



September 2016

President's Notes By Jason Conner, CFE



We had a fantastic opener to begin our chapter year. Fellow board member Barry Pruitt delivered a fine presentation on active listening skills. I think we all got some good tips from him. I know I've already used some of them. Thanks, Barry!

A wise woman once told me, "No, I will not approve paid administrative leave for the duration of football season." Feel free to check with your own boss, as results may vary. Oh well. In addition to football, we have a lot of great chapter events ahead. Keep that in mind as you toil away in the

rhinestone mines of Nashville.

Our Member Benefit Day of training for this chapter year is coming up soon – September 19, 2016. Suzzie has booked an exciting lineup – Dr. Larry Miller, Dr. Chris Rush, Brooklyn Sawyers, and Sharon Soogrim. We will provide snacks; you will be on your own for lunch. If you have signed up and can't make it, please let us know as soon as possible. We have quite a few people on the waiting list who would love to take your place.

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*. We will provide more information on this event as we receive it.

See you at Member Benefit Day!

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Our 2016 – 2017 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 upcoming event dates for this year are:

9/19/2016	Member Benefit Day-no luncheon
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

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 CPE certificates will be emailed 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. We are looking for chapter members to volunteer to serve on the newly-formed social media committee. If you are interested, please contact our chapter president, Jason Conner, at Jason.Conner@cot.tn.gov. 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.

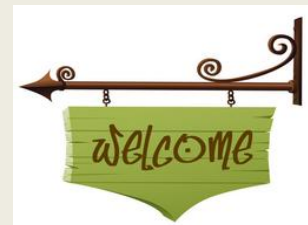
Members, if you are inviting nonmembers to attend who are not first time attendees, please be sure that they are fully aware of their costs and our cancellation and invoicing policy. First-time guests eat free. After a guest's first visit, he or she will be charged \$20.00 according to the non-member 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 Members

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

Conselola Brown	Deloitte
Justin Brown	OverMont Consulting
Rachelle Cabading	TN Comptroller of the Treasury
Jacqueline Cherry	TN Dept. of Commerce & Insurance
Michael Duggin	Dollar General
Adam Duvall	Revenue
Stephanie Fox	City of Clarksville
Ginger Fussell	City of Clarksville
Dustin Green	
Tina Green	Deloitte
Luvenia Harrison	TN Dept. of Health
A S M Saifool Islam	Student Member, Devry University
Ashlee Lewis	Deloitte
Cindy Marcengill	UBS
Eric Rogers	Deloitte
Kenny Schneider	Delek US
Rick Schumacher	Nissan
Haley Tamburo	
Patricia Tate-Smith	TN Dept. of Human Services
Margaret Wilkerson	TN Dept. of Human Services
Rodney Wright	City of Clarksville



August Chapter Meeting Minutes

President Jason Conner called the meeting to order. He reminded attendees to sign in at the registration table in order to receive CPE credit. Jason reiterated that they should receive an email confirming their registration when they sign up online. He noted there was a review of the chapter finances and the board was working through and implementing some of the recommendations. He then invited members to introduce their guests, of which there were five. The Member Benefit Day registration is full and there is a waitlist.

The chapter has started a social media committee headed by Barry Pruitt. Jason presented Nathan Abbott with the Past Presidents' plaque. Barry was also the speaker for the day. Once he was done speaking, Jason presented him with a coin set. Michael Yeargan won the door prize. Laura Cowan and Vincent Haman were presented their framed CFE Certificates. Jason reminded the membership committee to meet down front after the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

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.scarrittbenett.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.

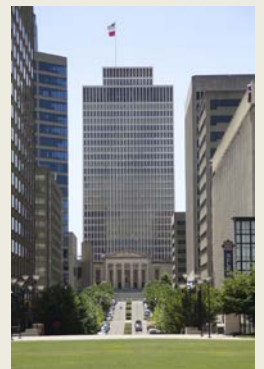
October Luncheon Speaker

Due to the upcoming Member Benefit Day on September 19, our next luncheon will take place on October 20, 2016. Our speakers will be Michael Klier and Richard Ellison, special agents with the US Department of Veterans' Affairs. More information to follow!

Upcoming Member Benefit Day

Member Benefit Day will take place on September 19, 2016, in the Tennessee Room at the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower in downtown Nashville. Chapter members may attend free, and non-members may attend for \$40. We have a great speaker lineup, which includes:

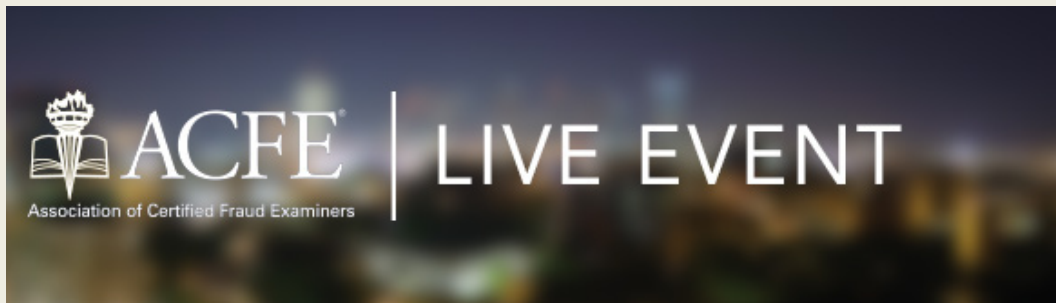
- *Brooklyn Sawyers*, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, who will be speaking on federal money laundering statutes and a detailed discussion of money laundering offense elements and financial investigations and tips. She will also cover various federal fraud statutes, including prosecutions for theft of government funds.
- *Dr. Larry Miller and Dr. Chris Rush* from East Tennessee State University, who will be speaking on forensic document examination.
- *Sharon Soogrim*, Investigator with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General, who will be speaking on fraud with HUD programs.



Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

National ACFE Training in Nashville--October 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. Early registration ends September 26. Please see <http://www.acfe.com/NashvilleCombo/> for more details.



Member Spotlight Jessica Scouten, CFE, CPA, MAFF



Originally from Pennsylvania, Jessica now considers Nashville her home after moving here over a decade ago. She earned her B.S in Accounting from Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA. Since graduating Magna Cum Laude, she has gone on to hone her specialized skills by obtaining certifications as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and most recently as a Master Analyst in Financial Forensics (MAFF).

Jessica began her career at KraftCPAs PLLC in the assurance service field specializing in audits of financial institutions and assessments of internal controls. Today you will find her as a member of KraftCPAs Turnaround and Restructuring Group, PLLC, an affiliate of KraftCPAs. Jessica focuses her practice on investigative accounting matters, including fraud investigations, forensic accounting and bankruptcy. She predominantly helps clients handle complex internal investigations relating to accounting and financial reporting irregularities. Jessica has also provided litigation support with corporate bankruptcies, fraudulent conveyances and business combinations.

In addition to being involved with the Middle Tennessee Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Jessica is a board member and treasurer with the Nashville Conflict Resolution Center, a board member with Tennessee Conservation Voters, a home owner selection committee member for Habitat for Humanity and a member of Tennessee Society of CPAs scholarship committee.

With all of that said, Jessica still seems to find time for her family and weekend hobbies. She and her husband, Josh, can be found gardening, watching lacrosse and running on the local greenways with their rescued puppy, Mabel.

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



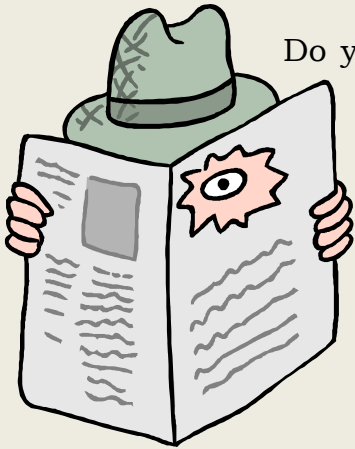
The Newsletter Committee is looking for volunteers to be featured in the Member Spotlight! If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee. It's a great way to introduce yourself to the chapter!

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

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Middle Tennessee Chapter Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Member Benefit Day

September 19, 2016
8:00 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.

Earn 8 Hrs. CPE

William R. Snodgrass /
Tennessee Tower

312 Rosa L. Parks Ave.,
Nashville, TN 37243

Snacks will be provided

The instructional method for this event is "Group Live." In accordance with the standards of Tennessee State Board of Accountancy, CPE credits have been granted based on a 50-minute hour. Sponsor Number TNSBA051

For State Agencies, the Middle Tennessee Chapter, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' vendor number is 0000083329

Our exceptional speakers are:

Dr. Larry Miller and Dr. Chris Rush presenting *Forensic Examination and Detection of Fraudulently Altered Documents*. This presentation will cover how documents may be altered and how to detect evidence of document alterations including signature forgeries, digital manipulation of documents, and xerographic copy techniques.

Brooklyn Sawyers presenting on **federal money laundering** statutes and detailed discussion of money laundering offense elements and financial investigations and tips. She will also cover various **federal fraud statutes**, including prosecutions for **theft of government funds**.

Sharon D. Soogrim, presenting on *HUD OIG: Who We Are and What We Do Including Case Studies*. This presentation will cover HUD OIG's mission, HUD OIG's investigations and case studies and how to report fraud, waste and abuse.

**Deadline to register is by COB
September 14, 2016**

Preregistration is required due to limited space. It also helps facilitate accurate CPE reporting, helps ensure that sufficient course materials are prepared, and allows us to accurately order refreshments. If you sign up and are **unable to attend**, please make sure you cancel your reservation, so someone else can attend. Otherwise, you may not be allowed to attend our future Member Benefit free events.

Link to register for this event:

<https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/events>

This Training is **FREE** to all current MTACFE members and **\$40 for non-members**. Non-members can join, prior to the event, for a yearly fee of \$25 or \$50 for three years and avoid the charge for the training! You can find information on chapter membership at

<https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/FAQ>

Member Benefit Day

Agenda

Tennessee Rooms, 3rd Floor

William R. Snodgrass/Tennessee Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave.,
Nashville, TN 37243

Our event for Fall in Nashville



Time	Monday, September 19, 2016
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7:30 am - 8:00 am	<i>Registration-Continental breakfast</i>
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8:00 am - 9:40 am	Forensic Examination and Detection of Fraudulently Altered Documents
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9:40 am - 9:55 am	BREAK
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9:55 am - 11:35 am	Money Laundering Plus
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11:35 am - 12:45 pm	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
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12:45 pm - 2:25 pm	Money Laundering Plus
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2:25 pm - 2:40 pm	BREAK
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2:40 pm - 4:20 pm	HUD OIG: Who We Are and What We Do Including Case Studies
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