



November 2016

## President's Notes By Jason Conner, CFE



November is finally here. As I write this, millions of Americans are headed to the polls. Thankfully, the end of this divisive election season is mere hours away. Whatever the outcome, I certainly hope for the best for this amazing nation. On Friday, we will celebrate the many men and women who served in our military forces. I know many of our chapter members are veterans; thank you for your service!

Of course, Thanksgiving is right around the corner. I hope everyone enjoys this opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Just remember, Thanksgiving isn't limited to one day in November. I am thankful each day for the many blessings I've received.

We still have many upcoming events for the chapter. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next luncheon on November 17!

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## 2016-2017 Calendar of Events

We will hold our 2016 – 2017 CFE luncheons at the Scarritt-Bennett Center located at 1008 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Nashville. You will find this year's calendar below. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am. The upcoming event dates for this year are:

11/17/2016	Luncheon
12/15/2016	<b>Member Social *</b>
1/19/2017	Luncheon
February 2016	<b>No Luncheon</b>
3/6-7/2017	<b>Annual Conference-no luncheon</b>
4/20/2017	Luncheon
5/18/2017	Luncheon
6/8/2017	<b>Member Social *</b>
6/18-23/2017	<b>National Conference in Nashville</b>

\* member-only events



**The Middle Tennessee Chapter of CFE** celebrates our members this year! We are focusing on our members, bringing them the best quality training events and CPE earning luncheons that we can, while also allowing our members to share their wealth of knowledge in detecting and fighting fraud. To do that, we are asking members to step up and out at a luncheon and

share a case study, a technique, or a scheme that others can benefit from and apply in their own practice. Our members are important! They have important and valuable jobs where they try to retain various resources for their companies and clients while making sure the expenditures of those resources are done without fraud, waste or abuse.



Please celebrate with us and join us in a CPE event or social!



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> in the year following the drawing (i.e. Contestant wins the prep course in June 2016; reimbursement would be due January 2017).



### To Enter:

All those who are eligible and agree to the terms of the drawing should contact [Mark.Ingram@tn.gov](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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](mailto: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 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.

## 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.



## Social Media



Our chapter is now on social media! We are on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ACFENashville](http://www.facebook.com/ACFENashville) and on Twitter @AcfeNashville. Please like and follow us! A big thanks to Board Member-at-Large Barry Pruitt for getting us set up. The Chapter plans to set up a LinkedIn page as well in the near future.



## 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 [mary.cole@nashville.gov](mailto:mary.cole@nashville.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 [mary.cole@nashville.gov](mailto:mary.cole@nashville.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](mailto:mark.ingram@tn.gov).

## New Members

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

Michelle Dennis                      Deloitte



## New CFEs

Congratulations to Michael Yeargin and Pam Sixt, who received their framed CFE certificates at the October luncheon!



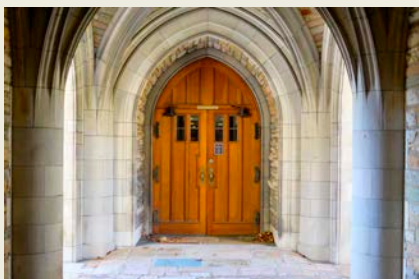
Chapter President Jason Conner and Michael Yeargin



Chapter President Jason Conner and Pam Sixt

*Congratulations!*

## November Luncheon Information



We will hold our November luncheon on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 11:30 am in the Raintree Room at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at <http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps-directions/>

## Important New Parking Information

Due to issues with unauthorized parking by Vanderbilt students, **Scarritt-Bennett is now requiring 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>.

This is effective immediately for the November luncheon, and 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 begin taking license plates and towing 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.



## November Luncheon Speaker

Our November speaker is Jim Wilson. His presentation will include an analysis of the methodology and discovery from actual fraud cases.

**Jim Wilson, Jr.**  
**President, Wilson & Wilson, PC**



Jim received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from David Lipscomb University and his Masters of Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. Jim holds a membership in the American College of Forensic Examiners International. He is the President and sole owner of Wilson & Wilson, PC, a Certified Public Accounting/Certified Fraud Examiner firm located in Nashville, Tennessee. Wilson & Wilson, PC specializes in analysis of business interruption claims, forensic investigations, forensic consulting, tax preparation and tax defense, compilation and review of financial statements, audits, financial statement analysis and business valuations.

Jim has taught accounting, finance, economics, math for business decisions, CPA tax and FASB update for CPA continuing education programs, and owning and operating your own small business. He began his teaching career at Middle Tennessee State University. He later taught at David Lipscomb University, Nashville State Technical Institute, and in the Master's Degree Program at Belmont University. He writes a tax/fraud awareness column for the *Westside News* (a GCA Publication). Many of Jim's articles have been published in various newspapers, and his papers have been presented in many seminars throughout the southeastern United States.





## October Luncheon Minutes



Klier and Rick Ellison from the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs OIG gave an overview of the OIG and discussed cases.

President Jason Conner called the meeting to order. He reminded attendees to sign in at the registration table in order to receive CPE credit. He also reminded everyone of the training from national ACFE that will be held in Nashville October 26-28. Jason asked members to introduce their guests.

Suzzie Singleton then introduced the speakers.



Meredith Mooth won the door prize. Jason presented framed CFE certificates to Pam Sixt and Michael Yeargin. Jason noted that Jim Wilson would be the speaker for the November luncheon. He asked members to contact Suzzie if they were interested in presenting cases at the monthly luncheons. The meeting was then adjourned.

## Member Spotlight Adam Duvall, CPA



My name is Adam Duvall. I graduated from Western Kentucky University with a B. S. in Accounting and a MAcc (Masters of Accountancy). After graduating, I started working in public accounting specializing in governmental audits. I completed my CPA license while working in public accounting. I also have experience in management in the private sector. I currently work for the Department of Revenue in Collection Services. I deal with quality assurance and risk assessments as an auditor. Rosie McClurkan encouraged me to join the MTACFE and I am glad I did. I enjoy playing volleyball, being social, and

trying new foods.



## 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](mailto:Suzanne.Smotherman@tn.gov). The library is currently housed on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of the James K. Polk building.



## Member Spotlight Volunteers Needed



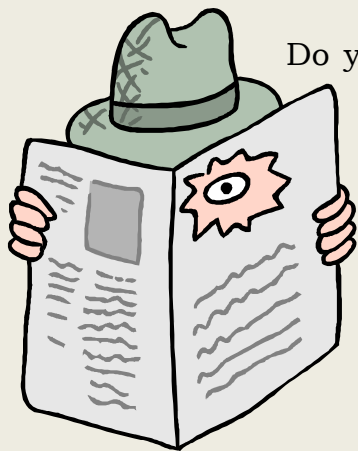
The Newsletter Committee is looking for volunteers to be featured in the Member Spotlight! If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee. It's a great way to introduce yourself to the chapter!

## Speaker Search

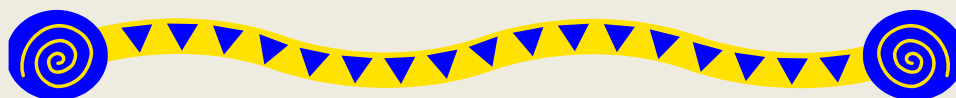
Our chapter is always on the lookout for speakers for luncheons, the Member Benefit Day, and the Annual Fraud Conference. If you know of someone who might be willing to speak, please contact the chapter Training Director, Suzzie Singleton, at [Suzzie.Singleton@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Suzzie.Singleton@cot.tn.gov).



## 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.



## National Conference Contest Points System



**Congratulations to Melinda Weir, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2016 national conference, which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada.** Start compiling your points for the 2017 national conference, which will be held right here in Nashville! 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 2016 and December 2016 to [mark.ingram@tn.gov](mailto:mark.ingram@tn.gov) by February 15, 2017. 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 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	2 points
Service on Chapter Committee	2 points



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