



Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

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President's Notes

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Precious memories how they linger, how they ever fill my soul. Facebook has a pretty cool feature that brings up past memories you have posted. The above picture is one of those memories and it's good to see these memories and the happiness they bring. It also got me thinking about our 20th fraud conference that we are hosting this month. I have been attending this conference for the past six years and it is one of the best training events you can attend. This year's conference is SOLD OUT once more and we have started a waiting list. Thank you so much for your support!

For the past twenty years the board has striven to bring top notch fraud speakers from out of town - and this year is no exception. We have James D. Ratley, President and CEO of the National chapter coming to talk about the changing face of fraud; Cary Moore will be bringing us a presentation on data that is comprised; Ryan Hubbs, Houston CFE president, will be talking about Ethics; and much more.

Click here to download the agenda:

https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Conference_Brochure%202016.pdf

and presentations:

<https://drive.google.com/a/middletennesseecfe.org/folderview?id=0B4DN6vXq8m0MTldtSExDMWJQa0E&usp=sharing>.

The chapter year is winding down and it is time to seek nominations for board positions. If you would like to be part of the board or you know someone who is willing to serve, please email John Gullett (jgullett@tsvh.org) or Britt Wood (britt.wood@tn.gov). Our board is a working board, and we would love to have active participants.

The points contest for this year's free conference trip is over but you can still earn points for attending the March conference and those will count towards next year's free trip contest.

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Look forward to seeing you at training events and luncheons this year!

Calendar of Events



Our 2015 – 2016 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 event dates remaining for this year are:

Annual Conference – March 7 & 8, 2016

Luncheon – April 21, 2016

Luncheon – May 19, 2016

Social – June 9, 2016*

* member-only events

CFE Prep Courses and Scholarships

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. For more information, contact us at info@middletennesseecfe.org.

We also give away thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to deserving students. Please see our 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.

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, Mary Cole (mary.c.cole@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, Mary Cole (mary.c.cole@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:

Rick Ellison	Dept. of Veterans' Affairs OIG
Myles MacDonald	Kraft CPAs Turnaround & Restructuring Group
Tara Martin	Delek US Holdings Inc.
Tallon Scott	Frasier, Dean & Howard CPAs



April Luncheon Information



We will hold our April luncheon on Thursday, April 21, 2016, 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/>

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.

April Luncheon

We will not have a luncheon in March due to the Annual Fraud Conference. Our next luncheon will take place on April 21, 2016, at 11:30 am. Please watch your email and check the chapter website for more information.

Annual Fraud Conference

Our 20th Annual Fraud Conference will take place on March 7-8, 2016, at One Century Place! Registration is now open. See <https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/event-2049465> for more information, including the conference brochure and details on how to register. Please note that wireless Internet will not be available at the conference.



Member Spotlight Rhonda Key



Hello! My name is Rhonda Key. I graduated from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in psychology. I went to work with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) after college. I worked with the SCDHEC Underground Storage Tank Program for 4 years doing compliance, inspections, permitting, financial responsibility, and fees. I then worked for the SCDHEC Solid Waste Program for one year doing enforcement. After that, I worked for the SC Employment Security Commission for two years in the workforce investment act, where I assisted individuals that faced some type of barrier that prevented them from finding work overcome those barriers. I also worked part time as a florist for almost 8 years.

I moved here in 2004 and began work with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Underground Storage Tanks (UST). I have been with the division for almost 12 years. I am currently over Enforcement and I am the Nashville Field Office Manager for the Division of UST. I am also the Rule coordinator and work to draft rules as needed as well as interpret rules. I recently started studying to take the certified fraud examiner's exam and hope to take the exam this summer.

I met my husband, Rich Key, online in 2002 when I ordered his Christian Country CD. We talked online for a year and then I began to travel to Tennessee about one weekend a month for a year to visit. Rich and his son Daniel were the reason I moved here in 2004. Rich and I married in 2005. Daniel is now 15 years old and plays for the Fairview High School football and soccer teams. Daniel aspires to be a graphic designer, and he designed the Fairview High School football program for this past season year. I have three dogs: Kasey (a 10 yr. old Rottweiler mix), Keyan (a 1 year old German shepherd), and Bella (a 5 yr. old Chihuahua mix).

I spend most of my vacation time in SC with my parents, two brothers, and two nephews and two nieces. My parents both come from large families (my dad was the baby of 12 and my mom was the baby of 8), so I have lots of extended family, most in SC and some in Mississippi. I am an avid reader. I also enjoy crafting, including scrapbooking, jewelry making, crochet and sewing (although still a novice in the sewing). I enjoy cooking and especially baking. I also enjoy crossword puzzles and sudoku puzzles.

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.



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!

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.



Important Information Regarding CPE Suspensions



According to <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.



National Conference Contest Points System



Congratulations to Melinda Weir, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2015 national conference, which was held in Baltimore, Maryland. Start compiling your points for the 2016 national 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 2015 and December 2015 to

mark.ingram@tn.gov by February 15, 2016. 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 19 th Annual Conference	2 points
Service on Chapter Committee	2 points





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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.