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Mending Hearts was the November community service project. Chapter members donated cleaning products, personal hygiene items, sheets, blankets, clothes and more. Charlotte Gentry and I delivered the donated items and matching monetary donation. The ladies were so grateful for the donations. Mending Hearts provides an invaluable service. I have seen first hand what drug and alcohol abuse can do to a family, and the epidemic gets worse every day. It is comforting to know that places such as Mending Hearts are helping so many people in our community recover in a safe nurturing environment.

AGA has always had a robust Community Service program. It provides numerous ways to participate from donating money or items to volunteering labor. Plus, earn points towards reimbursement of annual dues and entries for the drawing to win a free trip to the National PDT. It will be held in Orlando Florida, July 22-25, 2018.

There are many other ways to earn points including, serving on a committee, bringing a guest to a meeting, sponsoring a new member, or going to training. One of

National's new directives is to become more inclusive and invite government financial management professions including accounting, auditing, budgeting, financial reporting, performance reporting, grants management, contract management and information system professionals. I encourage you to invite guests from different departments or divisions to a luncheon. First time guests eat free and you can earn points too. Help AGA grow in membership and professional diversity.

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2017-2018 Luncheon Meeting Dates

September 18, 2017 — DoubleTree  
October 9, 2017 — DoubleTree  
November 13, 2017 — TN Room, TN Tower  
December 11, 2017 — DoubleTree  
January 8, 2018 — DoubleTree  
February 12, 2018 — DoubleTree  
March 12, 2018 — DoubleTree  
April 9, 2018 — DoubleTree  
May 14, 2018 — TN Room, TN Tower

## 2017-2018 CEC Meeting Dates

August 10, 2017  
September 14, 2017  
October 5, 2017  
November 9, 2017  
December 7, 2017  
January 4, 2018  
February 8, 2018  
March 8, 2018  
April 5, 2018  
May 10, 2018

## 2017-2018 Audio Conference Dates

September 13, 2017 — Communication/Leadership  
October 11, 2017 — Internal Control  
November 15, 2017 — Ethics in Fraud  
December 6, 2017 — Internal Control  
January 10, 2018 — Grants Management  
February 7, 2018 — GASB Update  
March 7, 2018 — Infrastructure Financing  
March 28, 2018 — Cybersecurity  
April 25, 2018 — DATA Act  
May 16, 2018 — Fraud/Data Analytics

## 2017-2018 Conference Dates

January 2018 — Nashville Chapter Winter Seminar  
— Location and date to be determined

## January Speaker — Jan Sylvis, CPA, CGFM, CGMA



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Jan Sylvis served on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) from July 2007 through June 2017 and was named GASB Vice Chair January 2015. The GASB sets accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments. As Vice Chair, Jan also worked on board outreach activities to enhance communication with stakeholder groups.

Prior to her GASB Vice Chair activities, she served for 19 years as the State of TN Chief of Accounts, performing the controller functions for TN state government. Significant accomplishments of her career include the successful implementation of an entity-wide integrated system replacing significant back office legacy systems for accounting, payroll, purchasing and human resources, providing leadership for the State's website and open records site, the establishment of an accounting shared services organization for small state agencies and an effort to centralize all accounting

within the State of Tennessee for consistency and efficiency in accounting for state operations.

She is a past president of the National Association of State Comptrollers and also a past president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers. Jan's service and leadership in government finance and related organizations has been acknowledged with numerous awards, including the AICPA's 2017 Outstanding CPA in Government Career Contribution Award, the NASC Louis L. Goldstein Award, the national Association of Government Accountants (AGA) William R. Snodgrass Award, as well as its Frank L. Greathouse Award. Prior to her service as Chief of Accounts, Jan served in various state audit and internal audit roles within TN state government for 18 years. Jan is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government Financial Manager and a Certified Global Management Accountant.

# Committee and Member News

## CGFM

Want free CPE? AGA is hosting the Financial Systems Summit on 1/17/18. Please visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more information and to register.

Congratulations to James Young who won \$125 in our December drawing for the CGFM exam subsidy. For those who entered but did not win, you will have another chance in May. Our next drawing will be held in March.



Congratulations to Michael Deloach and James Young for passing all CGFM exam parts and successfully becoming a CGFM!!

## Welcome to AGA!

### NEW MEMBERS

Wendy Heath, State of Tennessee, Sponsored by  
Jennifer Vickery

Amanda Mullins, Metro Government, Sponsored by  
Pamela Marks

## Membership

As of our December luncheon, our membership count was 346, just 54 short of our goal of 400 for January 1! Currently, we have nine people in the running for the \$100 prize in our local recruiting competition to sponsor the most people between May 1 and December 31! That means everyone still has a chance to win! Continue to share the benefits of AGA membership with your coworkers and acquaintances. Sponsors receive three points and a \$10 gift card!

## Community Service

Once again we are partnering with Samaritan Ministries, a local 501(c)(3) organization, in our annual **Hats, Coats, Gloves, Socks, and Underwear Donation Drive**.

Samaritan Ministries provides food, clothing, and other services free of charge to our Nashville community Monday through Saturday.

The drive will be held during the month of December until the January 8, 2018 luncheon meeting. Donations of hats, coats, and gloves can be gently used items; socks and underwear **MUST** be new.

Please take time during your shopping trips to pick up some or several items for this worthy cause. You will definitely put a smile on someone's very deserving and grateful face.

You can also make a cash contribution to **Samaritan Ministries**. Please note that the Nashville Chapter will match any cash donations up to \$100.



If you would like to sponsor a donation drop-off location or need more information, please contact Scarlet Sneed at [Scarlet.Sneed@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Scarlet.Sneed@cot.tn.gov).

# Get Involved...Make a Difference!



## Take Your AGA Membership to the Next Level!

Have you ever thought about how you can be more involved with AGA? At our December luncheon, our speaker, Southeast Region Vice President Glenda Ostrander, talked about how she has been involved in various leadership roles with multiple AGA chapters during her career. It is a fantastic way to get to know your fellow AGA members, develop leadership and communication skills, and support our chapter! We are 100% volunteer-run, and we couldn't organize monthly luncheons, education events, social activities, and community service opportunities without all of our volunteers. Check out the last page of the newsletter to see all of our volunteer leaders for this year.

Maybe this is your first year being an AGA member or it could be your 40<sup>th</sup> – it is never too early or too late to get more involved with AGA! We have opportunities as big as serving as a chapter officer all the way down to a smaller role serving on a committee. If you think you might be interested or have questions, please contact Michael Winston ([Michael.Winston@tn.gov](mailto:Michael.Winston@tn.gov) or 615-806-0521).





# Community Service — Hands on Nashville

The Nashville Chapter of AGA recently participated in a community service project with Hands on Nashville. It was hard work in the heat of the day, but it was a great way to give back to our community!



## Community Service — Mending Hearts

We are overjoyed to have been a part of taking donations to the folks at Mending Hearts for last month's community service event.

Mending Hearts became a 501(c)(3) and today houses 102 women in 26 community homes converted from “dope houses” to “hope houses” in a Nashville neighborhood. The women benefit from addiction recovery and mental health treatment programs, training in practical life and social skills, job training and counseling, and assistance in assimilating back into families and constructive relationships.

Thanks again for your interest and participation. Please visit the website, <https://mendingheartsinc.org>, for more information on the mission.

mending hearts   
*restoring women. reclaiming lives.*

<https://mendingheartsinc.org/>





## Volunteer AGA — Titans Game

The Nashville Chapter had another great turnout at a Titans Game. It was a great event and a great way to raise money for the chapter. Thanks to all who volunteered their time for this event!





# News And Just The Facts

## CAREER CENTER

A **Internal Auditor 2** position was recently posted. Qualified and interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the link provided at <http://www.nashvilleaga.org/jobs.html> .

### OUR CURRENT STANDING AS OF DECEMBER 19, 2017, IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Chapter Recognition Section</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	1,750	5,000	35%
Education & Professional Development	2,450	4,000	61%
Certification	1,025	4,000	26%
Communications	3,325	3,000	111%
Membership	2,350	4,000	59%
Accountability	250	2,000	13%
Community Service	1,650	2,000	83%
Awards	0	1,000	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>51%</b>

### LUNCHEON / CEC MINUTES

To read the minutes from the most recent CEC and luncheon meeting, please visit the chapter website at [www.nashvilleaga.org](http://www.nashvilleaga.org) . The luncheon minutes will be presented for approval at the next business meeting scheduled for January 8, 2018.



### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time departments forward job opportunities to the Website Committee, which are posted for members' convenience. If you are interested in new job offerings or know someone who is, go to this link for detailed information — <http://nashvilleaga.org/jobs.html>



### Editor's Corner



We truly enjoy reading articles submitted from our membership.

Please share your thoughts and ideas or interesting news with us by submitting your article to [Karen.B.Hale@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Karen.B.Hale@cot.tn.gov) no later than January 12, 2018 for the next edition of our newsletter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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