

Aliddle Cennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Frand Examiners

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President's NotesBy Jason Conner, CFE



I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their help in making our Member Benefit Day a success. This event requires a lot of hard work and planning, especially when the day arrives. I also would like to offer special thanks to Britt

Wood for coordinating all the refreshments and to

Daniel Porter for filling in as a speaker at the last minute. I hope everyone enjoyed the training and learned something beneficial to your daily fight against fraud.

The ACFE is hosting a three-day training event at the Radisson Hotel Nashville Airport on October 26-28, 2016. The event is titled *Effective Report Writing for Fraud Examiners + Bribery and Corruption*. See the links below for more information on these courses.

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Effective Report Writing for Fraud Examiners http://www.acfe.com/events.aspx?id=4294992300

Bribery and Corruption http://www.acfe.com/events.aspx?id=4294992301

I know it seems as if we are all busy all of the time. Just remember this Elizabeth Lawrence quote – "Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn and watch football." Ok, I added the football part, but you get the gist of it. With that, I look forward to seeing everyone at the luncheon on October 20!

2016-2017 Calendar of Events

We will hold our 2016 – 2017 CFE luncheons 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 upcoming event dates for this year are:

10/20/2016	Luncheon
11/17/2016	Luncheon
12/15/2016	Member Social *
1/19/2017	Luncheon
February 2016	No Luncheon
3/6-7/2017	Annual Conference-no luncheon
4/20/2017	Luncheon
5/18/2017	Luncheon
6/8/2017	Member Social *
6/18-23/2017	National Conference in Nashville

^{*} 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 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 2016; reimbursement would be due January 2017).

To Enter:

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

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.



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Please email <u>info@middletennesseecfe.org</u> 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 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 reservation-ist at 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 <u>Dues</u>*. 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 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 nonmember 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:

Eric Howser TN Department of Commerce & Insurance

Paige Jones UP Communications, LLC

Steven Mahoney DaVita

Sue Watson MJC Forensics Accountants & Consultants



New CFEs

Congratulations to Laura Cowan and Vincent Haymon, who received their framed CFE certificates at the August luncheon!



Chapter President Jason Conner and Laura Cowan



Chapter President Jason Conner and Vincent Haymon



October Luncheon Information



We will hold our October luncheon on Thursday, October 20, 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.

October Luncheon Speakers

Our October speakers will be Michael Klier and Richard Ellison, special agents with the US Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). They will give an overview of the VA; the VA OIG's role in protecting the integrity of VA programs; and an overview of cases they have worked involving procurement fraud, benefits fraud, internal crimes involving employees, and health care fraud prosecuted at both the federal and state level.

Michael P. Klier Special Agent Nashville Resident Agency



Michael P. Klier has been assigned to the Nashville Resident Agency of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) since October 2010. In this capacity, SA Klier has investigated fraud against the VA, including Service Disabled Veteran Small Business fraud, benefits fraud, drug diversion and a range of other criminal and civil matters.

Prior to joining the VA OIG, SA Klier was a Special Agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, where he was the fraud agent for Patuxent River Naval Base. SA Klier started his federal law enforce-

ment career with the US Secret Service in Atlanta, Georgia where he investigated international fraud and mortgage fraud. He was also assigned to the Germany Office where he handled financial fraud, including bank and credit card fraud, throughout Europe.

SA Klier has received numerous awards throughout his law enforcement career. He has also served as an Intelligence Specialist with the Department of the Army and was a Professional Staffer for the Small Business Committee for the U.S. House of Representatives.

SA Klier received an MA from Indiana University, received a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Germany and received undergraduate degrees from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. SA Klier is also a graduate of the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course in Ft. Huachuca, AZ, which he completed as a civilian.

SA Klier is a Certified Fraud Examiner.

Rick Ellison Special Agent Nashville Resident Agency

Rick Ellison is assigned as a Special Agent (SA), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VA OIG), Nashville Resident Agency, Nashville, TN.

SA Ellison has over twenty three years of government service with over nineteen years of federal law enforcement experience. SA Ellison's federal law enforcement experience includes assignments with the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) and the VA OIG. Additionally, SA Ellison served four years as an officer with the U.S. Marine Corps.

SA Ellison earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. He is an Honor Graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, GA and the USSS Special Agent Training Course, Washington, D.C. SA Ellison is the recipient of several VA OIG special contribution awards, two VA OIG case of the month awards, a Quality Step Increase and the VA Inspector General's Sustained Superior Performance Award. SA Ellison is a Certified Fraud Examiner.

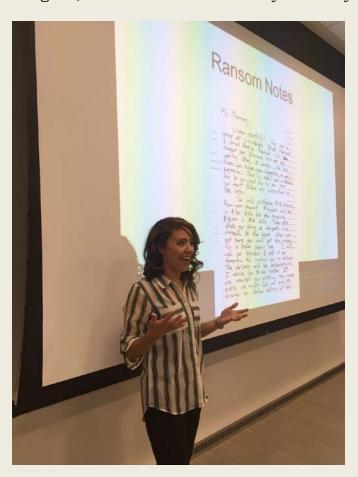
Throughout his federal law enforcement career, SA Ellison has investigated numerous large scale fraud cases, bribery / kickback schemes, public corruption cases, contract fraud cases, prescription drug cases, sexual assaults, employee misconduct and a murder investigation at a VA Medical Center.

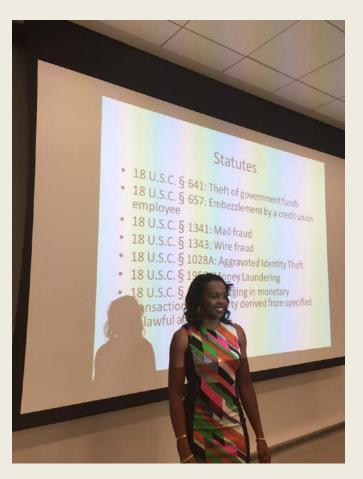
SA Ellison is a certified Firearms, Use of Force and MILO range use of force simulator instructor and is active in VA OIG Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Training at the national level.



Member Benefit Day

We hope you enjoyed the Member Benefit Day! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success, and a special thanks to our speakers, Brooklyn Sawyers, Dr. Chris Rush, Sharon Soogrim, and Daniel Porter. See you next year!







Member Spotlight Debbie Newell, CFE



I have been a CFE since 2004. I taught accounting at Union University for 24 years. During the last eight years of full-time teaching plus a few times since I retired, I taught Fraud Detection and Prevention. I have a small tax practice and an, as needed, fraud practice. I am interested in fraud investigations on a per diem or per hour basis if any of you have need. I can be reached at 731-394-3111 or dhnewell@gmail.com. I have been married 43 years. We have two children and five grandchildren.

National ACFE Training in Nashville--October 26-28, 2016



The National ACFE will be hosting two training events in Nashville in October. *Effective Writing for Fraud Examiners* will take place on October 26, 2016. *Bribery and Corruption* will take place on October 27-28, 2016. The training will be held at the Radisson Hotel Nashville Airport, located at 1112 Airport Center Drive in Nashville. ACFE is offering special pricing for members and for the combo event. Please see

http://www.acfe.com/NashvilleCombo/ for more details.



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.



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 by February 15, 2017. Please have supporting documentation available for your points.

Category	<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 Fraud Magazine	3 points
Attending the Chapter's 19th Annual Conference	2 points
Service on Chapter Committee	2 points





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