

WASHINGTON CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

**THURSDAY
MARCH 3, 1994**

Touchdown Club
2000 L Street, N.W.
(Near Farragut West Metro Stop)

- Social: 11:30 (Cash Bar)
- Luncheon: 12:00 Noon
- Cost: \$16.00 (Members)
\$18.00 (Non-Members)
- Reservations Urged
 - Call (703) 758-4080 by
March 1, 1994
 - Non-Members are welcome
 - No-Shows are expected to pay

LUNCHEON PROGRAM

SPEAKER: Ms. Nancy M. Gordon
Congressional Budget Office

TOPIC: "The Context for Considering
Health Care Reform"

Many people think that the United States health care system is in disarray--costs are extraordinarily high, yet 35 million people are without health insurance. Moreover, control of health care costs is necessary if we are to control the federal budget deficit and enhance the economy's performance.

- Why is the U.S. the only industrialized country that faces such problems?
- Are there ways to deal with these problems without giving up many of the desirable features of our current health care system?

These are some of the very relevant questions our speaker will consider in addressing this timely and controversial federal financial topic.

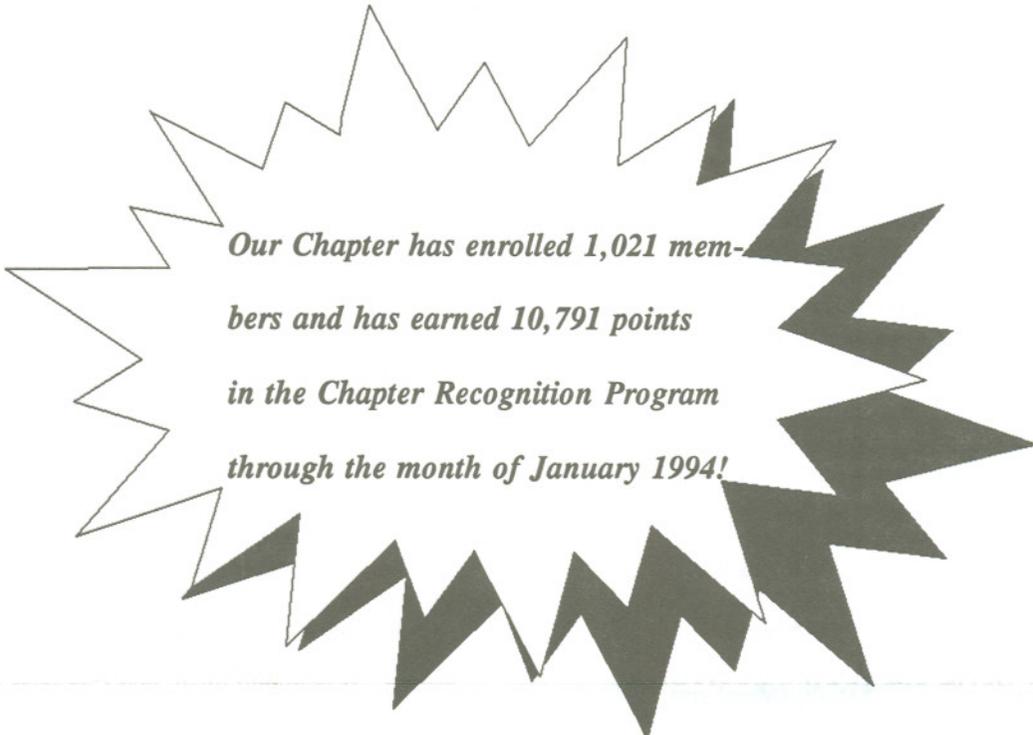
Ms. Nancy M. Gordon is currently Assistant Director for Health and Human Resources of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The CBO is a nonpartisan organization mandated to provide the Congress with budget-related information and analyses of alternative policies. Her division is responsible for preparing reports and testimony for the Congress in areas such as health, social security, welfare, education, and employment. Recently, over half the division's staff have been analyzing the likely impacts of a number of proposals to restructure the health care system.

Before coming to the CBO, she was the Executive Director of President Carter's Interdepartmental Task Force on Women and then a Senior Advisor to Sarah Weddington, Assistant to the President. Prior to that, she was a Senior Research Associate at the Urban Institute. Her research there focused on the treatment of women under the Social Security and private pension systems, the marriage penalty in the federal personal income tax system, and the payment of alimony and child support by absent parents. She has published extensively on federal policy and employment issues, which were the focus of her research while on the faculty of the Graduate School of Industrial Administration at Carnegie Mellon University.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1964 and her Doctorate in Economics from Stanford University in 1970. While attending Stanford, she was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, an IBM Fellowship, and a Stanford-Wilson Dissertation Fellowship.

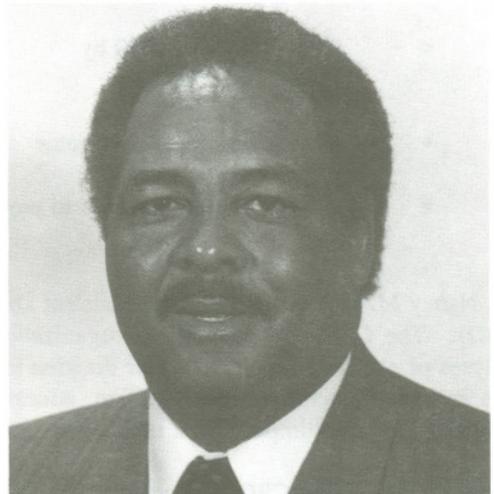
The President's Message

Congratulations!



Our Chapter has enrolled 1,021 members and has earned 10,791 points in the Chapter Recognition Program through the month of January 1994!

As the starburst proclaims, our Chapter has reached two important milestones of the current year. We now have more than 1,000 members, and have already surpassed the 10,000 point goal set by AGA National for the year in the Chapter Recognition Program. The program year runs from May 1, 1993 to April 30, 1994. Through January we have already achieved a 9% membership growth rate, i.e., a 9% net increase in membership during the program year. The Chapter Recognition Program, which awards points for educational and training events, community service activities, and other professional activities, is a major indicator of how well a chapter is succeeding in supporting the professional growth of its members.



Larry Wilson, President

On behalf of the entire Chapter, I thank our officers, directors, newsletter editor, committee members, and the many, many other members who have worked so hard and contributed their time and energy so generously toward reaching these goals.

MEMBERSHIP

By Evelyn A. Brown, Director

As *The President's Message* states, the Washington Chapter has increased its membership base significantly. Through January 31, 1994, the Chapter has added a net increase of 85 members for a total of 1,021. The membership growth is the result of a strong commitment on the part of the members to work together to strengthen the organization in support of our continuing improvements in financial management,

We are also doing well in terms of new acquisitions to our rolls and in terms of retention of past year members. I will receive a report from National that will provide us final numbers as of the end of the program year, April 30, 1994. Summary information will then be provided to the membership.

The report I receive will also summarize the recruitment activity of individual members from November 1, 1993 through April 30, 1994--the period of the "Reinventing Membership" campaign. The campaign is still active.

There is still time to recruit new members. There is still time to earn AGA dollars. There is still time to have your name entered into the fish bowl for a chance to win a trip to an AGA National Office sponsored event, valid through 1995.

The AGA membership renewal notices were mailed out the week of February 14, 1994. When you receive yours please take the time to pay your dues and renew your membership. Help the Chapter retain the growth rate we have experienced so far and help the Chapter remain strong.

Many of you have requested AGA membership applications for your recruiting efforts. Please keep those requests coming. When you recruit a new member, do not forget to record your name on the line as the sponsor of the new member.

For applications or any other information regarding membership, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 366-0269 or Judith Parsons at (202) 874-4781. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Chapter events.

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER'S REMARKS

By Alan Strelser, Secretary

Congressman William Jefferson of Louisiana was our speaker at the February 3, 1994 Chapter luncheon meeting at the Touchdown Club. He discussed the accomplishments of the first session of the 103rd Congress and the outlook for the second session. The Congressman is a member of the Ways and Means Committee which has wide ranging responsibilities extending to tax, trade, welfare, pension, and other issues.

The economy was the principal focus of the first session. The Congressman views passage of the Budget Reconciliation Act after extensive debate as one of the session's major accomplishments. Its provisions directed towards reducing growth in the budget deficit and energizing the economy are working. However, the total deficit of \$4.3 trillion continues to require careful management. Passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was a second highlight of the session.

Congressman Jefferson expects the focus in the second session to shift to health care reform, welfare reform, and combatting crime. Recent polls show that the American

public considers crime the most serious issue facing the Nation. It is highly likely that Congress will respond to the public's concern. Both health care and welfare reform will be difficult areas to deal with because of the many diverse views that exist, but Congress should be able to enact legislation on these issues. It is also likely that Congress will legislate needed policies affecting the availability and financing of emergency disaster relief.

The Congressman expects "buy-out" legislation to pass early in the second session. Passage will avoid the necessity of lay offs to achieve the President's target of a reduction of 252,000 Federal employees.

Luncheon Meeting - April 7, 1994

Speaker: Mr. Jeffrey Steinhoff, Director for Planning and Reporting, GAO, and National President, AGA

Location: Touchdown Club; 2000 L Street, NW; Washington, DC

Time: 12:00 Noon, preceded by a cash bar social hour at 11:30

JFMIP Conference -- March 31, 1994

REINVENTING GOVERNMENT -- THE FINANCIAL MANAGER'S ROLE

The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) is sponsoring its 23rd Annual Financial Management Conference on Thursday, March 31, 1994, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. The invited keynote speakers are *Albert Gore*, Vice President of the United States, and *Leon Panetta*, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

James King, Director, Office of Personnel Management, will present the Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Awards for exceptional and sustained leadership in financial management improvements in the public sector.

Panel sessions will address the following topics:

- Business Process Reengineering
- The Impact of Audited Financial Reporting
- Managing Programs Using Activity Based Costing
- Financial Management Systems -- A Vision for the Future
- Reinventing Financial Management Processes

The JFMIP is a joint and cooperative undertaking of the Department of the Treasury, U.S. General Accounting Office, Office of Management and Budget, and Office of Personnel Management, working in cooperation with all federal agencies to improve financial management policies and practices in the public sector.

Registration cost is \$85 for the one-day conference. To register, please contact the USDA Graduate School, Isabelle Howes, (202) 382-8502, or Sanaa Zeinab, (202) 382-8634.

For more information on the conference program, call Doris Chew, JFMIP Assistant Executive Director, (202) 512-9201.

Please call--



--Mike Kess, Member Services Director, if you know of accounting, auditing, or other government financial management position vacancies, so that we may advertise them in this newsletter and on the Chapter's voice mail line. Mike may be reached at (202) 874-6398.

--Our Chapter voice mail line, (703) 758-4080, to learn of job vacancies, as well as obtain other information regarding Chapter activities and events.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By Jeff Williams, Director

PUBLIC TELEVISION FUND RAISING**You Oughtta Be in Pictures !!!**

Have you ever secretly wanted to appear on television? If so, the opportunity awaits! The Washington, DC Chapter is conducting a community service activity to help public television station Channel 32 -- Howard University Television -- during its semi-annual pledge drive in March 1994. AGA volunteers are needed for a few hours one evening during March. Please contact Cindy Simpson, Project Chair, at (703) 304-1498 to volunteer and obtain details.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

The Partners in Education program is a joint effort with the D.C. Public School System to provide the opportunity for high school students to become aware of career opportunities in accounting and financial management in the federal government. This program involves sponsoring an on-site tour of a financial management operation in the D.C. area.

Last year, then Washington Chapter AGA President, Marc Page, organized a successful tour of Treasury's Financial Management Service Center in Washington, D.C. This year's program will take place in May 1994. We need members to help organize the tour and recommend an agency sponsorship for the event.

If you are interested in participating in the program, or in having your organization sponsor a tour, please contact Jeff Williams at (703) 305-1551.

STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

The Student Awards Program was developed to provide financial assistance to needy students. Having a substantial grade point average is a basic criterion. Student awards will be issued to qualified candidates attending a university or college in the District of Columbia and they will be for the current, Spring 1994, session.

The Washington Chapter is seeking members to help evaluate student applications for this year's program. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Jon Holladay at (202) 690-2801.

SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP

A Small Business Workshop will begin in April 1994. The Workshop, which runs for eight weeks, is designed to provide useful and meaningful financial and management information to help small business owners and prospective owners to effectively finance, organize, and manage their businesses. The course syllabus covers obtaining small business loans, tax considerations, ethics considerations, the use of financial statements, automated accounting hardware and software recommendations, and more.

The project committee needs experienced members in small business activities as instructors to conduct the seminar. If you are interested in participating in the Small Business Workshop, please contact David Lust at (202) 708-1313 or Jeff Williams at (703) 305-1551.

**FULFILLING THE FINANCIAL MANAGER'S MISSION
IN TODAY'S CHANGING ENVIRONMENT:**

Management Strategies and Techniques for Accomplishing More with Less!

Government Accountants and other financial managers are given ever-increasing responsibilities. Concepts and techniques from TQM to ABC to BPR keep coming -- and show no sign of stopping. Meanwhile, the daily realities of our operating environments seem at odds with expected performance. Or are they? The Washington Chapter is sponsoring a one-day seminar on April 26, 1994, which will help you bridge the gap between theory and reality. Our speakers will describe realistic ways to coordinate the myriad of management techniques, address mounting responsibilities, and deliver improved results.

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 2, 1994 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

By Diana Charles, Acting Secretary

The following Council members attended the meeting: Larry Wilson, Patricia Wensel, Patricia Dews, Warren Cottingham, Ron Adolphi, Bob Buchanan, Nancy Fleetwood, Judith Fuerstenberg, Mitchell Laine, I-Ming Clark, and Evelyn Brown.

The principal business conducted was:

- Minutes for the December 22, 1993 Council meeting were read and accepted.
- The status of the audit of the Chapter's 1992/93 program year was reviewed. Good progress is being made.
- A Nominating Committee for officer and director candidates for the 1994/95 program year, chaired by Patricia Wensel, was formed.
- Mike Kess, Treasury Department, was selected to serve the balance of the current program year as Member Services Director.

Do You Have a New Address?

If so, please notify the AGA National Office at:

Association of Government Accountants
2200 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301

THE EVENT

We have another opportunity to contribute toward a very worthwhile end. The AGA's 1994 Professional Development Conference, which is being called "The Event," will be held in Washington, D.C., June 13 - 15, 1994. The Washington Chapter is one of the host chapters.

The Event provides an opportunity for chapter members to participate and make this PDC a huge success. The Host Committee still needs volunteers and as The Event gets closer, more and more help will be needed.

You can do your part by volunteering to help before or during the conference. The Family Events Subcommittee especially needs volunteers to accompany tours and to sign up for two hour segments to assist in the family events suite. Please contact Pat Wensel, on (703) 883-4029 at work or (301) 384-0896 in the evening, if you would like to be part of The Event.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1994-95

The Nominating Committee presents the following Officer/Director candidate slate for the May 1994 - April 1995 program year. Please take a few moments to read the biographical sketches and complete and mail the ballot on the next page.

FOR OFFICERS

For President-Elect

EVELYN A. BROWN is Chief of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Accounting Services Division. She has been an AGA member since 1974. Evelyn has been a Chapter director for several years and currently serves as the Membership Director. She previously served as secretary, and has served on a number of committees. Nationally she has been a member of the International Affairs Committee and is now co-chair of the 1994 PDC Banquet Committee. Evelyn has also been a

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program volunteer for a number of years.

For Secretary

CLARISSA "CIS" KUENNEN is a Systems Accountant with the Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Washington Administrative Service Center. Cis received her MBA from the University of West Florida in 1980 with a major in economics and business management. She has been an AGA Washington Chapter member since 1991 and is a member of the 1994 PDC Publicity Committee.

For Treasurer

ROBERT LEE is the team leader of the Department of the Treasury, Departmental Offices' GAO Coordination Team. Prior to joining Treasury in 1991, Bob was the Accounting Officer at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in Hawaii. Bob is an accountant and holds an MBA from the University of Hawaii. He has been an AGA Washington Chapter member since 1991 and is a member of the 1994 PDC Publicity Committee.

FOR DIRECTORS

GARY W. AMLIN is the Deputy Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Gary earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Georgetown College and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Xavier University. He is a CPA, certified cost analyst, and has been an active member of AGA since 1986. Gary was awarded the 1992 Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive for sustained superior accomplishment and noteworthy achievement of quality and efficiency.

WILLIAM J. ANDERSON, JR. is a Senior Auditor in the Accounting and Information Management Division of the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. He joined the GAO in 1974. His duties and responsibilities have included auditing, audit policy matters, and training. He received a B.S. degree in accounting from Widener University. Bill has been an AGA member since 1968 and has been active at the national level.

RUSSELL D. MORRIS was appointed Commissioner of the Financial Management Service on September 9, 1991. Russ is a member of the Senior Executive Service, holds a Ph.D. in

Business Administration from Ohio State University, and teaches financial management at Georgetown University. A Washington Chapter member since 1990, he has served as a member of the PDC Program Committee. In 1988 Russ was a recipient of the first Award for Government Management Excellence presented by the President's Council on Management Improvement.

DANIEL J. MURRIN is National Director of Public Sector Service for Ernst and Young and is a partner in its Washington, D.C. office. He received a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and is a CPA. Dan is a past president of the Downtown Jaycees, past member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, and frequent speaker on federal accounting and auditing for AGA and others. As a member of the Chapter's 1993 Education Committee, he chaired the January 1994 seminar on Credit and Cash Management.

JAMES R. NAUGHTON is an attorney and CPA. Jim was Counsel to the Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee from 1955 to 1983. He personally drafted much of the legislation establishing Offices of Inspector General in Federal departments and agencies. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, Drake University.

EVA WILLIAMS is CFO Act Implementation Team Leader at the IRS, where she was a recipient of the CFO Award for 1993. Eva is a graduate of the University of Maryland, member of Beta Alpha Psi, and a CPA. She has been a Washington Chapter member since 1991 and is a member of the Publicity Committee and the Logistics Committee for the 1994 PDC.

***** BALLOT *****

TO ELECT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, 1994-95

You may vote for one candidate for each officer position or write in an alternate. All alternates must receive at least 50 votes to be considered.

You may vote for no more than six candidates for Director. Alternates must receive at least 50 votes To be considered.

OFFICERS

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EVELYN BROWN
Other _____

Secretary

CLARISSA ("CIS") KUENNEN
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Other _____

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EVA WILLIAMS
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Please place your completed ballot in an envelope and send it to:

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Washington, DC 20044-0423

The postage meter stamp on the back of this ballot is validation that you are an AGA Washington Chapter member.

BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE BY APRIL 18, 1994.

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FOR 1993/1994**

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