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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome All

I would like to take this opportunity as your President for 2008-2009 AGA program year, to thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to serving as your Chapter President and with the help of the Chapter Executive Committee and you the members, I will do my best to continue to have our chapter recognize as one of AGA's outstanding chapters.

Our chapter received the Gold Chapter Designation award, as we strive to attain between 17,001- 19500 credits for last year. Our chapter president, Clyde McShan II accepted the award at the Professional Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Additionally, Peggy Javery accepted the Honorable Mention Chapter Website award presented also at the PDC. These awards and recognition achieved by this chapter is a reflection of each and every member of the New Orleans Chapter. It is through your dedication and commitment that we will achieve the goal traditionally held by our chapter this year as well.

I want to gratefully acknowledge the significant contributions and many tireless hours of our Host Committee Chairperson and members who help make Atlanta PDC a success. They are as follows: Gary Millet, 2009 PDC Host Chairman, Juan Arriaga, Barbara Carmon, Darlene Howard, Peggy Javery, Christopher Lewis, Jerry Lohfink, Knica Lloyd, Clyde Mcshan, Lindsey Millet, Pam Lincoln, Jullin Renthrope and Chuck Wallace. Also a special thanks to the New Orleans Saints organization for their generous donation of two official NFC footballs autographed by the entire Saints team that we raffled at our booth in Atlanta, and to the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau, for their generous donation of

promotional brochures, French Quarter and Visitors Guides advertising our fine city.

### **Time to Shine**

As you know, the Professional Development Conference (PDC) is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA. We need your help in order to make this event an outstanding success. More information will be sent out soon.

We're off to a Great start, as there were 25 members and guests that attended our first meeting for this fiscal year. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful and delicious meal at Don's Seafood Hut and an excellent speaker, Maurice "Moe" Hattier, Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He provided very interesting information on his assignments for 10 years on financial, bankruptcy, money laundering, and corruption matters.

This year will be another busy year, as our AGA officers are planning special projects and training sessions to be afforded by all of our members. Linda Lewis and Monique Banks are gearing up for donations of School Supplies Drive for several schools in Terrebonne and Plaquemines Parish. The schools received a lot of damage from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. I know we can count on our members as well as others for their generous contributions.

Chris Lewis and Tracey Rollins have scheduled the Advancing Leadership Institute – Webinar training scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, at the NASA auditorium.

Amanda Green is keeping track of all the points received by our projects so that we can ultimately received a "Platinum" award at the PDC which is scheduled for June 21 through June 23 in our great city of New Orleans.

### **Advancing Government Accountability**

#### ***AGA: The Thought Leader in Government Financial Management***

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) supports the careers and professional development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector and academia. Founded in 1950, AGA has a long history of being the thought leader for the government accountability profession. Through education, research, publications, certification and conferences, AGA reaches thousands of professionals and provides more than 100,000 continuing professional education (CPE) hours annually

#### **AGA Mission Statement:**

AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

#### **AGA Strategic Goals:**

Accountability - Promote and advance accountability in government.

Certification - Make the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) the preferred professional designation in the government accountability community.

Education and Research - Provide comprehensive education and research to meet the changing needs of the government accountability profession.

Service - Provide members and customers with quality programs, products and services.

**The benefits of being an AGA member:**

- Continuing Professional Education and Networking Opportunities
- Keep Up-to-Date on Current Issues
- Keep Abreast of the Latest Technologies and Financial Systems
- Professional Guidance and Certification
- Committee Involvement and Awards/Scholarships

As employees of the federal, state and local governments, and private sector, we pride ourselves by obtaining sincere professional commitment along with many years of dedication and service in government financial management. The mission statement and strategic goals are achievable and can be accomplished with your support.

**I urge every member to actively get involved, by recruiting new members, volunteering on chapter activities, attending meetings and education programs, and enjoy the camaraderie.**

By popular demand, this month's speaker is Dr. Speyrer, UNO Associate Dean of Research and Professor of Economics. She will discuss the economy of "New Orleans: Three Years After Katrina." The meeting will be held at the La Rosetta in Slidell on October 16<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next chapter meeting.

Marcie A. Tureaud



Clyde McShan II accepts the Gold Chapter Designation award at the 2008 PDC



Peggy Javery and Gary Millet at the New Orleans PDC exhibit in Atlanta



**Association of Government Accountants**  
NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

**New Orleans Chapter AGA (Association of Government Accountants) – October Dinner Meeting**

COME ONE! Come all! Come enjoy the company of your friends, peers, and professional colleagues, an excellent meal and an informative, timely presentation! ALL interested Employees and associates are invited to the AGA's New Orleans Chapter October dinner meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2008.

**Place:** La Rosetta Restaurant, 348 Robert Blvd. Slidell, LA 70458.

**Time:** 5:30pm Social, 6:00pm Dinner

**Speaker:** Dr. Janet F Speyrer, Professor of Economics and Finance (see attached BIO)

**Cost:** \$28.00 per person- members \$30.00 non-members

**Menu:** See attached

RSVP to Knica Lloyd [klloyd@lla.state.la.us](mailto:klloyd@lla.state.la.us) or Ida Holmes [iholmes@stjohn.k12.la.us](mailto:iholmes@stjohn.k12.la.us)

Prepay to Gary Millet [gary.millet@usda.gov](mailto:gary.millet@usda.gov) ,bring check with you, or mail a pre-payment to:

**AGA – New Orleans Chapter**  
**P.O. Box 29186**  
**New Orleans, LA 70189-0186**

**La Rosetta Restaurant** 348 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA 70458

Cream of Broccoli Soup

Dinner Salad with Single Dressing Choice

Entrée Selections (Choose One):

Shrimp Diablo

Chicken Fettuccine

Tilapia Angel with Pasta Marinara and Vegetables Du Jour

Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce

Soft Drinks, Coffee and Iced Tea

## Department of Economics and Finance Faculty & Staff



### JANET F. SPEYRER

Professor and Director of the Division of Business and Economic Research  
Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, 1982 . At UNO since 1987

Dr. Speyrer has served on the faculty of Tulane University and on the staff of the Office of Tax Analysis at the U.S. Treasury Department, where she participated in the development and evaluation of tax policy. Dr. Speyrer has published several articles in the areas of urban economics and public finance in nationally recognized journals such as the Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics, the Cato Journal, the National Tax Journal and Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics. Working with the staff of the Division of Business and Economic Research, she developed a sophisticated forecasting model for the New Orleans metropolitan area. Dr. Speyrer has worked with community and local government leaders, researching a variety of local concerns, including affordable housing, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, gaming impacts.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

AGA's School Supply Drive will assist children in need in Terrebonne and Plaquemines Parish after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Please consider helping them by taking part in the school supply drive. Supplies are desperately needed. Ordinary supplies like crayons, pencils, paper, and new backpacks help give children a better chance for educational success.

Several bins will be placed in point-of-entry locations at the National Finance Center, New Orleans, LA.

Association of Government Accountants (AGA)

## School Supply Drive

Contact AGA Community Service Co-chairs Monique Banks 504-426-0282 or Linda Lewis 504-426-6121.

Marcie Tureaud AGA President, New Orleans Chapter

- Boxes of Kleenex • Mat or towel • 8 oz. Bottles of school glue Elmers or Crayola (no gel glue)
- Loose-leaf paper • Ink pens (blue, red, and black) • Pencils - large package, yellow no. 2 pencils • Large erasers • Marble composition notebooks • Spiral notebooks (solid colors, not perforated) 70 to 100 pages • Pencil sharpeners • Dictionary/Thesaurus • Protractors • Rulers (12 inch) • Pair of scissors, Fiskars No. 5 • Glue sticks • Boxes of crayons, 16 count (non-washable) • Back packs/book covers • Three prong pocket folders (solid colors) • Two pocket folders • Pkg. (ream) white copy paper • Black dry erase markers (thin)
- Index cards • Boxes of Zip-Lock bags • Box of baby wipes • Pkg. of Post-it-Notes

Also, donations and school items will be accepted at the AGA member meetings.

Monetary donations may be sent to: Association of Government Accountants (AGA),

P. O. Box 29186, New Orleans, LA 70189-0186, noting Back to School Supplies on the memo line.

**MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
AND NEWS**

**Renthrope Installed as LCPA New Orleans Chapter President**



**Jullin Renthrope**

**Jullin Renthrope, CPA, CFE, CGFM, CGFO** took office as the 2008-09 president of the New Orleans chapter of the Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA). He will serve a one-year term as president of the local chapter.

Jullin received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern University Baton Rouge. He is a manager with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and former National President of AGA.

**In Memory of Sheryl Davenport**



**Sheryl Davenport**

Sheryl Davenport, CGFM Chair for the New Orleans Chapter AGA 2007-2008 , passed away on July 9, 2008.

Funeral services were held in Picayune, MS where she resided.

**Please share news about yourself or other AGA members. Contact Godwin Ndukwe at [godwinnola@aol.com](mailto:godwinnola@aol.com)**



**AGA'S NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER MEETINGS (TENTATIVE)**  
**2008-2009**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
October 16, 2008	5:30 P.M.	The Olde Ice House 1398 Front Street Slidell, LA	Dr Janet Speyrer – New Orleans, Three Years After Katrina
November 20, 2008	11:30 A.M.	National Finance Center, East Side Cafeteria, 13,800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA	TBD
December 11 <sup>th</sup> or 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	7:00 P.M.	Smiley's 5725 Jefferson Hwy. Harahan, LA	Christmas Party
January 15, 2009	11:30 A.M.	National Finance Center East Side Cafeteria, 13,800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA	Internal Revenue Service – Tax Update
February 12, 2009	5:30 P.M.	TBD	Joint Meeting with Baton Rouge AGA Chapter, Sam Mok, AGA Nat'l President
March 19, 2009	5:30 P.M.	Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with American Society of Women Accountants
April 16, 2009	5:30 P.M.	TBD	TBD
May 21, 2009	5:30 P.M.	Green Acres Country Club 5000 W. Napoleon Ave. Metairie, LA	Crawfish Boil
June 19, 2009 (Final Date Depends on Team Schedule)	5:30 P.M.	Zephyr Stadium 6000 Airline Drive Metairie, LA	Chapter Awards Ceremony And Baseball Game

## RECOGNITION POINTS 2008-2009

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through Sept. 2008
Communications	3,000	1,455
Membership	3,000	75
Community Service	2,000	0
Awards	1,000	200
Chapter Leadership, Planning and Participation	3,000	2,000
Education & Professional Development	4,000	200
Certification	4,000	275
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>4,205</b>

### EDUCATIONAL

#### **Tulane University School of Continuing Studies Professional Development Institute**

We are pleased once again to share with you the following from our friends and colleagues at Tulane University's A. B. Freeman School of Business:

**29th Annual Tulane Business Forum**  
**Friday, October 17, 20068**  
**New Orleans Hilton Riverside**

#### **Tulane Business Forum Brings Innovation to the Forefront**

New Orleans - The 29th annual Tulane Business Forum will feature an impressive program centered on the theme of innovation in business. Experts will share their insights and will challenge business leaders to take new looks at the "old ways of doing business." These innovative visionaries will share new ideas and offer fresh approaches to businesses, customers and growth opportunities. A highlight of this year's forum



will be keynote luncheon speaker **Richard M. Bracken**, president and COO of **Hospital Corporation of America - HCA** (Nashville, Tenn.). Mr. Bracken will share his unique perspective “on the role innovation has played in developing one of America’s largest healthcare delivery organizations and how it will shape its future.”

The Tulane Business Forum will be held on **October 17, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Included among the other presenters are: **William F. Borne**, chairman and CEO of **Amedisys** (Baton Rouge). Borne, too, will discuss health care, focusing on how the system should be modeled to address the chronic health conditions of America’s aging population.

**Major General David M. Mize (Ret.)**, senior vice president for **Apogen Technologies/QinetiQ North America** (Metairie), will provide an update on the Federal City project slated for the West Bank of New Orleans. The project’s aim is to enhance economic development by creating “a national model for a new kind of military base that provides all required security but also shares the inst allation and its costs with a combination of federal and compatible commercial activities.”

**Debra Neill Baker** and **Edwin Neill III**, CEO and president, respectively, of **Neill Corporation** (Hammond) will discuss the critical role innovation plays in the operation of their family-owned business and its necessity in maintaining sustainability in today’s marketplace.

Seasoned New Orleans’ business writer and editor, **Kathy A. Finn**, will moderate a panel presentation entitled “Spotting Opportunity: Creative Paths to Profits” with panelists **Jim Bridger**, general manager, **New Orleans Public Belt Railroad**; **Todd M. Hornbeck**, chairman, president and CEO, **Hornbeck Offshore Services Inc.** (Covington); and **Matthew M. Wisdom**, co-founder and CEO, **Turbo Squid Inc.** (New Orleans).

The Tulane Association of Business Alumni of the A. B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University sponsors the annual forum. Each year, the forum features speakers of national and international acclaim who address a variety of business topics of interest to the business community.

**Forum registration, which includes continental breakfast and lunch, is \$140 for the general public and \$110 for Tulane alumni. Accountants can earn five Continuing Professional Education credits and engineers can earn five Professional Development Hour credits by attending the Forum.**

**To register, visit <http://tbf.tulane.edu> or call 504-861-7921.**

**NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

August 31, 2008

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES**

For 2 months ended to August 31, 2008

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash	\$ 450.86
Savings	1,860.14
Accounts Receivable	5,166.00
Deposit – Restaurants	.00
Prepaid Seminar Expenses	.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$7,477.00</u></b>

**OPERATING REVENUES**

Education/Training	\$0.00
Business Meetings	0.00
50/50 Raffle	0.00
Membership Dues	0.00
Donations	0.00
Interest Income	.14
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b><u>\$ .14</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Accounts Payable	<u>.00</u>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>	
Hurricane Relief Fund	\$2,709.25
Membership Recruitment	300.00
Habitat Project Funds	243.47
Unrestricted net assets	<u>4,224.28</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$7,477.00</u></b>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Education/Training	\$0.00
Business Meetings	0.00
Speakers Gifts	0.00
AGA PDC Raffle Basket	0.00
50/50 Raffle	0.00
Postage/Supplies/Gifts	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00
Scholarship Winner	0.00
Donations	0.00
Officer Awards	<u>0.00</u>

**Katrina Relief Fund (Details)**

Donations Received	+\$10,661.50
Member Dues Rebate	4,638.50
Members Meeting Subsidy	2,328.75
Audio Conf. Subsidy	435.00
April Spring Seminar	875.00

**Total operating expenses** \$0.00

**OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)** \$ .14

**NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)** .00

**INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS** \$ .14

National Office Donation +325.00 **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** .14

**NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD** \$4,224.14

Remaining Balance \$2,709.25

**NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD** \$4,224.28



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