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## **Come Celebrate A Merry Christmas with AGA**

at  
**Eastover  
Country Club**

5690 Eastover Dr.  
New Orleans, LA



**December 14, 2001**

**8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

**D.J. Open Bar**

**Unlimited Food**

For **reservations** contact, Vincent Parenti (255-6412) at [vincent.parenti@usda.gov](mailto:vincent.parenti@usda.gov)  
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**by Noon Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

If possible, please pay in advance.

FROM THE  
PRESIDENT

**H**appy  
Holidays!!!  
Thanksgiving  
has passed and  
Christmas is upon us.

I hope that you and your family enjoyed your Thanksgiving celebration. Many of our chapter members and guests began the holidays with a bang at Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse, our first off-site luncheon which was a huge success. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and a very informative presentation on government ethics by Mrs. Hattie Broussard of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I want to personally thank all of those who attended. After the meeting, some of us continued networking throughout the French Quarter. It was a great start to the Thanksgiving Holidays.

As you are aware, our chapter has been collecting non-perishable items over the last 3 months for Thanksgiving. We personally donated 6 Thanksgiving baskets to selected needy families from St. Phillip Community Center. Our baskets included a turkey with all the trimmings and desert. I want to thank Marcie Tureaud for delivering the baskets and Lila Thompson who helped Marcie prepare the baskets. Also, many thanks to all our members who contributed to this worthwhile program. To continue in the giving mode, we will soon be collecting Toys for Tots. We are asking that you bring a small toy to the Christmas party.

The Christmas Party Extravaganza will be held Friday, December 14, 2001, at Eastover Country Club from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.. If you are looking for good times this holiday season, come out and party with the AGA crowd. Come enjoy good food, drinks, music, and plenty of dancing. There will be a disc jockey, door prizes and other give-a-ways. This gala is free for all members whose dues are currently

paid. A nominal fee of only \$20.00 is required for all guests. At this low price, I encourage all of you to bring a guest. Let's make this an AGA Christmas Party to remember for a long time!

From AGA and myself, to you and your family, we wish you a blessed and prosperous holiday season. Happy Holidays!

See you at Eastover,

Chris

### AGA's NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

The November monthly meeting was called to order by President Chris Cutitto. Chris introduced Ron Tamborella who led everyone in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Chris welcomed everyone to our first off-site luncheon and introduced the head table and guests. He also introduced a new member in attendance, Monique Banks. Chris gave a special thanks to Pam Lincoln and Vincent Parenti for making the luncheon a reality. He announced that next month's meeting will be the Christmas party Friday, December 14, at Eastover Country Club. This is our first year at Eastover and we expect a large turnout. Please contact Vincent Parenti to make your reservations.

Marcie Tureaud gave a report on Public Service. Marcie gave a big "Thank You" to all who participated in the two weekend "Christmas in October." Marcie reminded everyone of AGA's project to fill St. Phillip's food pantry. Marcie announced that we will be delivering the baskets Friday, November 16. Chris also thanked all those who participated in "Christmas in October" and the Art Auction held Friday, October 19.

Chris gave a brief report on Education. AGA's first education event, held in August, was a huge success. We want to continue having training in August before the close of the fiscal year. Chris announced that Betty Salisbury is planning another educational event in February. Please contact Betty with any suggestions. Chris also reminded everyone of the CGFM program. Beginning next program year, there will be CGFM requirements for the Chapter Recognition Program. Chris has CGFM materials from National that he can provide to anyone interested in sitting for the exam. National is strongly pushing for AGA members to sit for the exam.

On the National level, Chris announced that Shelda Melancon has contacted National and has drafted a letter to National requesting that the PDC be returned to New Orleans. Chris presented the letter and announced that Shelda was currently addressing the Accounting Association at UNO and sent her regards for not being able to attend the luncheon. Chris also reminded everyone that this year's PDC will be held in Atlanta.

Having no further business the group broke for lunch.

James Julian introduced the speaker, Hattie Broussard, from the US Attorney's Office. Ms. Broussard gave a very informative presentation on Government Ethics. She covered the major rules of conduct and her presentation met the yearly ethics requirement for federal employees.

Ms. Broussard was presented with a speaker's gift and she pulled the winning 50-50 ticket that was won by our new member Monique Banks. The 50-50 raffle was worth \$39.

Chris again reminded everyone of the Christmas party at Eastover Country Club December 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

## EDUCATION

### *Training for Second Half of February*

Discussions are currently underway for multiple sessions of a Stress Seminar related to coping with the heightened security concerns and sense of loss given the attacks within our borders and the war overseas. Each session will be one and a half hours with no more than 15 participants in each session. The cost is currently estimated at \$30.00 per participant.

If your agency would like to have this seminar conducted at your location, we may be able to make arrangements for this. Given security restrictions of recent days, this may prove an important option.

Please contact Betty Salisbury at (504) 255-2344 or [betty.salisbury@usda.gov](mailto:betty.salisbury@usda.gov) with your comments. Also, let me know if you or others are interested in participating. I would like to include your ideas in designing the seminars and have a count of people interested in attending so I can make appropriate arrangements. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Chris Cutitto, or Sherrill Wheeler if you have any questions. Chris can be reached at (504) 255-5903 or [chris.cutitto@usda.gov](mailto:chris.cutitto@usda.gov). Sherrill can be reached at (504) 255-4427 or [sherrill.wheeler@usda.gov](mailto:sherrill.wheeler@usda.gov).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

## Thanksgiving Baskets

We delivered the Thanksgiving Baskets Friday, November 16, 2001, to the following families at St. Phillips Center:

Ms. Tomika Horne  
Ms. Leslie Etienne  
Ms. Donniesa Wilson  
Ms. Shondra Quinn  
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Lewis  
Ms. Anya Barnes

The baskets included a 12-pound turkey with all the trimmings. The parents expressed their appreciation and gratitude to AGA for helping them enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

I also want to thank Lila Thompson, who so graciously helped me shop for the baskets.

## Toys for Tots

The Marines will pick up Toys for Tots at the National Finance Center December 13, 2001, at 10:00 a.m.

**Each member is asked to bring a toy unwrapped to my desk (Post S-46) before the deadline. We will accept all donations up until close of business December 12.**

All members who do not work at the National Finance Center may call Marcie Tureaud at 504-255-7818 or Lila Thompson at 255-6123 to pick up your toy.

**We need CAN GOODS and/or NON PERISHABLE ITEMS.** If you forget to

bring them to the monthly meetings, you can bring them to my desk. I'm located on the 2nd floor of Bldg 350, Post S-46.

Marcie

## 2001 AGA CALENDAR

**Dec. 7** - National Executive Committee Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria VA.

**Jan. 24-25** - AGA's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Federal Leadership Conference, International Trade Center- Ronald Regan Building, Washington, D.C. Go to [www.agacgfm.org/flc](http://www.agacgfm.org/flc) for updates.

**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 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition, Atlanta, GA.

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

**NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 17, 2002      NFC Lunch Meeting

February 21, 2002      Doug's Restaurant

March 27, 2002      Five Happiness Joint Meeting with ASWA

April 25, 2002      Joint Dinner Meeting Baton Rouge Chapter

May 10, 2002:      Social Event (Location to be determined)

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Jullin Renthrope, CGFM, New Orleans Chapter is National President-Elect Designate**

AGA National Nominating committee announced the slate of national officers for leadership year 2002-2003.

New Orleans Chapter Jullin Renthrope, CGFM, is the Nominating committee's choice for Nation President-Elect Designate. We are all very proud of Jullin and are cheering him on to victory!

National Treasurer-elect Designate is Evelyn Brown, CGFM, Washington, DC Chapter.

Senior Vice President at Large Non-Presidentially Appointed is Raymond H. Harris, CGFM, New York Capital Chapter.

Senior Vice President for Regional Services Designate- Section III is James P. Armstrong, CGFM, Los Angeles Civic Center Chapter.

For RVPS-Elect Designate please go to [www.agacgfm.org/flc](http://www.agacgfm.org/flc).

**CHAPTER RECOGNITION POINTS**

Recognition Categories	Max Points Per Category	Points Oct. 2001
Administration	2,000	1,770
Meetings	2,000	400
Newsletter	2,000	810
Education	3,000	1,300
Membership	2,000	----
Community Service	2,000	1,925
Awards Program	<u>1,000</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>6,505</b>

**Have a Happy  
Holiday Season!**

