



Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

June 2018

President's Notes By Kesha Thomas, CFE, MCJ

The Examiner



At laaaaasssstttt- in my best Etta James voice- this year has come and gone! And what an awesome year it has been.

This past year we did quite a bit, including:

- offered 31 hours of CPE, eight of those free to chapter members during our Member Benefit Day.
- held our largest participant luncheon with 84 people.
- had over 1100 people attend events throughout the year.
- framed eight certificates for chapter members who earned their CFE designations
- gave away two Prep Course study guides to chapter members looking to obtain their CFE

We also held elections for vacant positions. Congratulations are in order for our newest board members- at large: Jessica Scouten, Phyllis Pickett, and Michael Baer, as well as Nicolette Hudson who is the chapter member of the year. Barry Pruitt is incoming Vice President.

And the major accomplishment for the chapter this year is being recognized and awarded Chapter of Year by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners! It was my pleasure to travel to Las Vegas to the Global Fraud Conference and accept the award on behalf of the chapter from President Bruce Dorris. An award of this magnitude was possible because your participation in the chapter events held. As your outgoing President, I thank you for having me serve in this capacity and thank you for commitment to the Middle Tennessee chapter.

Calendar of Events	2
CFE Prep Course Giveaway	2
Chapter Scholarships	3
CPE Certificate Information	3
Event Sign-in Sheets	3
Important Meeting Information	4
New Members	5
New CFEs	5
May Meeting Minutes	6
June Meeting Minutes	6
August Luncheon Information	9
Important Parking Info	9
Speaker Search	10
Member Spotlight Volunteers Needed	10
Newsletter Articles	10
Global Conference Points Contest	11
Board and Committee Contact Info	12
Contact Us	13
Parking Pass	14

2018-2019 Calendar of Events

We will hold our 2018-2019 CFE luncheons at the Scarritt-Bennett Center located at 1008 19th Avenue South in Nashville, with the exception of the joint luncheon with Nashville AGA. You will find the calendar below. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am.

August 16	Chapter Luncheon
September 25	Member Benefit Day
October 18	Chapter Luncheon
November 15	Chapter Luncheon
December 13	Holiday Social *
January 17	Chapter Luncheon
February TBD	Joint Luncheon with AGA
March 4-5	Annual Fraud Conference
April 18	Chapter Luncheon
May 16	Chapter Luncheon
June TBD	Summer 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 2018; reimbursement would be due January 2019).



To Enter:

All those who are eligible and agree to the terms of the drawing should contact Melissa.Boaz@cot.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 8th.

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.

New Members

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

Misty Decker
Jennifer Wilson



New CFEs

Congratulations to Margaret Wilkerson and John Bryant, who received their framed CFE certificates at the May luncheon!



And, congratulations to Jarrod Webb, who received his framed CFE certificate at the June social!



May Luncheon Minutes

prepared by Melissa Boaz, Chapter Secretary



The May meeting took place at 11:30am on May 17, 2018, in the Raintree Room at Scarritt-Bennett College in Nashville. President Kesha Thomas called the meeting to order. Suzzie Singleton introduced the speakers, Jessica Scouten and Scott Nalley, who are senior managers at KraftCPAs, LLC. Jessica and Scott presented a fraud case study that took an unexpected turn. Jennifer Lawrence won the door prize. Kesha asked members to introduce their guests. She then announced that voting for the

open member-at-large positions closes June 1. She announced that the social would take place on June 14 and would be a non-CPE event that was free to members. Kesha then presented framed CFE certificates to Margaret Wilkerson and John Bryant. The meeting was then adjourned.



June Luncheon Minutes

prepared by Barry Pruitt, Chapter Vice President

On Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 11:30 a.m., in the Raintree Room, the June Social for the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners convened. A luncheon buffet was offered and enjoyed by members and several guests. Honey Teriyaki glazed salmon on Napa cabbage with mushrooms and cashew chicken with rice were the entries followed by a delicious white cake with coconut icing for dessert.

Chapter President Kesha Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. President Thomas welcomed everyone and called on Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Scarlet Sneed to announce the 2018 scholarship winners.

The Chapter presented four scholarships to the following students:

- \$1,000 – Tamara Yarbrough, who will be attending MTSU and studying business,
- \$1,500 – Hunter Pendergrass, who will be attending Lipscomb University and studying computer science,
- \$2,000 – Taylor Thompson, who will be attending MTSU and studying business administration, and
- \$2,500 (Donna Crutcher Memorial Scholarship) – Courtney Wall, who will be attending Lee University and studying accounting.



The students and their parents thanked the Chapter for their support.

President Thomas announced the elections results for the Board Member-at-Large positions. The Chapter elected Jessica Scouten, Micheal Baer and Phyllis Pickett to serve a two-year term.

Jarrod Webb was presented his framed CFE Certificate by President Thomas.

President Thomas held the drawing for the CFE Prep Course Giveaway. Courtney Wall drew the names of Greg Dozier and Seham Hanna.

Finance and Budget Committee Chair Barry Pruitt announced to the Chapter that an RFP would be going out for a Chapter Audit. The information on how to submit a proposal will be placed on the website.



President Thomas awarded Nicolette Hudson with the “Member of the Year” award. Nicolette works the registration table for the monthly meetings.

Daniel Porter swore in the 2018 Chapter Board Members and Officers, to include:

- President – Andrew Hawkins
- Vice-President – Barry Pruitt
- Treasurer – Mark Ingram
- Board Member – Terri Williams
- Board Member – Phyllis Pickett
- Board Member – Micheal Baer

A collector coin presentation followed as thanks to 2017 Board Members and Officers: Andrew Hawkins, Mark Ingram, Sharon Matheny, Teri Williams, Barry Pruitt,

Jason Conner (not present), Melissa Boaz (not present) and Suzzie Singleton.

An announcement was made regarding the 2018 ACFE Global Conference in Las Vegas. Anyone attending is encouraged to report back with prospective speakers for our Chapter’s conference.

President Thomas presented President Elect Andrew Hawkins with his gavel in a “passing of the gavel” ceremony.



Past President Nathan Abbott presented outgoing President Thomas with a plaque in appreciation for her service as Chapter President.



President Thomas closed with a snapshot of her tenure highlighting:

- 31 CPE hours provided to members
- 7 luncheons
- 1 annual conference
- 1 Member Benefit Day
- 1,149 participants in these events, and

Largest luncheon crowd was 84 in attendance

President Thomas asked everyone to come forward and receive a gift from the chapter consisting of either a MTACFE tumbler or portfolio.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

There were sixty-six in attendance.

August Luncheon Information



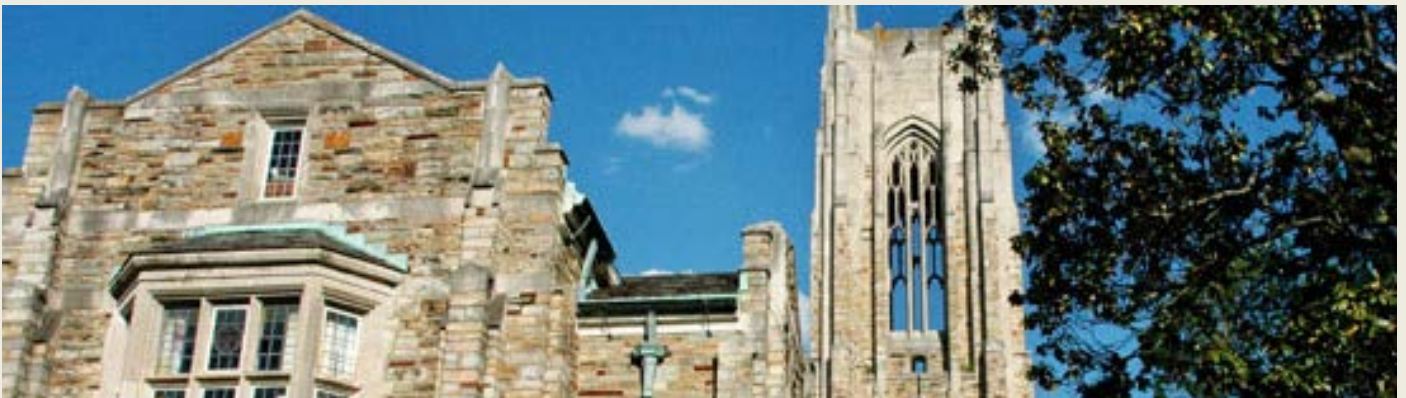
We will hold our August luncheon on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 11:30 am in the Raintree Room at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at <http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps-directions/>.

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.



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 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 Phyllis Pickett, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2018 global conference, which will be held in Las Vegas! Start compiling your points now for the 2019 global conference! 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 2018 and December 2018 to mark.ingram@tn.gov by February 15, 2019. 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



ACFE Middle Tennessee Chapter 2017- 2018 Chapter Officers, Board Members, and Committee Members

CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President	Kesha Thomas, CFE, MCJ	747-5397	kesha.thomas@cot.tn.gov
Vice-President	Andrew Hawkins, CFE	401-7743	andrew.hawkins@cot.tn.gov
Past President	Jason Conner, CFE	747-5398	jason.conner@cot.tn.gov
Pres. Emeritus	Dennis Dycus, CFE, CPA, CGFM	794-0836	dfdcpa@bellsouth.net
Treasurer	Mark Ingram, CFE	532-5060	mark.ingram@tn.gov
Secretary	Melissa Boaz, CFE, CPA, CGFM, CGMA	747-5305	melissa.boaz@cot.tn.gov
Training Director	Suzzie Singleton, CFE, CGFM	401-3037	suzzie.singleton@cot.tn.gov
Member at Large	Teri Williams	782-3953	twilliam@nashville-mdha.org
Member at Large	Barry Pruitt, CFE, CFI, CCTA	270-780-2971	bpruitt@houchensindustries.com
Member at Large	Sharon Matheny, CGFM	744-4326	sharonmatheny@hotmail.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

Budget & Finance	Barry Pruitt, CFE, CFI, CCTA	270-780-2971	bpruitt@houchensindustries.com
	Jessica Scouten, CFE, CPA, MAFF	346-2436	jscouten@kraftcpas.com
	Phil McGovern, CPA, CFE, MACC	479-4917	mccgovpm@comcast.net
	Mark Ingram, CFE	532-5060	mark.ingram@tn.gov
	Andrew Hawkins, CFE	401-7743	andrew.hawkins@cot.tn.gov
Conference	Bob McCloud, CFE, CGFM (Chair)	747-5210	bob.mccloud@cot.tn.gov
	Jonathan Sanders, CFE, CICA	327-6374	jsanders@mmc.edu
	Phyllis Pickett, CFE	661-4929	ppickett@deloitte.com
Historic	Britt Wood, CFE, CPA, CGFM, CISA, ACDA (Chair)	401-3006	britt.wood@cot.tn.gov
	Cindy Vaughn, CFE	428-0969	cynthia.vaughn@tn.gov
	Vincent Finamore, CFE	401-7898	vincent.finamore@cot.tn.gov
Hospitality	Nicolette Hudson (Chair)	747-5293	nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov
	Judy Tribble, CFE, CPA	253-1760	judy.tribble@tn.gov
Job Placement Membership	Amanda Cain, CFE	747-5364	amanda.cain@cot.tn.gov
	Demetra Pulley, CFE, MBA/HRM, CICA (Chair)	327-6424	dpulley@mmc.edu
	Kesha Thomas, CFE, MCJ	747-5397	kesha.thomas@cot.tn.gov
	Nicolette Hudson	747-5293	nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov
	Tom Stoquert, CFE, MBA	507-6996	thomas.e.stoquert@tn.gov
	Jessica Scouten, CFE, CPA, MAFF	346-2436	jscouten@kraftcpas.com
	Melissa Boaz, CFE, CPA, CGFM, CGMA (Chair)	747-5305	melissa.boaz@cot.tn.gov
Newsletter	Jennifer Whitsel, CFE, CPA, CGMA	747-5265	jennifer.whitsel@cot.tn.gov
	Melinda Weir, CFE, MCJ	532-0955	melinda.weir@tn.gov
	John Gullett, CFE, CPA, LNHA (Chair)	225-1814	jgullett@tsvh.org
Nominating	Britt Wood, CFE, CPA, CGFM, CISA, ACDA	401-3006	britt.wood@cot.tn.gov
	Andrew Hawkins, CFE	401-7743	andrew.hawkins@cot.tn.gov
	Scarlet Sneed, CFE, CPA, CGFM, CGMA (Chair)	747-5243	scarlet.sneed@cot.tn.gov
	Jason Conner, CFE	747-5398	jason.conner@cot.tn.gov
	Kilolo Dunmore, CFE	815-2143	kdunmore@thda.org
Scholarship/ Outreach	Bridget Carver, CFE	401-7959	bridget.carver@cot.tn.gov
	Melissa DeBerry, CFE	747-5214	melissa.b.deberry@cot.tn.gov
	Danielle Gwin, CFE (Chair)	401-3038	danielle.gwin@cot.tn.gov
	Teri Williams	782-3953	twilliam@nashville-mdha.org
	Kristina Straumfjord, CFE	224-0832	kristina.straumfjord@mapcoexpress.com
Social Media	Jessica Scouten, CFE, CPA, MAFF	346-2436	jscouten@kraftcpas.com
	Nathan Abbott, CFE, CISA, EA	401-7841	nathan.abbott@cot.tn.gov

NOTE: Chapter officers and board members comprise the Annual Fraud Conference Committee

Contact Us



Middle Tennessee Chapter, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners:

Email: info@middletennesseecfe.org

Website: www.middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org

Mailing address: P.O. Box 198361
Nashville, TN 37219

Follow MTACFE in social media:



www.facebook.com/ACFENashville



www.twitter.com/acfenashville

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Headquarters:

Email: memberservices@ACFE.com

Website: www.acfe.com

Mailing address: The Gregor Building
716 West Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 800-245-3321

512-478-9000

Fax: 512-478-9297

Follow the ACFE in social media:



<https://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=66889>



<https://www.facebook.com/AssociationofCertifiedFraudExaminers>



<https://twitter.com/TheACFE>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheACFE>



Scarritt-Bennett Center



Scarritt-Bennett Parking Pass

Valid Day of Event Only

Scarritt-Bennett Center



Scarritt-Bennett Parking Pass

Valid Day of Event Only