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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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the President

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Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a great summer and had the opportunity to enjoy your loved ones. I am very excited about our upcoming year and hope to capitalize on our successes of last year as well as make a foster continuous improvements. First, I want to take a moment to congratulate our Newsletter Committee, who won a national award from AGA for the 2009-2010 year. This is an amazing and truly deserving honor for Schenese who was able to attend the PDC in Orlando to receive her award due to the generosity of the Alabama Department of Transportation. Please congratulate the committee when you see them and take a moment to thank Lamar McDavid for helping Schenese attend the PDC to receive her award in person.

In early June, the Chapter Executive Committee set up a survey for our members to provide feedback of the chapter's activities, as well as make suggestions on how we could improve. We heard from the membership on how we can improve our monthly meetings, educational events, and community service projects. Among the suggestions were: move the meetings back to the RSA Activity Center; provide the opportunity to receive one CPE for most monthly meetings; have a mixture of live audio conferences as well as recorded audio conferences for CPE; have one community service event per month; and have an annual audit. **You spoke and we listened, so with the first meeting, we will be hosting the meeting at the RSA Activity Center on September 9, 2010.** The cost of the buffet luncheon will be \$14 per person with one pass at the buffet. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. and food lines will open at 11:50 a.m. Our speaker will begin at 12:15 p.m. We will conclude the meeting by 1:15 p.m.

The Education Committee has begun working on educational opportunities for our members in the coming year. On August 16th, A conference – "Controlling Your Internal Controls" was sponsored by the Alabama Training Institute at the Bailey Building for 8 hours of CPE for members as well as non-members. It was a great opportunity to receive CPE. The conference consisted of four 2-hour segments of recorded audio conferences.

As far as community service, the Community Service Committee is ready to go for the coming year with several opportunities for our members to give back to our community. On July 31, 2010, our chapter led a school clean-up project for McKee Elementary and Junior High. In August, the Committee collected school supplies to give to the children at Brantwood Children's Home. Also, we will be taking collections of hotel toiletry items at our first meeting to give to the homeless and domestic violence shelters in the Montgomery area.

Also, we have engaged a local firm to complete a review of our financials and will make the report available to our members as soon as it is completed. I have been blessed with a Chapter Executive Committee that is committed to this endeavor as well as remaining within our fiscal limitations this coming year. In forming my strategic plan for the year, I set a goal to build our funds by \$2,500 in the coming year.

Finally, we have a new website provider – Star Chapter – and I think you will find this to be a valuable service to our members. Emails and newsletters will be coming from this server so be on the look-out for new email addresses in your in-box. Monthly meeting registration will be done online and in October, members will be offered the option to pay by a secure debit/credit card payment processing system online prior to meetings. Also, registration for the educational events will be online with the option to pay online. Finally, members can access their membership information and update their files through this system which allows for a more efficient and effective system of recordkeeping for our chapter. I am really looking forward to using this new website and hope you will enjoy the many services, as well.

In closing, this chapter is considered by AGA National to be one of the premier chapters in the United States. As of June 2010, we were the fifth largest chapter in the United States. I attribute that to the membership and the mission of the organization. I have been blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers in our Chapter Executive Committee who believe in our organization's mission and our goals for the coming year. I pledge to uphold the values and goals of the organization and want to ask for your help in making this year a year to remember in our chapter's history.

Looking forward to seeing you in September,

*Keren Deal, Ph.D., President*  
Montgomery Chapter AGA

### VENUE CHANGE

Monthly Meetings will  
now be held at the  
RSA Activity Center

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Seminar  
November 5, 2010  
Auburn Montgomery  
University

AUDIO CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 22, 2010



# Join Us at the September Luncheon!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**

RSA Activity Center  
201 Dexter Street — Montgomery, AL

**12:00 Noon**

**\$14.00**

*Lunch served at 11:50 a.m.*

## ***Make your reservation today!***

Online: Visit our new website at [www.montgomeryaga.org](http://www.montgomeryaga.org).

Or Contact Andrette Munnerlyn by 12:00 noon

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

Phone: (334) 353-8082

Email: [Andrette.Munnerlyn@revenue.alabama.gov](mailto:Andrette.Munnerlyn@revenue.alabama.gov)

## **SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MENU**



*Pot Roast  
Baked Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Turnip Greens  
Field Peas  
Apple Cobbler  
Iced Tea and Water*

*A chef salad or vegetarian plate is available in place of the entrée only upon reservations made in advance. Contact Andrette Munnerlyn for placing an order.*

**PARKING** is available in the Capital City Club parking deck located on the corner of Monroe and Lawrence Street. Please use the Monroe Street entrance.

**Members and non-members will be invoiced for the cost of the luncheon for cancellations made AFTER the close of business on Tuesday, September 7th (including the failure to attend without notice of cancellation.)**

## ***Please Welcome September Luncheon Speaker, Janet Buskey, Montgomery County Revenue Commissioner, as she discusses Property Tax and Revenue Collections.***



Janet Buskey has more than 20 years experience as a professional government auditor. Ms. Buskey has a background in financial and legal compliance auditing, with an emphasis in interpreting federal and state rules and regulations and determining agency compliance. Janet is experienced in developing, evaluating, and implementing standardized policies and procedures. Ms. Buskey spent the first 7 ½ years of her career in public administration as an Accounts Examiner with the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts, State Audit Division, where she performed and supervised single audits of State agencies. She worked for more than 14 years with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services where she served as the Department's Internal Auditor in charge of Internal Audit Services.

After that, Janet worked for Lieutenant Governor Jim Folsom, Jr. as Community Outreach Director. Ms. Buskey received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Business Administration with a major in Accounting from the University of Alabama in 1985. In 1996, Janet was certified as a Government Financial Manager through the Association of Government Accountants. She earned a Master of Public Administration from Auburn University Montgomery in 2003. She also received a Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership. Ms. Buskey was selected as the Outstanding Graduate Student by the Department of Political Science and Public Administration in 2003. Ms. Buskey has served on several nonprofit Boards such as the Janice Capilouto Center for the Deaf-Easter Seals, Family Sunshine Center, and Alabama Rehabilitation Association. She served as president of the Montgomery AIDS Outreach, Inc. Board of Directors. Ms. Buskey currently serves on the Easter Seals Alabama, Inc. Board of Directors and the Family Sunshine Center Advisory Board. She is also a member of various professional, social, and political organizations such as the Alabama State Employees Association and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ms. Buskey resides in Montgomery, Alabama. Her involvement in community and civic affairs have been a vital part of her life since an early age. She credits her parents, the late Rep. John L. Buskey and Essie V. Buskey, for instilling in her the value of working hard to achieve goals and the importance of giving back to the community. She is a member of First Congregational Christian Church, UCC.

# September Bulletin Board

## **AGA MEETING DATES 2010-2011 PROGRAM YEAR**

Thursday, <b>September 9, 2010</b>	RSA Activity Center	Luncheon
Thursday, <b>October 7, 2010</b>	RSA Activity Center	Luncheon
Friday, <b>November 5, 2010</b>	AUM	Fall Seminar
Thursday, <b>December 9, 2010</b>	RSA Activity Center	Luncheon
Thursday, <b>January 13, 2011</b>	RSA Activity Center	Luncheon
Thursday, <b>February 3, 2011</b>	RSA Activity Center	Luncheon
Thursday, <b>March 10, 2011</b>	RSA Activity Center	Luncheon
Thursday, <b>April 14, 2011</b>	RSA Activity Center	Luncheon
Thursday, <b>May 12, 2011</b>	RSA Activity Center	Luncheon

## **UPCOMING AUDIO CONFERENCE**

**October 22, 2010**

*Topic: Was it Fraud or Just Poor  
Audit Quality?*

**1:00-2:50 p.m.**

*Two CPE hours offered*

**Location to be announced at a  
later date.**

## **AGA NATIONAL**

AGA's Fraud Conference  
September 15-16, 2010  
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center  
Washington, DC  
Visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) for more information

## **YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO AGA'S FIRST JAM "JOINT ASSOCIATION MIXER"**

This is a networking opportunity for AGA members to really socialize with one another and with other local associations such as IIA, GFOAA, ASCPA, accounting firms, etc. So come "mix" with the group. You never know who you may meet.

**WHERE:** The East Side Grille  
6667 Atlanta Hwy—Montgomery, AL  
**DATE:** October 15, 2010  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

For additional information contact:  
[Membership@MontgomeryAGA.org](mailto:Membership@MontgomeryAGA.org)

## **NOW TAKING NOMINATIONS!**

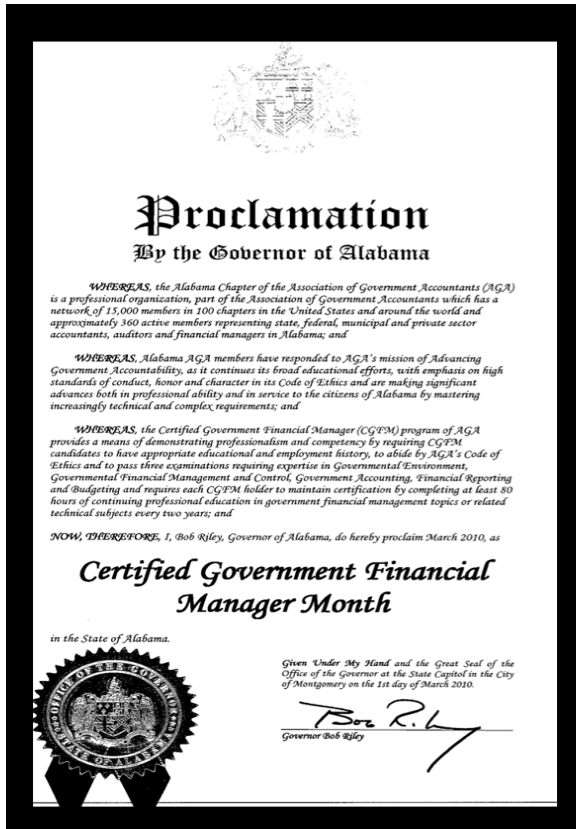
The Awards Committee is now taking nominations for members to be spotlighted monthly in the chapter newsletter. Nominees could be deserving co-workers, colleagues or associates who would receive recognition for their hard work and or dedication. If you would like to spotlight a member, colleague or associate please contact Carmen Leonard, Awards Committee Director (2010-2011) at 242-6383 or at [Leonardc@dot.state.al.us](mailto:Leonardc@dot.state.al.us).

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has Loan Review Specialist, CG-1160-11 (TERM NTE 2 YRS). Read the complete announcement at [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com). Deadline to apply is September 30, 2010.

# Certified Government Financial Manager

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The Honorable Governor Bob Riley signs the CGFM Proclamation, certifying March as CGFM Month in the State of Alabama. CGFM Committee picture from left to right: Marcus Johnson, Pat Hemme, Lorraine DeRamus, Pamela Henderson and Sandra Steele, Committee Director 2009-2010.

## CGFM SYLLABUS STUDY SESSION SCHEDULE

August 4 – October 27, 2010

Syllabus for CGFM Exam 2- Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting

Contact: Pat Hemme and Lorraine DeRamus, Co-Directors Location: Alabama Department of Mental Health

Exam 2 has been approved for 13 hours of CPE or 1 hour of CPE for each session attended. An official certificate will be awarded at the end of the session. Instructor's Note - The credit to be granted for service as a lecturer, instructor or discussion leader of an acceptable program will be equal to twice the number of actual hours of the lecturer or session. However, no additional credit will be allowed for repetition of a program — Section 30-X-5-.03 (d).

DATE	SEC-TION	CHAP-TER	CHAPTER TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION
8/4/2010	1	1	Influences, Concepts of Financial Reporting	Pam Henderson	4th Floor - Suite 400
8/11/2010	1	2	Cost Accounting	Christine Harden, CPA	5th Floor - Suite 567
8/18/2010	1	3	Budgeting	Terese Toby, CGFM	5th Floor - Suite 567
8/25/2010	1	4	General Principles	Delvin Seawright, CPA, CGFM	5th Floor - Suite 567
9/1/2010	2	1	Accounting Standards and Financial Reporting	Margie Toney, CGFM, CPM	4th Floor - Suite 400
9/8/2010	2	2	Fund Accounting and Reporting	Kathleen Baxter, CGFM, CPM	5th Floor - Suite 567

## CGFM SYLLABUS STUDY SESSION SCHEDULE—continued



*August 11th Study Session  
General Principles  
Instructor, Christine Hardin, CPA.*

9/15/2010	2	3	Government-Wide Financial	Pamela Hill	5th Floor - Suite 567
9/22/2010	2	4	Accounting and Reporting for Specific Asset and Liability	Elizabeth Robison	4th Floor - Suite 400
9/29/2010	2	5	Revenue, Expenditure/Expense and Other Operating	Rachel Chou, CPA, CGFM	5th Floor - Suite 567
10/6/2010	3	1 & 2	Federal Budgeting & Federal Budgetary Accounting	Terese Toby, CGFM	4th Floor - Suite 400
10/13/2010	3	3	Federal Financial Accounting and Reporting Foundations	Pam Henderson	5th Floor - Suite 567
10/20/2010	3	4	Federal Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis	Steve Emerson, CPA, CGFM, CGAP, CFE, CITP	5th Floor - Suite 567
10/27/2010	3	5	Federal Financial Accounting Standards and Illustrations	Andrette Munnerlyn, CGFM	5th Floor - Suite 567

**\*\*\*SCHEDULE AND TAKE EXAM TWO AT PEARSON TESTING CENTER\*\*\***



*August 18th Study Session  
Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting  
Instructor, Terese Toby, CGFM*

**Pearson Professional Centers - Montgomery**  
**400 East Boulevard Suite 103**  
**Montgomery, AL 36117**



*August 25th Study Session  
General Principles  
Instructor, Delvin Seawright, CGFM, CPA*

# Members on the Move!

**Congratulations** to AGA Members who have recently obtained their CPA designations!

**Rachel Chou**  
*Office of Comptroller*

**Cory Rambo**  
*Office of State Treasury*

**Delvin Seawright**  
*Troy University*

**Congratulations** to AGA Members who have passed Part II of the CGFM Examination!

**Dixie Black**  
*Department of Veterans Affairs*

**Nakia Tetter**  
*Department of Insurance*



*CGFM Exam study session in progress.*

# MAY 2010 AWARDS LUNCHEON

On behalf of Montgomery AGA, the Executive Committee would like to thank everyone for your continued participation and contributions made to our chapter in program year 2009-2010. We look forward to working with this coming year.



**Professional Development Award**

*Keren Deal*

Presented by Kathleen Baxter, President and Shaundra Morris, Awards Committee Chair 2009-2010



*May Awards Luncheon in progress.*



**National Part-time Study Academic Awards Scholarship Recipient**

*Jackayla Baker*

**Sponsor of the Year**

*Pamela Hill*



**Professional Certification/CGFM Award**

*Sandra Steele*

Presented by Kathleen Baxter, President and Shaundra Morris, Awards Committee Chair 2009-2010



**Chapter Ambassador Award**

*LaTaya Lucas*



**Favorite Speaker Award**

*Monica Sheeler*

Presented by Kathleen Baxter, President and Shaundra Morris, Awards Committee Chair 2009-2010



**University Governmental Case Challenge Award Recipient**

Dr. Jean Crawford on behalf of Alabama State University

Pictured with Pamela Hill, Scholarship Committee



**2009-2010 AGA Scholarship Recipients**

Left to Right: Jackayla Baker, Kay Wilson (Committee Director), Pamela Hill (Scholarship Committee), Kimwana Robinson --Alabama State University, Tanya Sells -- Auburn University Montgomery, Dustin Daehn -- Auburn University Montgomery, Gracie McDuffie -- Troy University, Tranelia Harris -Alabama State University, Not pictured: Leslie Austin --University of Alabama



**Community Service Award**

Presented by Kathleen Baxter, President and Shaundra Morris, Awards Committee Chair 2009-2010



**Perfect Attendance**

*Pictured Back Row: Keren Deal, William Waldroff, Marcus Johnson, Sandra Steele, Janice Duncan, Pat Hemme, Violet Jones, Janie Cobb, Bonnie Bullock, Front Row: Bill Flowers, Marilyn Dozier, Pamela Hill, Kathleen Baxter, Carmen Leonard, and Pamela Henderson*

# AWARDS COMMITTEE

## Call for National Awards Nominations



Who do you know that deserves special recognition for contributions to our field? Please help us acknowledge financial professionals at the federal, state and local level and private sector who are leading the way. You might even consider nominating yourself. Nominees do not have to be members of AGA. Due date is **October 29, 2010**. These awards will be presented at AGA's Eighth Annual National Leadership Conference, February 17-18, 2011 in Washington, D.C. Contact Carmen Leonard, Awards Committee Chair, for more information at 334-242-6383 or at [leonardc@dot.state.al.us](mailto:leonardc@dot.state.al.us).

### Federal Leadership Awards

**Distinguished Federal Leadership Award** - Formally recognizes individuals in either the legislative or executive branch who have made outstanding contributions to enhancing government financial management.

**Elmer Staats Award** - Recognizes the cumulative achievements of federal professionals who throughout their career have served as a role model for others and who have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

**Andy Barr Award** - Formally recognizes the cumulative achievements of private sector individuals who throughout their career have served as a role model for others and who have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

### State and Local Leadership Awards

**Excellence in Government Leadership Award** - Recognizes the cumulative achievements of a state or local government professional who throughout his/her public career has served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

**William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award** - Recognizes the outstanding leadership of individuals in state government that led to improved financial management practices, policies, systems or operations and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

**Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award** - Formally recognizes the outstanding leadership of individuals in local government that led to improved financial management practices, policies, systems or operations and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

**Private Sector Financial Excellence Award** - Recognizes the cumulative achievements of private sector professionals who throughout their careers have served as a role model for others and have consistently exhibited personal and professional standards.



**Robert L Childree Significant Contributor Award Recipient**  
Fran Copeland

Pictured with Award Honoree, Robert Childree

## GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

### Meet Bill Flowers, CGFM

***Deputy Director of Finance and Audits Bureau  
Alabama Department of Transportation***

I graduated from Prattville High School in 1982 and signed a scholarship to play football at Troy State University. During the summer, I realized that I did not have the desire or the focus to play at the collegiate level so I gave up the scholarship and went to work as a Laborer for the Department of Transportation which was known then as the Highway Department. I entered Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) in January, 1983, and took classes at night for the next several years. In 1989, I received my BSBA degree with a major in Accounting from AUM. I also received an MBA from AUM in 1993. I have almost 28 years of experience in state government with 26 years at the Department of Transportation. I have always been curious about not just how state government operates, but also why it operates in a certain manner. I have had the opportunity to work for and with many knowledgeable individuals throughout my career that have never hesitated to answer my questions or assist me in my search for answers.

I joined the Montgomery Chapter of AGA in the early 1990's and served in various committee and officer positions including a term as President in 1997 – 1998. In my opinion, the most valuable benefit of AGA is the professional networking. I have gained much knowledge and insight into the workings and issues of state government from my interaction with peers at other agencies. I think the need for this type of information sharing will become more and more critical in the future given the serious financial issues we face in state government. I believe that we in the finance and accounting profession can offer some solutions to these issues if we are offered the opportunity.

\*If you would like to nominate a member to spotlight, please contact Carmen Leonard, Awards Committee Director at [leonardc@dot.state.al.us](mailto:leonardc@dot.state.al.us).

# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to the 2011 Program Year! The Membership Committee is working diligently to keep many of our incentives in place and organize new events. So, aim to be a winner of our surprise door prizes at the luncheons, plan to join us for our first "JAM" Joint Association Mixer (TBA), and practice your strikes for our annual Bowl-A-Thon. The upcoming year will have something for every member to be involved. This year's theme will mirror that of the national campaign: "What Drives You?" designed to DRIVE networking, DRIVE professional development, and DRIVE chapter participation.

The Recruiter and Sponsor of the Year programs are back and grand prizes are at stake. The top recruiter of the year will be eligible for a grand prize of \$100. The sponsor of the year with the highest number of new guests at the luncheons will receive \$50. To be eligible, bring your guest to the Membership & Early Career table and sign up. Your comments and ideas are welcomed. Some of you have been recruiting during the break and your efforts have provided us with four new members. Thank you for your hard work! The Membership Committee is here to serve you so feel free to contact us at [membershipcommittee@montgomeryaga.org](mailto:membershipcommittee@montgomeryaga.org).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dana Eidson  
SARCOA

Andrea Gordon  
SARCOA

Gabriel Austin  
Montgomery County

Miller Goodson Wallace  
Retirement Systems

## Volunteer Today... Become an AGA Leader!

AGA's National Nominating Committee is currently seeking members for volunteer leadership positions as:

- National President-Elect
- National Treasurer-Elect
- Senior Vice President for Regional Services – Section III
- Senior Vice President At-Large
- Fifteen Regional Vice Presidents (RVP)-Elect

### **Term:**

The three-year terms begin July 1, 2011.

### **Qualifications and Eligibility**

To serve, candidates must be AGA members in good standing and have professional backgrounds for each position. Persons serving as National President/President-Elect, National Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect, Senior Vice President, or Regional Vice President may not serve concurrently in any other elective Association office, except the National Executive Committee. Other qualifications apply.

### **Submissions**

All submissions will be forwarded to the National Nominating Committee, which will choose the slate of candidates. Nominations are due Oct. 29.

### **For More Information**

If you are interested in serving or know of potential leaders, please view our [Nominations Brochure](#), or contact [Louise Kapelewski](#) at AGA's National office. Take advantage of this opportunity to shape the future of your Association! Visit: [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival for a theater night...

*The Nacirema Society Requests the honor of your presence at:*

### **"A Celebration of Their First One Hundred Years"**

*Featuring Jasmine Guy*

*A Southern Writers' Project World Premiere*  
by Pearl Cleage

Directed by Susan V. Booth  
Produced in association with  
the Alliance Theatre

#### **GROUP #1**

Friday, September 24  
Showtime 7:30  
Tickets \$25 each

#### **GROUP #2**

Sunday, September 26  
Showtime 2:00  
Tickets \$25 each

### **CALLING ALL GOLF FANS!**

Attend the Navistar LPGA Classic with AGA members.

October 6-10, 2010  
Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail'  
At Capitol Hill  
Prattville, AL

Contact [membershipcommittee@montgomeryaga.org](mailto:membershipcommittee@montgomeryaga.org) for more information.

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

**National Theme: "Embracing Change —Working Together to Advance the Profession and AGA"**

Last year's Community Service program was a huge success. We could not have had a successful year without you—our volunteers. This year, the committee is more excited than ever and committed to service. We have been busy planning a variety of activities for the chapter, including helping in soup kitchens, school supply drive, school clean up, silent auction, food drive, and many other service events. We have included another ongoing project of giving loose change to the Faith Rescue Mission. We hope that our planned events will provide you with an opportunity to serve the community. The chapter newsletter, chapter web site and the monthly meetings will be the primary way that the Community Service Committee will inform you of upcoming events. If you would like to volunteer for one of our events, please contact us. This program year the committee members are Alisa Benson, Beverlyn Dean, Donna Joyner, Delvin Seawright and Terese Toby. Please visit the website for community service schedule of events. We have completed three events already. The school clean up project at McKee, the school supply drive for Brantwood Children's Home and Telethon WAKA for MDA. I would like to commend Terese Toby on doing an outstanding job coordinating the school clean up project. - Pamela Henderson, Director of Community Service



Thanks to all participants who lent a hand in helping McKee Elementary/Jr. High School get off to a clean start this school year.

## School Cleanup Project 2010

The AGA Community Service Committee sponsored the School Clean Up project at McKee Elementary and McKee Junior High on Saturday, July 31, 2010. Mrs. Lillian Sanders, Principal at McKee Elementary, and Mr. Patrick Nelson, Principal at McKee Junior High were gracious enough to allow us to come into their schools and help them prepare for the students' return on August 9, 2010. They welcomed our group of about 30 volunteers and made us feel at home. Our tasks consisted of putting out new pine straw around the existing landscape, helping teachers relocate to other classrooms, organizing the cafeterias, and general cleaning such as sweeping and wiping off desks and tables. The group of volunteers included members and parents of Girl Scout Troops 9041 and 9418, an Alabama State University Accounting major student, a Troy University instructor, and several state employees from various agencies including the Historical Commission, Governor's Office of

Faith Based and Community Initiatives, Revenue, Insurance, Public Health, and Mental Health. We also are very proud of the scholars who attend schools in the Montgomery area who took time out of their summer vacation to help. The students attend numerous schools including Seth Johnson, St. James, L.A.M.P. Magnet, Floyd Middle Magnet, Bear Exploration Magnet and MacMillan International Academy Magnet. We would like to give a very special thank you to our Corporate sponsors, Cheezie's Pizza (Bell Rd. location), Church's Chicken (E. South Blvd. location), Krispy Kreme Donuts and our patrons Ruby Smith and Ruthie Bonds, who made sure that our volunteers were both nourished and hydrated while they assisted in McKee Elementary and McKee Junior High's beautification. We realize that a well-rounded education is important and immeasurably valuable in the lives of today's youth. We hope that in helping to beautify the schools we were able to help promote a sense of pride and ownership in the returning students' surroundings and assist in presenting to them an environment that is conducive to learning.



## EARLY CAREER COLLEGE DAY

OCTOBER 7, 2010

Come join the Early Career Committee as we invite college students in the local Montgomery Metro Area to the October luncheon. Students will be attending from the following schools: Alabama State University, Auburn University Montgomery, Faulkner University, Huntingdon College, and Troy University Montgomery Campus. This event will help the committee foster mentoring and networking opportunities to involve and develop early career members. To accomplish this objective, the committee is requesting chapter members to sponsor a student for the luncheon. In order to sponsor a student, please contact Pamela Hill at [earlycareer@montgomeryaga.org](mailto:earlycareer@montgomeryaga.org) by **Friday, September 17, 2010.**



# MONTGOMERY AGA RECEIVES TWO AWARDS AT PDC



Montgomery AGA received two awards at AGA's 2010 Annual Professional Development Conference held in Orlando Florida on July 11-14, 2010. Under the leadership of Kathleen Baxter, the chapter was recognized under the Chapter Recognition Program to receive the Chapter Recognition Award and First Place in the Newsletter Competition. The awards were accepted by Kathleen Baxter, Chapter President 2009-2010 and Schenese Wade, Newsletter Editor 2009-2010.



*Auburn Montgomery University—School of Business* was among the many vendors represented at PDC. Pictured (l to r): Dr. Judy Kamnikar, Dr. Ed Kamnikar and Dr. Keren Deal.



**PDC 2010**

## Treasurer's Report

Montgomery AGA FY June 1, 2009-May 30, 2010

Cash Balance

For Period: 05/01/2010—05/31/2010

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

	6/1/2009	YTD	YTD	05/31/2010	
	<u>BEGIN BALANCE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>END BALANCE</u>	<u>CHECK BOOK BALANCE</u>
CHECKING:	\$6,109.36	\$59,138.47	\$57,483.16	\$7,764.67	
SHARES:	\$29.99	\$ .30	\$0.00	\$30.29	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$6,139.35</b>	<b>\$59,138.77</b>	<b>\$57,483.16</b>	<b>\$7,794.96</b>	
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION - CHECKING</b>					
ENDING BALANCE MAX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION @ 05/31/2010:					\$5,654.38
PLUS, DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT:					\$3,923.80
LESS, OUTSTANDING CHECKS:					(\$1,814.11)
ENDING BALANCE - CHECKING:					\$7,764.07
PLUS, BALANCE ON SHARES ACCOUNT:					\$30.29
<b>TOTAL CASH @ 05/31/2010:</b>					<b>\$7,796.36</b>

### AGA Chapter Executive Committee—(CEC)

The CEC meets at 11:00 a.m. prior to the noon luncheon meetings each month, except the November and the December meeting. The December meeting will be after the breakfast.

**AGA Montgomery AL Chapter**  
**2009-2010 Program Year**  
**Chapter Executive Committee Directors and Members**

**OFFICERS**

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