27, 2002.

Pam announced on behalf of the Public Service Committee that can goods are being collected for Easter baskets and that volunteers are still needed for the VITA program. Dates that volunteers are needed are 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 and 4/9.

Pam gave an update on membership. The AGA's membership has increased from 179 to 201 members. The increase is from 19 new members, 2 reinstated and one transfer.

Pam announced that the dates for the PDC which will be held in Atlanta this year are July 7 - July 10, 2002. She reminded everyone to make his or her reservations early.

The meeting broke for dinner.

Pam introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Don Carroum, a Public Affairs Specialist with the

Social Security Administration. Mr. Carroum provided a very informative discussion beginning with general information on what social security provides, the status of the agency and amounts of payments issued every month. He discussed how retirement benefits are calculated, the Windfall Elimination Pervasion, Government Pension Offset, the Social Security Benefit Statement and Medicare. These topics prompted many questions from the members.

Vincent Parenti presented Mr. Carroum with a speaker's gift and Mr. Carroum pulled the winning 50/50 ticket. The winner was Angele James.

Pam Lincoln reminded everyone that the next meeting would be the joint meeting with ASWA at Five Happiness Restaurant on March 27, 2002. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dawn Wagener, CGFM, Secretary

EDUCATION

Please contact Betty Salisbury at (504) 255-2344 or betty.salisbury@usda.gov with questions or new ideas for training.

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers are needed to assist Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama taxpayers to prepare 2001 tax returns. We need volunteers for March 5 through April 9, 2002, Tuesday nights from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Clearview Mall. Let us know if you are interested in being a volunteer for VITA. 2002.

VITA is an important service which the Chapter participates in each year. We need your support.

Contact Freida Scott @ 255-5706 or Marcie Tureaud @ 255-7818.

We need **CANNED GOODS and/or NON PERISHABLE ITEMS**. If you forget to bring them to the monthly meetings, you can bring them to Marcie's desk. She is located on the 2nd floor of Bldg. 350, Post S-46.

2001 AGA CALENDAR

March - 15-16 National Executive Committee Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria, VA.

May 8 - Third Annual GASB 34 Tele-conference.

July 6 - National Board of Directors and Chapter Leadership Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

July 7-10 - AGA's 51st Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, Atlanta, GA.

Sept. 22-23 - AGA/NASACT 11th Annual State & Local Government Leadership Conference, Richmond, VA.

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25, 2002	Middendorf Joint Meeting With Baton Rouge Chapter
May 10, 2002	Crawfish Boil (Location to be announced)

NATIONAL NEWS

Five Months Remaining to Win a Free 2002 PDC Registration

At the July PDC, AGA's Immediate Past National President WA "Bill" Broadus Jr., CGFM, CPA, made a very generous offer— a free registration to the 2002 PDC for each of the four chapters that boast the largest number of new CGFMs in their Chapter from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002.

In today's job market when credentials put you a step ahead of the competition, the CGFM certification informs your employer, your potential employer and your colleagues that you are serious about your profession and that you have the knowledge, skills and experience to do the job.

Introduce the benefits of certification to individuals in the financial management field and you will help your AGA chapter earn a free

registration to the 2002 PDC! For more information, please contact Joan Schwartz, deputy executive director of Professional Certification at 800-AGA-7211, ext. 311 or e-mail at jschwartz@agacgfm.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Southern University at Baton Rouge
Internal Auditor**

Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) invites applications for the position of Internal Auditor.

Responsibilities:

The Internal Auditor is responsible for the development of the internal audit function for Southern University at Baton Rouge. The Internal Auditor also prepares long-range plans, initiates special audits, performs studies, evaluates the effectiveness of internal controls and maintains a follow-up system on deficiencies noted in audits.

Qualifications:

The Internal Auditor must be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). A Master's degree in Accounting, Business Administration or a related field is preferred. The Internal Auditor must have four years of professional experience in auditing or accounting plus four years of professional experience in auditing or accounting at the advanced journeyman level for public higher education institutions.

To apply:

Send a letter of application, vita, transcript and three references to:

**Office of the Chancellor
P.O. Box 9374
Baton Rouge, LA 70813**

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CHAPTER RECOGNITION POINTS

Recognition Categories	Max Points Per Category	Points Thru Jan. 2002
Administration	2,000	2,000
Meetings	2,000	1,008
Newsletter	2,000	1,620
Education	3,000	1,450
Membership	2,000	-----
Public Service	2,000	2,000
Awards	1,000	300
Total	14,000	8,378

**NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS**

BALANCE SHEET

As of February 28, 2002

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank One Checking \$10,297.69

Bank One Savings 4,263.79

Total Checking/Saving \$14,561.48

Total Accounts Receivable 70.00

Total Current Assets \$14,631.48

TOTAL ASSETS \$14,631.48

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity \$ 7,629.31

Retained Earnings 7,115.37

Net Income (113.20)

Total Equity \$14,631.48

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$14,631.48

INCOME STATEMENT

August - February 2002

INCOME

Education/Training \$13,000.24

Business Meetings 4,239.50

50/50 Raffle 238.00

Zephyr / Xmas Party 468.00

Chapter Dues 256.65

TOTAL INCOME \$18,202.39

EXPENSES

Education/Training \$ 10,443.35

Business Meetings 4,594.99

50/50 Raffle 119.00

Postage/Supplies 439.26

Xmas Party Expenses 2,517.36

Community Service Exp 201.63

TOTAL EXPENSES \$18,315.59

NET INCOME (113.20)

AGA 2001-2002 Recruitment Program

Look for announcements in the March 2002 issue of AGA's monthly newsletter, *Government Financial Management Topics*, featuring sponsor recognition prizes.

Recruit and you can win the following:

Recruit one member. your name will be entered in the drawing for a \$100 Hertz Rental Car Voucher-- winner announced in May 2002

Recruit a minimum of five members: your name will be entered in a drawing for **two round trip airline tickets** (destination your choice).

Additionally, several sponsor recognition prizes will be offered to the member who recruits the most new members and the top two new member sponsors. AGA will award **Recruiter of the Year, Top Sponsor, and Special Sponsor** prizes that include recognition at the 2002 PDC in Atlanta, complimentary AGA meeting registration and complimentary national membership dues for five years.

To be eligible, applications must be received by April 30, 2002, and your name should be listed on the sponsor line.

Sponsor's Honor Roll

The following list includes sponsors from May 2001 through February 2002:

Ronald Parent	1
Edna Harrell	2
Chris Cutitto	2
Lila Thompson	1
Patrick Foret	1
Jullin Renthrope	5
Linda M. Lewis	2
Shelda Melancon	1

To all of our sponsors, we appreciate your efforts with the growth of the New Orleans Chapter of AGA. Top Sponsors are featured in the *Topics* newsletter monthly.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Best wishes to **Chris Cutitto** on his marriage to Michelle Nguyen on the beautiful island of Costa Rico.

Welcome aboard to **Babette Haines and Jill Byrd** on their selections in the Financial Services Division of the National Finance Center.

Please share news about yourself or other AGA members. Contact Linda M. Lewis at 255-5902 or linda.lewis2@usda.gov



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***TIME VALUE MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE***

Please contact Linda Lewis (255-5902) with address corrections.

**AGA and ASWA
Joint Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2002
Five Happiness Restaurant - Imperial Room**

**3605 S. Carrollton Avenue
5:30 p.m. - Social/Cash Bar**

**New Orleans, Louisiana
6:00 p.m. - Dinner**

Menu

**Chicken and Corn Soup
Egg Rolls and Shrimp Toast Appetizers
Sweet and Sour Chicken, Pecan Shrimp
Triple Dragon in Garlic Sauce
Mongolian Beef and Combination Fried Rice
Fortune Cookies and Almond Cookies
Iced Tea and Soft Drinks**

Cost \$20.00

For **reservations** contact, Vincent Parenti (255-5350) at vincent.parenti@usda.gov
by COB, Thursday, March 21st.
If possible, please pay Ron Parent in advance.