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## Next Meeting

Tuesday,

March 21, 2000

Regal Maxwell House Hotel

2025 MetroCenter Blvd., Nashville, Tenn.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m...Registration

12:00 p.m. ....Lunch

*The Impact that Accountants  
have within the FBI*

RSVP by Thursday, March 16:

on our Web site at

[www.tncpa.org/chapter/Nashville.htm](http://www.tncpa.org/chapter/Nashville.htm),

by fax to 377-3904,

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Guest Fee: \$25

Members: No charge

## Future Meetings

April 18, 2000

May 9, 2000

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## Lunch Program

### The Impact that Accountants have within the FBI

**Karen Lee Ferguson**, Senior Supervisory Resident Agent, Nashville  
Resident Agency, Memphis Division  
*Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memphis, Tenn.*

**K**aren Lee Ferguson is the senior supervisory resident agent for the Nashville resident agency of the Memphis (Tenn.) division of the FBI. She will discuss the impact that professionals in the accounting field have within the bureau.

The agency now known as the FBI was founded in 1908 and officially received its title, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in 1935. The bureau is the principal investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice. The FBI has investigative jurisdiction over violations of more than 200 categories of federal crimes. The bureau is also authorized to investigate matters where no prosecution is contemplated. For example, the FBI conducts background security checks concerning nominees to sensitive government positions.

Ferguson has worked for the FBI since 1987 in Memphis, Tenn., Quantico, Va., and Philadelphia, Pa. Prior to joining the bureau, she held positions as a deputy sheriff in the Richland County Sheriff's Office and as a probation/parole agent with the South Carolina Department of Probation and Parole, both in Columbia, S.C. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in criminal justice. ♦

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### Scholarship Presented to Trevecca Nazarene University

**A** check for \$1,000 will be presented to representatives of Trevecca Nazarene University for the school's scholarship fund. The Nashville Chapter of TSCPA is proud to continue its tradition of annual scholarship donations to each college or university in the Nashville Chapter area with an accredited accounting program. ♦



## Member Feature

### Working Together and Playing Together Makes Life More Fun

Many professionals in the field of accounting find contentment in a job well done. Kim Keepper, supervising senior, and Diana Johnson, CPA, senior manager, both of KPMG LLP in Nashville, Tenn. do find fulfillment through their careers as auditors, but they also find a sense of accomplishment outside of work. They have a shared hobby - scuba diving.

Keepper's interest in scuba was peaked by relatives and friends who dive. She learned what steps she needed to take to become certified and began training. "I attended two weekends of pool and classroom instruction," she says. "We learned all the skills we needed to venture into the ocean." Diving in open water (an ocean, gulf, lake, or quarry) is mandatory to receive a scuba certification card (c-card). Around the world, divers must have a c-card in order to rent air tanks. "I had to complete two ocean dives a day for two days with a certified instructor. The dive master required me to demonstrate the skills I learned in pool training. Once you perform the skills adequately, you can be certified," explains Keepper.

Scuba is an acronym for self-contained underwater breathing apparatus. In 1943, French oceanographers Jacques Yves Cousteau and Emil Gagnan invented the portable breathing device.

After earning her c-card in the Florida Keys in August 1996, Keepper took diving trips to the Bahamas, and St. Croix, Virgin Islands later that year.



*Visiting a manta ray at night.*

Stories of her adventures inspired then co-worker Lisa Lewis to explore scuba diving as a hobby in July 1997. "Lisa was my first victim," Keepper reports. Lewis began her scuba training in Nashville, and finished the certification process in Cozumel, Mexico. "When Lisa became certified, we enjoyed diving in the mornings, and the Cozumel nightlife in the evenings," says Keepper. Lewis and Keepper also traveled to Maui, Hawaii in May 1998.

Keepper planned a return trip to Hawaii, and Lewis opted to join her. Their travel experiences caught the attention of Diana Johnson.

"Scuba diving was something I always wanted to try when I found the time," Johnson says. "Kim and Lisa talked about how much fun they had and invited me to come to Hawaii."

Before taking the flight over the Pacific, Johnson went to Panama City Beach, Fla. in August 1999 for her first open water dive. "A dolphin came up to our group. The dolphin always seemed so close, even though I could never quite touch it," she remarks.



*Enjoying a close encounter with an octopus.*

Keepper was also in Panama City Beach that weekend, assisting the dive master. In addition to basic scuba certification, Keepper has completed advanced and rescue certification, and is working toward becoming an instructor. While watching some students on a boat wreck dive, she bumped into the wreck. "I looked down and saw a six-inch gash in my leg," she explains. "I didn't want to miss any prime dive time, so we found some duct tape on the boat and wrapped my leg. Duct tape holds anything together!"

In September 1999, Johnson, Keepper, and Lewis, who has transferred to KPMG's Mexico City office, traveled to the largest of the Hawaiian Islands, Hawaii (also known as The Big Island). Johnson recalls her favorite dive from the trip, a nighttime manta ray feeding dive. "After dark, our group dove to the ocean floor. It was a little unnerving not being able to see what was in the water around me. Once we reached the designated spot, we knelt in a large circle and held flashlights over our heads with the light pointing upward. Plankton (microscopic algae and protozoa) are attracted to light, and manta rays feed on plankton. The manta rays were huge! They swooped around capturing plankton. They were diving right above us, sometimes even brushing our heads or flashlights."

Outside of the ocean and the office, Johnson likes to travel to visit family and friends, read, and do projects around the house. Keepper enjoys outdoor activities like hiking and white water rafting. ❖

### Welcome New Members

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## Chapter Officer Spotlight

### Robert D. "Bob" Norling, CPA At-Large Board Member

**Area of professional expertise:** Small business accounting, planning, and tax.



Norling

**Education:** Bachelor of science degree in economics from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

**Most fulfilling aspect of your career:** Helping small businesses to produce better results.

**Your keys to success:** Listening to what clients say and meeting those needs.

**Ways CPAs can prepare for coming changes in the accounting profession:** By being open to new ideas and learning ways to implement those ideas.

**Greatest professional accomplishment:** Being selected as chairman of the Small Business Committee of TSCPA.

**Your goals as a volunteer with the Nashville Chapter Board:** To represent the members of the Chapter and meet their needs.

**Volunteer activities:** Member of the West Nashville Kiwanis Club, the Institute of Management Accountants, and the West End United Methodist Church where I am a Stephen Minister (someone who helps people in crisis).

**Person who influenced you most in life:** Gene Mullins, a retired CPA. He gave me my first job in public accounting and changed the direction of my career.

**Family info:** Betty Ann and I have been married for 45 years. Our daughter Karen and son-in-law Pete Manso, a patent attorney, live in southern Florida with our four grandchildren: Jennifer, 17 years old; Peter, 15; Heather, 11; and Jacqueline, 8.

**Greatest personal accomplishment:** Being elected president of the Nashville Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

**Favorite type of book:** Biographies.

**Preferred vacation spot:** Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**Ideal way to spend free time:** Reading, walking, bicycling.

**What's on top of your desk right now:** Bills and work to be done. ❖

## We'll Take You Out to the Ball Game

You're invited! The Nashville Chapter of TSCPA wants to treat members and their families to an "All-American Tent Party" and a Nashville Sounds baseball game at Greer Stadium in Nashville, Tenn. on Saturday, May 13, 2000.

The festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with a picnic and party in the tent area of the stadium. The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, baked beans, ice cream and soft drinks.

The game begins at 6 p.m. You will see all the action from premium box seats as the Nashville Sounds take on the Colorado Springs Sky Sox. After the game the kids will have the opportunity to run the bases down on the ball diamond. The evening will be capped off with a spectacular fireworks show!

Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss this day of family fun.

**Directions to Greer Stadium, 534 Chestnut Street:** Take I-65 to exit 81 (Wedgewood), turn right onto Wedgewood and go to the first stoplight (8th Avenue), turn right onto 8th Avenue and go to the first stoplight (Chestnut Street), turn right onto Chestnut, Greer Stadium will be on your left. ❖



## Be In the Middle of the Magic: TSCPA's 70th Annual Convention & Educational Conference June 18-20, 2000

TSCPA's Convention & Educational Conference promises to be the most magical ever. Join us in Lake Buena Vista, Florida where you'll have access to the Magic Kingdom®, EPCOT®, Disney-MGM Studios®, Disney's Animal Kingdom® and five Walt Disney® golf courses. You'll also be in the middle of Central Florida, minutes away from Universal Studios®, Sea World®, Orlando Arena, sandy beaches, Cape Canaveral and much more! Look for more information in upcoming issues of the *Tennessee CPA Journal* or online at [www.tncpa.org/convention.html](http://www.tncpa.org/convention.html). For hotel reservations call 1-800/964-9445.



Be in the middle of Tennessee CPAs who are networking, learning and having fun. Make plans to attend now... it'll be MAGICAL! ❖

## Join the TSCPA Flex/Tech Employment Program

The Practice Management Committee is offering a voluntary program for members who want part-time, flex-time, seasonal employment, and for employers who want to hire such workers. Information, provided by members who wish to participate in the program, will be compiled in a database and will be made available, upon request, to potential employers.

TSCPA will function as a *clearinghouse* with no attempt to match members and potential employers other than by geographic areas. TSCPA will not be involved in any negotiations regarding compensation. The committee plans to update database information semi-annually to keep it fairly current.

Members seeking flexible work arrangements can request a Flex/Tech Application Form from TSCPA by e-mail at [tncpa@tncpa.org](mailto:tncpa@tncpa.org), or by phone at 615/377-3825 or 1-800/762-0272. The form is also available on the Society's Web site at [www.tncpa.org/MembersOnly/flextech.htm](http://www.tncpa.org/MembersOnly/flextech.htm). ❖

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## **Nashville Chapter Meeting to be Held at Regal Maxwell House Hotel**

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**T**he Nashville Chapter meeting for March will be held at the Regal Maxwell House Hotel, 2025 MetroCenter Blvd., Nashville, Tenn.

To get there **from Madison**: take I-65 south to I-265 south (toward Memphis). \*Take Exit #1 MetroCenter Blvd. At the foot of the exit ramp turn right onto MetroCenter Blvd. The hotel is about 1½ blocks up the street on the left. **From Clarksville**: take I-24 east to I-65 south to I-265 south (toward Memphis). Follow from \* above. **From Franklin, Brentwood**: take I-65 north to I-40 west toward Memphis to I-265 north towards Louisville. \*\*Take Exit #1 MetroCenter Blvd. At the end of the exit ramp turn left onto MetroCenter Blvd. The hotel is about 1½ blocks up the street on the left. **From Murfreesboro**: take I-24 west to I-40 west toward Memphis to I-265 north towards Louisville. Follow from \*\* above. **From Mt. Juliet**: take I-40 west toward Memphis. From I-40 west you connect onto I-265 north towards Louisville. Follow from \*\* above. **From Bellevue**: take I-40 east to I-265 north towards Louisville. Follow from \*\* above.

After the meeting, let your chapter officers know what ideas you have for meeting locations. They want to serve you the best way they can by finding a meeting location that meets your needs. ❖

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#### **March Nashville Chapter Meeting Reservation**

**March 21, 2000**

**Regal Maxwell House Hotel**

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**NOTICE ON CANCELLATIONS:** If you must cancel, please do so by 5 p.m. the Friday before the meeting, or you will be charged a \$25 fee.

I will attend ☐ Luncheon Meeting

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I am bringing guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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