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**LUNCHEON MEETING**

National Finance Center  
13800 Old Gentilly Road  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Thursday, January 20, 2005  
11:30 a.m.**

*Featuring*

*Aaron Steele,  
Senior Tax Specialist Internal Revenue Service*

**TOPIC: 2004 Federal Income Tax Update**

Aaron Steele has been with the IRS for 15 years. His career has been mainly in the New Orleans Examination and Taxpayer Education Divisions, as a Revenue Agent and Earned Income Tax Credit Coordinator, respectively.

Since 2001, Mr. Steele has been serving as a Senior Tax Specialist in Taxpayer Education and Communication of Small Business Self-Employed Division. As a Senior Tax Specialist, he is responsible for coordinating the educational outreach activities for Practitioners and Payroll Providers throughout the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Steele received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Xavier University of Louisiana in 1988.

Please join us for an informative and enjoyable event.

*This Presentation will qualify for one hour of professional education credit*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Holiday Season to Tax Season

Our AGA Chapter Holiday celebration at Sclafani's was grand! The members and guests enjoyed music, food, and fun! It was a time of good cheer and the door prizes were fantastic gifts of which there were eighteen. All the dancing from the "electric slide", "bunny hop" to any line dance you can name was a part of the fun. It was the beginning of wishing everyone all the joy, peace, and love during the holiday season. Pamela Lincoln is commended for coordinating this marvelous event and acquiring many of the door prizes through our members.

We are now preparing for our annual tax season update during our January luncheon meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 20, at the National Finance Center location. If you want to know what's new, your rights, do's and don'ts to apply to your 2004 tax forms, plan to attend. The information is invaluable. Time is set aside for questions and answers, too.

"Opportunity is a chance to: advance talent, knowledge, skills, abilities, gain valuable personal/professional experiences through organizations or people; and exercise self fulfillment." I am a firm believer in not foregoing opportunity, because the meaning is one I have defined for myself. As a member, my and your New Year Resolution should be to seize opportunities. Don't miss the January meeting. You will gain timely information from this presentation. The 2004 tax season is here. Pledge to attend your AGA January and remaining meetings this year!

Our opportunity to service our community was appreciated with our participation in the 2004 Toys for Tot and the Children Hospital's Teddy Bear programs. This year Monique Price and Linda Lewis took center stage for the "Toys for Tots" donations sponsored by the U.S. Marine's. Read more about this great outpour of love in this newsletter and the upcoming issue of the NFC newsletter. Marty Curole coordinated the

collection of teddy bears and our donations were abundant to children who will spend their holidays in the hospital. Many thanks to these members for their time and ensuring our "giving" made the holiday a lot brighter for numerous of needy children. AGA members, I applaud your generosity and compassion.

### REMINDERS: AGA Goals

- 1) Increase membership – recruit, encourage, and support new members
- 2) Provide Continuing Professional Education – offer educational opportunities through chapter meetings and training
- 3) Outreach – Impact the community positively by participating and supporting community projects

May all of you enjoy a happy and prosperous new year! Please take time to meditate for the families, friends, and all who have lost love ones due to Tsunami and our members who are combating health related illnesses.

Peggy Javery, President, CGFM

## CGFM NEWS

### CGFM DESIGNATION - IT'S NOT JUST FOR ACCOUNTANTS

Government financial management is broad in scope. Consider the diversity of AGA's membership: while many are accountants and auditors, AGA members are also budget analysts, program analysts, internal auditors and other financial management professionals. The common goal of our membership is interest in government financial management and advancing government accountability.

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program reflects the diverse range of knowledge required of government financial managers. Look at the content specifications of CGFM Examinations

[<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/>]. A CGFM needs to have knowledge about how the

government works, how governments are financed, ethical considerations, management techniques, financial analysis, internal controls, budgeting, cost accounting, cash management, investment management, procurement, inventory systems, credit management and financial management systems.

One of the strengths of the CGFM certification is the combination of the detailed knowledge of governmental accounting coupled with a general understanding of other government financial management practices, such as budgetary accounting and cost accounting. A CGFM has to know about the requirements at all levels - federal, state and local. Much of the knowledge required by a CGFM involves theory - why things are done the way they are done. Only a small portion is devoted to practice - the actual entries that are needed for specific transactions.

The CGFM designation demonstrates a person's knowledge, skills and abilities about government in general. If you are in any type of position in government financial management, the CGFM should be at the top of your list as a preferred certification.

On occasion, we are asked how the CGFM compares to the CPA. In a sense, there is no comparison. The CPA is more than a certification - it can also lead to obtaining a license. If your goal is to practice public accounting - the review and audit of financial statements in order to render an opinion - then you must have a license from a state board of accountancy. To get a license, you have to pass the CPA examinations. That is why the CPA is unique among certification programs.

The CGFM designation, coupled with a CPA, can be a powerful tool in your arsenal. Not only do you possess the knowledge, skills and abilities to practice public accounting, you also have knowledge, skills and abilities about the unique aspects of government.

If you are in a profession that does not require a CPA, then you need to consider obtaining a certification that sets you apart from your peers. If you are in government, as a budget analyst,

program analyst, grant manager, or in any other financial management position, then the CGFM should be your first choice for a certification program.

Pete Rose, AGA

## MEMBERS INFORMATION

## SPONSOR'S HONOR ROLL

To our sponsor this month, we appreciate your efforts with the growth of the New Orleans Chapter of AGA. **Continue to keep up the good work !!**

The following list includes sponsors from September 2004 - January 2005:

Faye Martin	1 member
Pamela Lincoln	1 member

*If you interested in joining this distinguished list of sponsors, START RECRUITING TODAY!*

Member information can be updated directly into the National AGA database by logging in with your Name and Member ID number. Log into AGA's website at <https://www.agacgfm/> to renew membership, update personal information such as phone and address changes.

Please share news about yourself or other AGA members. Contact Babette Haines at 426-5443 or e-mail to [babette.haines@usda.gov](mailto:babette.haines@usda.gov)

## AGA SCHOLARSHIP

The AGA New Orleans chapter has selected Dillard University as the college that the chapter will grant a \$500 scholarship to a deserving accounting student. The scholarship will be awarded at the March 24th, meeting .

## RECOGNITION POINTS

<b>Recognition Categories</b>	<b>Max Credits Per Category</b>	<b>Credits Through Sep. 2004</b>
Communications	3,000	1,355
Membership	3,000	250
Community Service	2,000	1,225
Awards	1,000	700
Chapter Leadership, Planning Participation	3,000	1,100
Education & Professional Development	4,000	1,350
Certification	4,000	925
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>6,905</b>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>CPE</b>
February 17, 2005 5:30 pm. Social 6:00 pm. Dinner	Doug's Restaurant 348 Robert Blvd Slidell, LA	Dinner Meeting Dr. Edgar Chase, III Risk Mgt.	Yes
March 24, 2005 5:30 pm. Social 6:00 pm. Dinner	5 Happiness 3511 Carrollton Ave NO, LA	Joint Meet With ASWA Steve Theriot LA Legislate Auditor	Yes
April 21, 2005 5:30 pm. Social 6:00 pm. Dinner	Bull's Corner 1036 W. Airline Hwy Laplace, LA	Joint Meet With Baton Rouge AGA Nat'l President Bobby Derrick	No
May 13, 2005 6 pm – 9 pm	Green Acres C. Club W. Napoleon @ Transcontinental Metairie, LA	Crawfish Boil/Awards Ceremony	No
June 2005	Zephyr's Stadium 6000 Airline Highway Metairie, LA	Zephyr's Baseball Game/Tailgate Party	No

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### TOYS FOR TOTS

Once again, the New Orleans Chapter of AGA members is proud of the outpouring of love shown to the disadvantaged in the New Orleans and surrounding community. This year, over 50 toys were presented to Susan Reggio, Points of Light Coordinator with the National Finance Center at the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility worksite. The toys were presented to the U.S. Marines for their Toys for Tots program. The Marine representative wished to thank all involved for their generosity.

During the holiday season, toys were collected from various AGA members and brought to the designated container at NFC. This included lots of dolls, stuffed animals, games, arts and crafts, trucks, and a little bit of everything. Not only did this help the community but also it's great to know that it brought smiles to needy children.

We express a heartfelt thanks to all of our members who participated with this community service and best wishes for a successful New Year!

Monique Banks  
Co-chair Community Service

### WYES WINTER 2004 SHOWCASE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

On Wednesday, December 8, six AGA volunteers acted as bid takers during WYES-TV's Winter Showcase Membership Drive. AGA volunteers included: **Amanda Green, Ida Holmes, Peggy Javery, Gerry Knepp, Gary Millet, and Marcie Tureaud.** The membership drive was a fun event and WYES-TV personnel expressed their appreciation for AGA's continued support through its dedicated volunteers. AGA volunteers were seen on the air and helped raise significant funds to keep WYES-TV's quality programming on the air.

Gerry Knepp



*A "thank you" from New Orleans Mission*

## NATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Feb. 7-8, 2005** – Third Annual National Leadership Conference & Exposition- Washington, D. C.

**July 10-13, 2005** – 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition –

## HAPPY MARDI GRAS FEBRUARY 8, 2005



**NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS**

**STATEMENT OF NET  
ASSETS**

December 31, 2004

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash	\$2,360.70
Investments	6,193.69
Deposit - Restaurants	<u>.00</u>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u><u>\$8,554.39</u></u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET  
ASSETS**

Accrued Revenue	<u>.00</u>
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**NET ASSETS:**

Unrestricted net assets	<u>\$8,554.39</u>
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

<b>AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u><u>\$8,554.39</u></u></b>
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENSES**

For 6 months ended to December 31, 2004

**OPERATING REVENUES**

Education/Training	00.00
Business Meetings	2,177.00
50/50 Raffle	95.00
Membership Dues	718.80
Donations	874.00
Interest Income	<u>32.68</u>
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b><u><u>\$3,897.48</u></u></b>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Education/Training	00.00
Business Meetings	2,925.94
50/50 Raffle	47.00
Postage/Supplies/Gifts	210.26
Crawfish Boil	00.00
Bank Service Charges	00.00
Scholarship Winner	00.00
Donations	734.00
Officer Awards	<u>67.37</u>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b><u><u>\$3,984.57</u></u></b>

<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$87.09)</b>
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<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	<b><u>NONE</u></b>
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<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$(87.09)</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$(87.09)</b>
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<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	<b><u>\$8,641.48</u></b>
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<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b><u><u>\$8,554.39</u></u></b>
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