

June 2015

President's Notes

by Micheal Baer, CFE, CIA



It has truly been my honor to serve as your 2014-2015 President. This past year has flown by. I never imagined how rewarding this position would be. I have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing people and make new friends along the way.

Now it is time for me to hand the gavel over to your incoming President, Nathan Abbott. He is more than capable of taking over and I am certain he will do a great job. However, for Nathan to succeed, he will need your assistance in selecting next year's Vice President. You should have received an email asking you to vote for one of the two qualified nominees. The deadline to vote is June 11, 2015.

We have one final event, the June social at the Scarritt Bennett in downtown Nashville on Thursday, June 25th, 2015.

I would like to thank my Board of Directors and Committee Members for your dedication and hard work. It is because of you that this organization is successful. I hope to see you soon at the June social!

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Calendar of Events

Our 2014 – 2015 CFE luncheons will be held at the Scarritt-Bennett Center located at 1008 19th Avenue South in Nashville. You will find this year's calendar below. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am. The luncheon dates this year are:

Thursday, September 18, 2014
 Thursday, October 16, 2014
 Thursday, November 20, 2014
 Christmas Social – December 18, 2014
 Member Benefit Day – January 12, 2015
 Thursday, February 19, 2015
 Annual Conference – March 9 & 10, 2015
 Thursday, April 16, 2015
 Thursday, May 21, 2015
 Social – June 25, 2015

Our website now lists events at surrounding chapters! See our chapter website at <http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/index.htm> for more information on these great training and networking opportunities.

CPE Certificates

How do attendees to events get a CPE certificate? Certificates are emailed out after the event. If you did not get a certificate, it may be that you did not pay or gave a wrong email address.

You can email info@middletennesseecfe.org to request a copy of your CPE certificate.



Did You Know?

The Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE, has a drawing each year to give away a CFE Exam Prep Course, valued at \$745 (member price) to a chapter member who is not yet a CFE.

We also give away thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to deserving students. More details may be found on our website at <http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/scholarships.htm>.



Important Meeting Information

Luncheons are \$10.00 for members who make their reservations by COB on Wednesday prior to the luncheon. For members making their reservations after COB on the Wednesday before the luncheon, and for members who make a reservation but do not attend or call to cancel, the cost is \$20.00. Individuals who attend without making a reservation will also be charged \$20.00.

Adopted Policy @ \$21.09 per plate cost		
	Luncheon Fee	Chapter Cost
Member w/ Reservation	\$10.00	\$11.09
Member w/o Reservation	\$20.00	\$1.09
Member No-Show	\$20.00	\$1.09
Non-Member w/ Reservation	\$15.00	\$6.09
Non-Member w/o Reservation	\$20.00	\$1.09
1st Time Visitor	Free	\$21.09

Luncheon Reservation/Cancellation Policy—Please Take Note!

Please be sure you make reservations for the luncheons prior to attending. We need the reservations to plan appropriately for our attendees and to eliminate confusion at the luncheons. You will receive a confirmation email after you submit your reservation.

Any cancellations **(after we have submitted the number of attendees to the facility)** or no-shows will be invoiced for the full cost of the meal: \$20.00. Payment of invoices will be due within 60 days of date of invoice. Any unpaid invoices after the 60 day period will result in any reservation for future luncheons to be **CANCELED** and you will not be allowed to attend Chapter luncheons or take advantage of member benefits until your outstanding invoices are paid.

If you must cancel your reservation, you must notify the reservationist, Mary Cole (Mary.C.Cole@cot.tn.gov), by the deadline listed in the reservation email, which is usually one week prior to the luncheon, or you may have someone attend in your place and avoid being invoiced for the luncheon. If you have someone take your place you must notify the reservationist or have the substitution notify the reception/sign-in table at the luncheon when signing-in.

Other exceptions may apply in **extreme situations** (i.e. death of a family member) and will be reviewed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Chapter Board. If you have any questions concerning the luncheon costs or the Chapter's cancellation policy please feel free to contact Mark Ingram, Chapter Treasurer at Mark.Ingram@tn.gov.

Members, if you are inviting nonmembers to attend who are not first time attendees, please be sure that they are fully aware of their costs and our cancellation and invoicing policy. **First-time** guests eat free. After a guest's first visit, he or she will be charged \$15.00 for the lunch with a reservation, and \$20.00 without a reservation according to the non-member fee schedule. **No Free Guests are allowed** at joint luncheons, due to elevated costs, or Member Benefits Events, such as the December Luncheon or January Member Benefit Training Day.

Important New Information Regarding CPE Suspensions



According to the ACFE's website at <http://www.acfe.com/myannouncements.aspx>, beginning January 1, 2015, CFEs with five or more years of CPE suspensions will be placed into Associate member status. Should these individuals want to reinstate the CFE credential they will be required to take the CFE Exam. If you have any questions about this new requirement, contact the ACFE at 1-800-245-3321. If a CFE does not certify compliance on an annual basis, their credential will be placed into suspension. Suspended status prohibits individuals from representing themselves as CFEs to the general public and using the credential in any form.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to our chapter:

John Janciek, Janciek Valuation and Forensic Services

Connie Rickabaugh, Comptroller of the Treasury



May Meeting Minutes

Past President Melinda Crutchfield called the meeting to order. She noted that Micheal was unable to attend the meeting. She asked for members to introduce their guests and also for any new members to stand and be recognized. Suzzie Singleton, Training Director, then introduced the speaker, Barry Pruitt; he is the Director of Security and Investigations for Houchens Industries. Mr. Pruitt spoke about using social media in investigations. Melinda presented framed CFE certificates to Linda Main, Kesha Thomas, Kerry Rickard, and Richard Max Garner. Britt Wood from the Nominations Committee presented the board nominations for the upcoming program year. She noted that there were multiple candidates for vice president and board member at large, so the chapter would be sending a survey to members to vote for these positions. She asked for anyone interested in board or committee positions to email her by May 29. Melinda reminded everyone that the June social would take place on June 25, and Mary Cole would be sending the sign-up information soon. Jim Wilson announced that long-time chapter member Hal Wilson was at NHC Cool Springs, Room 2107, and he asked members to send Hal a note or card. Drew Hawkins won the door prize. Melinda noted that this was the last regular meeting for this program year, and the next meeting would be in September. The meeting was then adjourned.





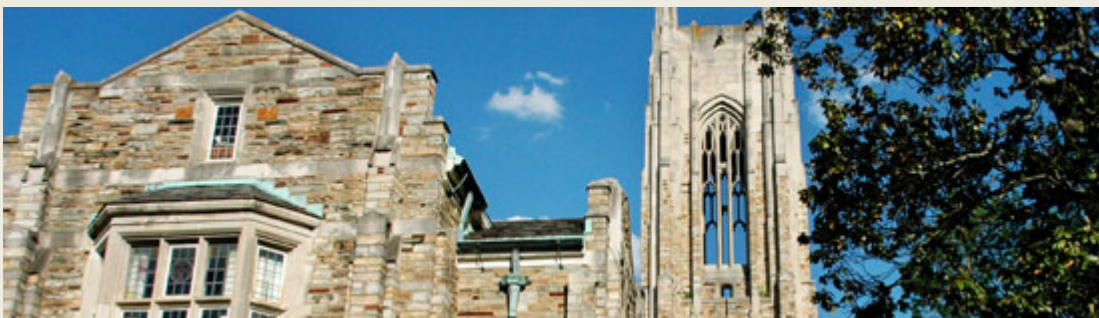
June Social

The June social will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2015, at 6:30 pm at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in the Susie Gray Dining Hall. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at <http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps.aspx>

Scarritt-Bennett visitor parking is available in Parking A or Parking B. Please be aware that parking can be limited due to other events held on the same day as ours. Other parking options include the Wesley Place Garage on Scarritt Place between 19th and 21st Avenues or the meters along 19th Avenue. Approximate prices are \$1.00 per half hour and the parking meters are \$1.50 per hour in the Central Business District. Members may want to consider carpooling or bringing cash or change to pay for parking if necessary.

June Social Information

Please join us on June 25 at 6:30 pm for our annual chapter social! The social will be held at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in the beautiful Susie Gray Dining Hall. Check-in will be in the first floor Social Room of Bennett Hall (the same building where we hold our monthly luncheons). Members and one guest may attend for free. We will enjoy a delicious dinner, and we will install the officers for the 2015-2016 chapter year and award the chapter scholarships. Check your email for information on how to register. Seating is limited, so register as soon as you can!



Member Spotlight Martin Brown, CPA



Hello! My name is Martin, and I joined the ACFE in March of 2015. My life has been a slow progression west through Tennessee. I was born in Kingsport, grew up in Roane County (just west of Knoxville), and lived in Cookeville for several years. I now live in Lebanon and work in Nashville. I have a sneaking suspicion that I will spend my final days in Memphis.

I received my B.A. and M.A. in English from Tennessee Tech in 2002 and 2004. After working in higher education, retail, and distribution, I went back to Tennessee Tech and obtained my B.S. in Accounting in 2013. I obtained my CPA license in March of 2015, and I'm currently studying for the CFE exam.

In January of 2014, I began working for the Office of the Comptroller in the Risk-Based Performance Audit section of State Audit. As an auditor, I continually rely on the skills I developed as an English major – critical analysis and communication. When people ask me about my job, I always tell them that my Accounting degree helped me prepare for the CPA exam and understand the principles behind my profession; however, I use my English degree on a daily basis.

When I'm not busy writing memos or constructing spreadsheets, I'm either hanging out with my friends and family, watching sports or Netflix, or cleaning up after my pets. I'm the proud owner/parent of a ten-year-old schnauzer-mix and a pair of five-year-old brown tabbies.



Middle Tennessee ACFE Chapter Library

Did you know that the Middle Tennessee Chapter has a library of fraud-related books that are available to members? To check out books, contact Suzanne Smotherman, chair of the Library Committee, at (615) 253-2020 or Suzanne.Smotherman@tn.gov. The library is currently housed on the 16th floor of the James K. Polk building.



Upcoming Training Opportunity



Combo Event: Presentation Skills for Fraud Examiners + Interviewing Techniques for Auditors

Register for both courses together to earn additional CPE credits and save \$100!* [Register now.](#)

Presentation Skills for Fraud Examiners | July 15, 2015

Nashville, TN

Communicating in a way that builds trust and confidence is a mandatory skill for successful fraud examiners. Develop the essential skills and best practices you need as a fraud examiner to design, rehearse and deliver presentations. In this one-day, instructor-led course, you will experience hands-on coaching and real-world scenarios that will prepare your presentation to be its best.

[Course Details](#)

Interviewing Techniques for Auditors | July 16-17, 2015

Nashville, TN

Learn significantly more about a company when you conduct interviews that probe more deeply, follow up on signs of potential deception and politely — but firmly — pursue evasiveness. This two-day, instructor-led course will show you how to conduct more effective interviews during an audit in order to successfully obtain the truth and detect lies and deception.

[Course Details](#)

Hotel & Venue Information

Radisson Nashville Airport

1112 Airport Center Drive

Nashville, TN 37214

Hotel Phone: (800) 333-3333 or +1 (615) 889-9090

Room Rate: \$139 single/double

Hotel Cut-Off Date: June 14, 2015

Registration & Fees - Combo Event*

Members: \$890

Non-Members: \$1140

Register by June 15, 2015 to save an additional \$95!*

*To register for these courses separately, please visit the individual event pages for [Presentation Skills for Fraud Examiners](#) or [Interviewing Techniques for Auditors](#). *Payment must be received by June 15, 2015 to receive the early registration discount.*

National Conference Contest Points System

Congratulations to Melinda Crutchfield, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2015 national conference, which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. The winner of the 2016 trip will be announced at the annual conference in March 2016. In the meantime, start compiling your points for the 2016 conference! Simply earn points according to the following schedule. The Chapter's treasurer, Mark Ingram (Mark.Ingram@tn.gov) will be tracking the points earned. Please submit your points to Mark as you earn them to be sure you are appropriately credited. Points earned between January 2015 and December 2015 will be for the 2016 national conference!

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attending Monthly Chapter Meeting	1 point per meeting
Publish Article in Chapter Newsletter	2 points
Sponsoring a New Member	2 points per new member
Publish member profile in Chapter Newsletter	1 point
Contribution to "Been There, Said That, Done That"	1 point/contribution/month
Publication of Case Results	2 points
Participating as a speaker in the Chapter Speaker's Bureau	2 points per engagement
Publication of an article in the Association's <i>Fraud Magazine</i>	3 points
Attending the Chapter's 19 th Annual Conference	2 points
Service on Chapter Committee	2 points





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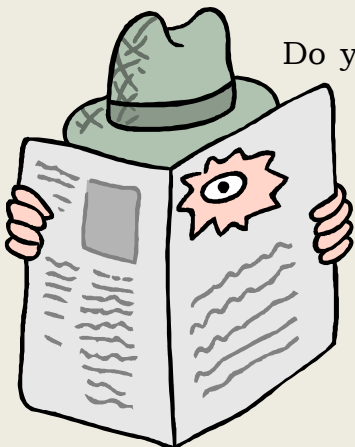


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Newsletter Articles



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