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LUNCHEON MEETING

**Thursday, November 20, 2003
Mr. B's Bistro, 201 Royal Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Featuring: **DR. TIMOTHY P. RYAN, Ph.D.**

Topic: Economic Forecast for the Greater New Orleans Area

Dr. Timothy P. Ryan was appointed Chancellor of the University of New Orleans on Friday, October 31, 2003. Since July 2003, he was the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor of the University. Until that time, Dr. Ryan was Dean of the College of Business Administration and the Hibernia Professor of Economics at the University of New Orleans. He has been on the faculty in the College of Business since 1976. He received a B.A. in Economics from the University of New Orleans in 1971. Dr. Ryan received his Ph.D. in Economics from Ohio State University in 1978. He is considered to be an expert on the New Orleans economy, the Louisiana economy, managerial economics, economic development, the New Orleans and Louisiana tax structure, the hospitality and tourism industries, and the United States economy.

This Presentation will qualify for one hour of professional education credit

FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you missed last month's meeting, you missed an excellent presentation by our very own Gary Millet. He did a presentation on Accounting Fraud and scandals in private industry that makes any fraud, waste, or abuse in the government look petty.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all those who volunteered their time to help repair Mr. Shepperd's home. This type of unselfish giving to others is what our organization and members are all about. For those who were unable to volunteer for this project, don't worry; Gerry Knepp will have other projects coming up, soon.

This month's meeting should prove to be extra special. We are very fortunate to have the newly appointed Chancellor of the University of New Orleans, Mr. Tim Ryan as our guest speaker. Remember reservations are definitely needed for this month's meeting since seating is limited. So, if you haven't already made your reservation, please call Jim Julian and pay Gary Millet as soon as possible. You don't want to miss this meeting.

It is that time of the year where we give thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. As AGA members, we have a lot for which to be thankful. So let us take a moment to reflect on all our blessings and remember to share some of our time, talent and treasures with others less fortunate.

I would like to personally extend a heartfelt thanks to all the officers and members of the New Orleans Chapter AGA family. I hope you all have a happy, safe, and meaningful Thanksgiving.

Ronald J. Parent, CPA, CGFM

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Ronald J. Parent, CPA, CGFM, President, called the meeting for the New Orleans Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants to order at 6:40 p.m. at Sclafani's Restaurant. The invocation

was given by Barbara Hornsby and Mr. Parent led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Parent thanked everyone for coming and introduced Barbara Hornsby because this was her first meeting.

Mr. Parent then introduced Gerry Knepp, one of the Public Service Chairs. Mr. Knepp stated that the New Orleans Chapter was participating in *Rebuilding Together Low Income Home Revitalization Project*, and that help was needed this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to finish painting. Mr. Knepp also said that the Chapter was collecting food for the food banks, and to please bring can goods to the meeting.

Mr. Parent then presented James J. Julian, CGFM, Meetings Chair. Mr. Julian announced that the November 20, 2003 meeting will be a luncheon meeting and is scheduled at Mr. B's for a cost of \$32.00. He said that the restaurant could only accommodate forty-five people, and that he would just be taking reservations from members only until November 13, 2003. Reservations can be made by email, but payments **must** be received in advance to confirm reservations. Vincent Parenti, Programs Chair, announced that the speaker at this meeting would be Tim Ryan.

Mr. Parent announced that the education co-chairs are currently working on education seminars, and if anyone has any needs or ideas to contact Marcie Tureaud.

After a pleasant dinner, Mr. Parenti introduced the speaker for the evening, Gary Millet, who is the Chief of the Risk Management Office at the USDA National Finance Center. He is also a member of the New Orleans Chapter and currently serves as Treasurer. Mr. Millet spoke on accounting fraud and ethics, and discussed several large public cases of fraud. He also talked about whom and what is to blame for fraud and what the future holds. Mr. Millet concluded his lecture by stating that it all comes down to personal integrity. Mr. Parenti thanked Mr. Millet and presented him with a gift. Mr. Millet pulled the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Saed Abu Naser won \$20.00.

Having no further business, Mr. Parent adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

November – It Is A Time To Give Thanks

In the spirit of Thanksgiving for the month of November, the New Orleans Chapter has two community service events that we are running simultaneously. We are collecting: (1) food and monetary donations for an **Adopt-A-Family at Thanksgiving campaign**; and (2) non-perishable **food items for the food bank** at the St. Philip Center. We are going to adopt low-income families for Thanksgiving through the St. Philip Center and we are also trying to restock their pantry/food bank. AGA members can Adopt-A-Family at Thanksgiving for \$20. Last year we adopted 47 families and this year we are hoping to adopt a minimum of 50 families. Contact Jill Byrd Coffman at 504-255-5749 to do so. If you cannot adopt a family, please consider either donating \$1 or \$2 to help buy the turkeys for the food baskets or donating nonperishable food items. We are specifically asking for the following food items: canned vegetables, canned yams/sweet potatoes, canned fruit, canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned tuna, canned soups, dried rice, dried beans (red or white), spaghetti/macaroni, stuffing mix, corn bread mix, biscuit mix, macaroni and cheese, 2 liter soft drinks, cake mixes & icing, crackers, oatmeal, dried onions, spaghetti seasoning, chili seasoning, cereals, peanut butter, jelly, oil, and flour. Please bring canned goods and non-perishable food items to the November meeting or deliver them to Gerry Knepp (504-255-4602) or Jill Byrd Coffman (504-255-5749).

Making Christmas Special for Children

Marcia Curole (504-255-6232) is already collecting **Teddy bear** donations for young patients at Children's Hospital. We are also collecting unwrapped toys for the **Toys For Tots** program. Take advantage of these opportunities to share in the joy of giving and the delight recipients experience when they receive your caring gifts!

Rebuilding Together: Our biggest Community Service event of the year was the Rebuilding Together project, which was wrapped up on October 18th. This year the project required significant hard work over three weekends. All participants worked above and beyond the call of duty. Twelve AGA volunteers spent 105+ hours fixing, scraping, priming, and painting the house, fence, and shed of low-income homeowners Mr. & Mrs. Earl Shepherd. The house was featured on a WGNO-TV Channel 26 News Report and AGA members Charles Kyser, Pam Lincoln, and Ron Parent were shown.

The volunteers worked with The Insurance Women of Greater New Orleans and others on October 4th, 11th, and 18th. The house looked really great when we were finished. Mr. Shepherd was well pleased and couldn't thank us enough. The fact that many volunteers came to work on the project on multiple days (including a holiday weekend) speaks volumes about AGA member team spirit, character, and integrity.

AGA volunteers on the Rebuilding Together project included: **Jill & Ben Coffman, Chris Cuttito, Debora Fikes, Peggy Javery, Gerry & Roxanne Knepp, Charles Kyser, Pam Lincoln, Ron Parent, Lila Thompson, and Warren Wilson.** A special thanks goes to the following AGA volunteers that worked on the project on 2 or more days: **Debora Fikes, Gerry Knepp, Charles Kyser, and Lila Thompson.**

We, also, want to acknowledge the corporate entities and individuals who generously donated drinks and food for the Rebuilding Together Volunteers. They are:

ALOIS J. BINDER BAKERY

Darryl Brown

Jill & Ben Coffman

COURTESY DISCOUNT FURNITURE
& APPLIANCES

Gerry & Roxanne Knepp

Andria Milton

SAV-A-CENTER (Bullard)

TARGET Stores (Clearview)

Lila Thompson

Continuing Community Service Collections

- (1) **Old Cell Phones** to be reprogrammed and distributed to battered women to be used in emergency situations;
- (2) **Books and magazines** for La Fon's Senior Citizen Center; and
- (3) **New or used maternity and baby clothing, baby toys, and diapers** for the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Please consider supporting one of more of the above mentioned community service opportunities. Thank you in advance for your support and consideration. Contact Jill Byrd Coffman (504-255-5749) or Gerry Knepp (504-255-4602) for additional information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our Chapter of AGA wishes to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

**Danielle Bryan, CPA
Simone Randall
Treva Smith**

All Sponsored by Ms. Yavorka Archaga

We would like to welcome all of you to AGA. Once your application has been processed, a member ID and password will be sent to you for you to begin using AGA's Member's Only website. Again, welcome and feel free to contact the New Orleans Chapter Officers with your questions or concerns.

SPONSOR'S HONOR ROLL

To all of our sponsors, 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 2003 through October 2002:

Yavorka Archaga	3
Jullin Renthrope	1
Ron Parent	1

If you interested in joining this distinguished list of sponsors,

START RECRUITING TODAY!

Member's Only Site

Use your member ID number and password (your first initial and last name with no spaces) to access this exclusive site for members only. If you need a member ID number, contact Linda Lewis at 504-255-5902.

Renew your AGA Membership Online

AGA members can renew membership online via the Members Only section of the AGA website. To renew online, just access the Members Only site, login, then press the "Renew Your Dues/CGFM Online" button. Your information is updated immediately into the AGA database.

AGA National Office kicks off it's "Back to Basics, Back to Benefits" Campaign!

Think back to the day when you first decided to join AGA...chance to network with other professionals, increase my knowledge of government financial management, gain added recognition and respect from my colleagues, etc. You know first hand the benefits of membership and once you share this information with someone else, they too will decide to join AGA!

We've all been challenged by our National President, Jullin Renthrope to recruit at least one new member. He is paying special attention to this issue and asking for all of our support.

2003/2004
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**This message is from our National President
Jullin Renthrope, CGFM**

Membership is the lifeblood of our Association. Serving the needs of our members is the driving force behind our education programs, certification program, publications and advocacy of issues affecting government financial management.

Recruiting new members and retaining current members takes everyone working together. I believe one of our best marketing tools is the positive experience of other members. That's why it's so important for every member to talk about what they receive from their AGA membership. This effort can help us widen our scope and aim to reach all accountability professionals at all levels of government. Your experiences can encourage other professionals to take advantage of the inexpensive training events, the opportunity to meet their peers and stay up-to-date in this constantly changing government environment.

This year's membership campaign, "Back to Basics, Back to Benefits," is all about sharing the benefits of AGA with prospective members. In my November 2003 Topics column, I have challenged every member to recruit at least one new member before the close of the membership year (April 30, 2004). I am counting on you, as an AGA Leader, to take it up a notch and recruit three new members each before the close of the membership year. The leader who recruits the most members will receive airfare and hotel accommodations to the 2004 PDC!

We are offering an array of incentives to award those members who actively participate in recruitment. Back by popular demand, members start earning AGA dollars after they have recruited two new members.

The National Office staff will be monitoring the challenge through the National Leadership

Challenge Report. This will be updated after the close of each month and posted on the Members Only Site under 'Recruitment.' You will also receive a copy of the report.

Membership recruitment and retention is a never-ending effort. I cannot overstate the importance of AGA membership, because it is our members who keep AGA vibrant and strong.

Success is up to each and every one of us. Remember, if you are a longtime member or new to AGA, each of you plays an important part in moving our Association forward.

Join me in "Taking Accountability to the Next Level," by giving back to AGA and recruiting accountability professionals at all levels of government to our Association.

Sincerely,

Jullin Renthrope, CGFM
2003-04 National President

National 2003 – 2004
AGA Calendar

Dec. 5-6 NEC Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria VA.

Dec. 17 AGA/NASACT Present "FASAB Future -- Bold New Directions" Teleconference.

Feb. 19 - 20, 2004 – Second Annual national Leadership Conference, Washington D.C.

March 1, 2004 – Deadline for CEAR Program Submissions.

March 4-5, 2004 NEC Meeting, AGA National Office, Alexandria, VA.

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

2002-2003

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date/Time	Location	Event	CPE
December 20, 2003 8:00 pm – 12:00 pm	Eastover Country Club 5690 Eastover Drive New Orleans, LA	Christmas Party	No
January 15, 2004 11:30 am Lunch	NFC Eastside Cafeteria 13800 Old Gentilly Rd. New Orleans, LA	Lunch Meeting	Yes
February 12, 2004 5:30 pm Social/6:00 pm Dinner	To be Announced	Dinner Meeting	Yes
March 24, 2004 5:30 pm Social/6:00 pm Dinner	Five Happiness 3511 Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA	Joint Dinner Meeting with ASWA	No
April 22, 2004 5:30 pm Social/6:00 pm Dinner	Bull's Corner (Laplace) 1036 W. Airline Hwy. Laplace, LA	Joint Dinner Meeting with Baton Rouge Chapter	No
May 14, 2004	To be Announced	Annual Crawfish Boil	No

**NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS**

**STATEMENT OF NET
ASSETS**

October 31, 2003

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash	\$6,367.08
Investments	4,352.48
Deposits – Restaurants	<u>300.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$11,019.56

**LIABILITIES AND NET
ASSETS**

Accrued Revenue .00

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted net assets \$11,019.56

TOTAL LIABILITIES
AND NET ASSETS \$11,019.56

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES

For four months ended October 31, 2003

OPERATING REVENUES

Education/Training	
Business Meetings	\$1,601.00
50/50 Raffle	108.00
Membership Dues	170.00
Interest Income	19.35

Total operating revenue \$1,898.35

OPERATING EXPENSES

Education/Training	
Business Meetings	\$1,774.88
50/50 Raffle	54.00
Postage/Supplies/Gifts	263.00
Crawfish Boil	
Scholarship Winner	
Bank Service Charge	\$56.72
Officer Awards	<u>8.60</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$2,157.20</u>

OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) (\$258.85)

**NONOPERATING REVENUES
(EXPENSES)** NONE

**INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE
CONTRIBUTIONS** (\$258.85)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (\$258.85)

**NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING
OF PERIOD** \$11,278.41

**NET ASSETS AT END OF
PERIOD** \$11,019.56



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

When:

Thursday, November 20, 2003

12:30 pm - Social/Cash Bar

1:00 pm – Dinner

Where:

Mr. B's Bistro

201 Royal Street

New Orleans, Louisiana

Menu:

Appetizer: Gumbo Ya Ya

Entrees: Pasta Jambalaya, Grilled Fish of the Day, Shrimp and Angel Hair Pasta, Paneeed Chicken & Fettuccine, Beef Tips & Shrimp Brochette

Drink: Your Choice of Iced Tea or Coffee

Dessert: Choice of Bread Pudding with Irish Whiskey Sauce or Hot Buttered Pecan Pie topped with vanilla ice cream

Cost: \$32.00

Contact by COB Thursday, November 13th:

For reservations: Jim Julian (255-6801) or jim.julian@usda.gov

For advance payment: Gary Millet (255-5220) or gary.millet@usda.gov