



January 2017

President's Notes By Jason Conner, CFE



I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season. I would like to thank those who attended the December social and donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. Your donations, along with matching donations, helped provide 5,200 meals to people in middle and west Tennessee!

Now that the holidays are over, we can focus on making the new year a great one. Next up for the chapter is our January luncheon. Our speaker will be Sergeant Michael Warren from Metropolitan Nashville Police Department's Fraud Unit. Sgt. Warren will discuss common scams trending in Davidson County and the impact of identity theft, including how to avoid becoming a victim

and mitigate damages.

Now is the time to submit your points accumulated during 2016 in order to be eligible to win a trip to the 2017 ACFE Global Fraud Conference. You must submit your points to Mark Ingram by February 15, 2017.

Registration is now open for our 21st Annual Fraud Conference. The conference will be held at One Century Place on March 6-7, 2017. Book your spot now!

I look forward to seeing everyone on January 19!

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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 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:

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 tact 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.

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 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 reservationist 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 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 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 CFE

Congratulations to Phyllis Pickett, who received her framed CFE certificate at the December luncheon!



21st Annual MTACFE Fraud Conference



Please join us March 6-7, 2017, for our 21st annual MTACFE fraud conference! The conference will be held at One Century Place in Nashville. See www.meetatcenturyplace.com for directions. We have a variety of speakers covering topics such as identity theft, audits, ethics, interviewing, and EMV cards. For more information, visit our chapter website at <http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/event-2404368> or see the brochure at the end of this newsletter.

December Luncheon Minutes



President Jason Conner called the meeting to order. He reminded everyone to sign in at the registration table. He noted that registration for the annual fraud conference would be opening soon. He reminded everyone to take four rolls of wrapping paper on their way out. Jason then presented Phyllis Pickett with her framed CFE certificate, and he noted that chapter members who passed the CFE exam after joining the chapter could get their certificates framed. Mary Thompson won the door prize, which was a set of reusable gift bags donated by chapter member Linda Ciprich. Jason stated that renewal notices would be going out to everyone whose membership was coming due at the end of 2016. He reminded everyone that the next meeting would take place on January 19, 2017. He wished everyone happy holidays. The meeting was then adjourned.



January Luncheon Information



We will hold our January luncheon on Thursday, January 19, 2017, 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 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.



January Luncheon Speaker

Our January speaker is Sergeant Michael Warren with the Metro Nashville Police Department. He will be speaking on common scams that are trending in Davidson County and how to avoid becoming a victim, as well as mitigating damages.

Sgt. Michael Warren MNPD Fraud Unit



Michael Warren is the sergeant over the Metro Nashville Police Department's Fraud Unit. The MNPD is listed as the 36 largest U.S. police department and serves Nashville – Davidson County which ranks as the 21st largest U.S. City. Michael has degrees in Accounting and Business Administration from Union College in Kentucky. Michael has served as an auditor with the Tennessee Department of Workforce and Labor and as a reconciliation specialist for LifeWay Christian Resources prior to joining MNPD in 2007. Michael oversees seven detectives that investigate matters of fraud and pawn as part of the Criminal Investigations Division.

Member Spotlight Cindy Marcengill



Originally from South Carolina, Cindy relocated to Nashville in 2012, where she is a Director, Internal Audit. Cindy has a strong background of cyber security, security governance, risk, program management, and auditing in various disciplines and industries, which include insurance, finance, manufacturing, education, government and legal.

One of the most rewarding areas of her career has been the opportunity to learn while coaching young professionals from all nationalities and mentoring veterans returning to the traditional work force.

As an artist, Cindy enjoys hammering steel and copper into pieces of art. When not at a forge, she may be found on the water fishing and kayaking or hiking in the Smoky Mountains.

Cindy currently holds these certifications: C | CISO, MPMP, PMP, and Six Sigma Black Belt. She is a member nationally and locally of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Institute of Internal Auditors, ISACA, Project Management Institute and American Corporate Partners.

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



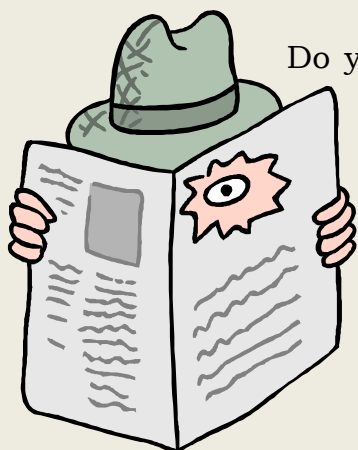
The Newsletter Committee is looking for volunteers to be featured in the Member Spotlight! If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee. It's a great way to introduce yourself to the chapter!

Speaker Search

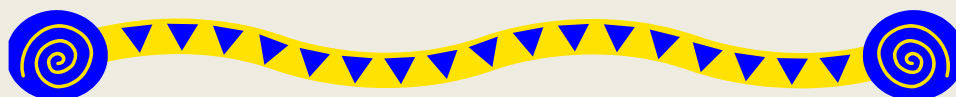
Our chapter is always on the lookout for speakers for luncheons, the Member Benefit Day, and the Annual Fraud Conference. If you know of someone who might be willing to speak, please contact the chapter Training Director, Suzzie Singleton, at Suzzie.Singleton@cot.tn.gov.



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.

<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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21st Annual Fraud Conference

Save The Date!

March 6-7, 2017

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 has been
allocated at Embassy Suites Nashville
Airport Hotel, 10 Century Boulevard,
Nashville, TN 37214, at the rate of
\$**161** per night, single occupancy.
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.**

• Speakers & Topics:

- **Allen F. Brown**, CFE, CPA - Why Audits Fail to Find Fraud & Putting the Work Together
- **Robin Cramer**, CPA/CFF, CFE - Be a Hero, Find Fraud Before It's Too Late!
- **Scott E. Augenbaum** - Identity Theft
- **Bethmara Kessler**, CFE, CISA – Who Can You Trust?
- **Herman Statum**, MS, CFE, CPP, CHSV, DABCHS, PI - Ethics For Fraud Examiners
- **Jonathan E. Turner**, CFE, CII - 7 Steps to Make your Interviews More Effective
- **Steven J. J. Weisman**, Esq. - EMV cards, The Continuing Evolution of EMV Cards and Credit Card Fraud

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

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>