



Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

December 2017

President's Notes By Kesha Thomas, CFE, MCJ



Wow, where has time gone? Half the chapter year is over, and it is almost a new year already! We had a great time at the chapter social on December 14th. Although chapter members attended the social for free, we collected donations for Second Harvest Food Bank. We were able to make a donation of \$450.00!!

We will be sending out information in the coming weeks for the Annual

Conference in March 2018.

Until next time, have the Merriest Christmas and Happiest Holidays and New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, January 18th, at the next chapter luncheon.

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2017-2018 Calendar of Events

We will hold our 2017-2018 CFE luncheons at the Scarritt-Bennett Center located at 1008 19th Avenue South in Nashville. You will find the calendar below. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am.

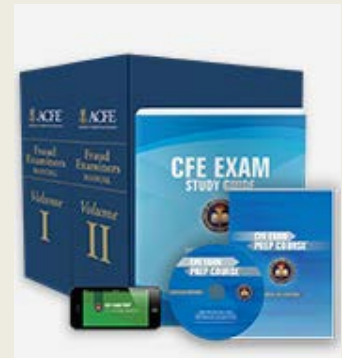
12/14/2017	Member Social *
1/18/2018	Luncheon
February 2018	<i>Potential joint with AGA</i>
3/5-6/2018	Annual Conference
4/19/2018	Luncheon
5/17/2018	Luncheon
June 2018	Member Social *

* member-only events

CFE Prep Course Giveaway

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. To be eligible:

1. Contestant must be a member of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the ACFE, in good standing for at least six (6) months (prior to the date of the drawing).
2. The Contestant must have not yet earned their CFE certification.
3. The Contestant must be eligible and willing to meet all requirements to become a Certified Fraud Examiner and sit for the CFE exam by December 31st of the year in which the contestant is determined to be the winner of the contest and receives the prep course.
4. Should it be determined the winning Contestant has not met the requirements set forth above, the winning contestant must reimburse the Chapter for the cost of the prep course by January 31st in the year following the drawing (i.e. Contestant wins the prep course in June 2017; reimbursement would be due January 2018).



To Enter:

All those who are eligible and agree to the terms of the drawing should contact Mark.Ingram@tn.gov to enter the drawing and submit the *CFE Exam Prep Course Giveaway Contest, Agreement to Terms and Conditions* form no later than June 1st.

Chapter Scholarships

Our chapter gives away thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to deserving students. Please see our chapter website at

<https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/Scholarships> for more information.



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, failed to sign in at the event, or gave a wrong email address. Please remember to update your information on the new chapter website to ensure that you will receive your certificate promptly.

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



Event Sign-In Sheets



Remember to complete the sign-in sheet at the event registration table to be eligible to receive your CPE credits and certificate. The Chapter will email your CPE certificate to you after the event. Once the event has ended, the sign-in sheets are completed. Signatures of the attendees on the sign-in sheet will be the only valid evidence of attendance. If you do not sign in, you waive your right to receive CPE credits.

Important Meeting Information

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.

Luncheons are \$10.00 for members who make their reservations by the reservation deadline, usually the COB one week prior to the luncheon. 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.

To cancel your reservation and avoid being invoiced for the event, you must notify the reservationist at nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov before the reservation deadline (usually one week prior to the date of the event). If you cancel after the deadline or fail to appear at the event, you will be invoiced for the full per-attendee cost, including other fees that apply as deemed appropriate by the Board. Any pre-paid fees that you have will be applied to the invoiced amount.

Any invoices that are unpaid after 60 days will result in the suspension of membership in the Middle Tennessee Chapter under the current Chapter Bylaws Section 3.09, Non-payment of Dues. As a result of suspension, any reservations you make for future events will not be **ACCEPTED** and you will not be allowed to attend Chapter luncheons or take advantage of member benefits until your outstanding invoices are paid.

We typically have a waiting list for our events, so if you must cancel your reservation, **PLEASE** notify the reservationist at nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov as soon as possible, or you may have someone attend in your place to 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 at the member's request.

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 \$20.00 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.

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.

2018 MTACFE Annual Fraud Conference



The 2018 Annual Fraud Conference will take place March 5-6, 2018, at the One Century Place conference center! Registration will open in January 2018. We have a great lineup of speakers planned for the conference. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

New Members

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

Greg Dozier
 Seham Hanna
 Susan Haley
 Jarrod Webb

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November Meeting Minutes



Vice President Andrew Hawkins called the meeting to order. He reminded everyone to sign in at the registration desk and to make sure that they had parking permits displayed in their vehicles. Drew recognized guests and new members in attendance. Drew then introduced the speaker, retired TBI agent Rick Morrell, who spoke about situational awareness. Flora Henson won the door prize.

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Drew reminded everyone that the \$10 cost, members are encouraged to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank. The February meeting will be a joint luncheon with the AGA and will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018. Drew also mentioned that membership renewals will be going out soon and that members should make sure that their information is up to date on the website. He announced that anyone considering joining should do so now so that they will be eligible for the June drawing for a free study course. Meeting was adjourned.



December Luncheon Information



We will hold our December luncheon on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 11:30 am in the Laskey Great Hall at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at <http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps-directions/>

Important Parking Information

Due to issues with unauthorized parking by Vanderbilt students, **Scarritt-Bennett requires parking passes for those attending events on its campus.** Scarritt-Bennett asked that our luncheon attendees place the parking pass at the end of this newsletter on their dashboard when parking at Scarritt-Bennett Center. You can also download the parking pass at <http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/resources/Documents/Luncheon%20parking%20pass%20PDF.pdf>.

You can use the same pass for subsequent luncheons. Please note that this pass does not guarantee parking will be available. Scarritt-Bennett staff will record license plates and tow repeat offenders without an identifiable pass.

Scarritt-Bennett visitor parking is available in Parking Lot A or Parking Lot 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.

December Luncheon Information

Our December luncheon is a members-only social! Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to fellowship with chapter members. There will not be a speaker.

Speaker Search



Our chapter is always on the lookout for speakers for luncheons, the Member Benefit Day, and the Annual Fraud Conference. If you know of someone who might be willing to speak, please contact the chapter Training Director, Suzzie Singleton, at Suzzie.Singleton@cot.tn.gov.

Member Spotlight

Julie Hollis



My name is Julie Hollis, and I'm an Investigator in the Office of Program Integrity for TennCare (Tennessee Medicaid). The Office of Program Integrity is tasked with identifying fraud, waste, and abuse within the TennCare program. Previously, I was employed by a Medicare Program Integrity contractor to identify fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicare program. I am currently working toward my Certified Fraud Examiner certification and with a goal for completion in early 2018.



I am a native of Middle Tennessee and currently live in Hermitage with my partner, Jacob, and cat, Nugget. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time outdoors, traveling to new places, and trying new recipes. I look forward to being a part of the MTACFE chapter.

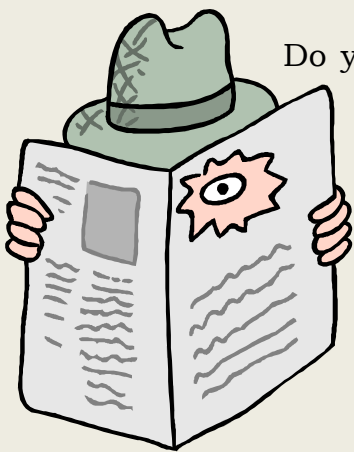


Member Spotlight Volunteers Needed

The Newsletter Committee is looking for volunteers to be featured in the Member Spotlight! If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee. It's a great way to introduce yourself to the chapter!



Newsletter Articles



Do you have a great article to contribute to the Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE newsletter? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee with your ideas and articles. Remember, you receive points for your articles that count toward the trip to the National ACFE conference! Also, if you note any corrections that need to be made, please contact one of us.

Global ACFE Conference Points Contest



Congratulations to Barry Pruitt, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2017 global conference! Start compiling your points for the 2018 global conference, which will be held in Las Vegas! To be eligible for the contest, you must be a member of MTACFE, in good standing, for at least 12 months, and you must have attended a prior MTACFE annual fraud conference. Submit a breakdown of your total points earned between January 2017 and December 2017 to mark.ingram@tn.gov by February 15, 2018. Please have supporting documentation available for your points.

<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 Annual Fraud Conference	2 points
Service on Chapter Committee	2 points



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22nd Annual Fraud Conference

Save The Date!

March 5-6, 2018

Earn **16 Hrs CPE** at approved
"Group Live" event.
(8 hours each day).

Place: One Century Place Conference
Center, 26 Century Blvd., Nashville,
TN.

Lodging: A block of rooms will
allocated at Embassy Suites Nashville
Airport Hotel, 10 Century Boulevard,
Nashville, TN 37214 For reservations,
call (615) 871-0033.

For State Agencies, the Middle
Tennessee Chapter, Association of
Certified Fraud Examiners' vendor
number is 0000083329.

**More information will be sent out
when registration opens.**

**Fees include conference,
continental breakfasts, lunches,
and snacks during breaks.**

- **Some of the Speakers & Topics we have lined up include:**

- **Don Rabon**, Quality Information, Detecting Deception & Interviewing Questioning
- **Jacqueline Bloink**- Healthcare Fraud and Compliance Update
- **Kelly Paxton** Non-Profits and Fraud – Not a Philanthropic Cause
- **Steve Morang** - VW Scandal & Fraud Risk Assessment, Determining Ethical Baseline
- **Michael Akpata**

**More information will be on our website
as it becomes available**

Registration opens in January 2018

Registration Fees: \$375 Non-Members, only \$350 MTACFE Chapter Members

Non-members can join, prior to the event, for a yearly fee of \$25 or \$50 for three years and avoid the additional charge for the training!

Find information on chapter membership at <https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/join-us>