

January 2015

President's Notes

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Wow, can you believe it is 2015! I am still holding out hope for Marty McFly to come through and deliver us a hoverboard. (Sorry, "Back to the Future 2" reference).

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! I enjoyed seeing everyone that came out to our December Social. I would like to personally thank everyone for their donations to the Second Harvest Food Bank. As a group, we donated \$602.50 this year, which will provide approximately 2,400 meals to those in need.

If you have not yet signed up for the Member Benefit Day on January 12, 2015, please remember to do so. The Training is free to members or \$25 for non-members. The deadline to register is January 7, and the cancellation date is January 8. **Non-members** can join for a yearly fee of \$25 or \$50 for three years and avoid the charge for training! It will be held in the Clement Auditorium at Nashville State Community College. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

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Calendar of Events

Our 2014 – 2015 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 luncheon dates this year are:

Thursday, September 18, 2014
 Thursday, October 16, 2014
 Thursday, November 20, 2014
 Christmas Social – December 18, 2014
 Member Benefit Day – January 12, 2015
 Thursday, February 19, 2015
 Annual Conference – March 9 & 10, 2015
 Thursday, April 16, 2015
 Thursday, May 21, 2015
 Social – June 25, 2015

Member Benefit Day (formerly known as the Free Day of Training) will be held on **January 12, 2015**, at Nashville State Technical Community College. Remote sites will be available in Jackson, Cookeville, and Knoxville. This training is *free* for MTACFE members and \$25 for non-members. The deadline to register is January 7, and the cancellation date is January 8. **Non-members** can join for a yearly fee of \$25 or \$50 for three years and avoid the charge for the training! You can find more information on chapter membership at <http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/faq.htm> .

The **19th Annual MTACFE Conference** will be held on **March 9 & 10, 2015**, at One Century Place Conference Center (formerly Willis Conference Center). Registration is now open at <http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/conference.htm> .

Our website now lists events at surrounding chapters! See our chapter website at <http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/index.htm> for more information on these great training and networking opportunities.



Did You Know?

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.

We also give away thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to deserving students. More details may be found on our website at <http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/scholarships.htm> .



Important Meeting Information

Luncheons are \$10.00 for members who make their reservations by COB on Wednesday prior to the luncheon. For members making their reservations after COB on the Wednesday before the luncheon, and 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.

Adopted Policy @ \$21.09 per plate cost		
	Luncheon Fee	Chapter Cost
Member w/ Reservation	\$10.00	\$11.09
Member w/o Reservation	\$20.00	\$1.09
Member No-Show	\$20.00	\$1.09
Non-Member w/ Reservation	\$15.00	\$6.09
Non-Member w/o Reservation	\$20.00	\$1.09
1st Time Visitor	Free	\$21.09

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.

Any cancellations **(after we have submitted the number of attendees to the facility)** or no-shows will be invoiced for the full cost of the meal: \$20.00. Payment of invoices will be due within 60 days of date of invoice. Any unpaid invoices after the 60 day period will result in any reservation for future luncheons to be **CANCELED** and you will not be allowed to attend Chapter luncheons or take advantage of member benefits until your outstanding invoices are paid.

If you must cancel your reservation, you must notify the reservationist, Mary Cole (Mary.C.Cole@cot.tn.gov), by the deadline listed in the reservation email, which is usually one week prior to the luncheon, or you may have someone attend in your place and 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. 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.

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 \$15.00 for the lunch with a reservation, and \$20.00 without a reservation 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.

Important New Information Regarding CPE Suspensions



According to the ACFE's website at <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.

New Members

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

Angela Chancellor, Austin Peay State University

Anthony DelConte, Tennessee Dept. of Finance and Administration

Jerry Durham, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Alan Holman, Genesco

Jessica Pavish, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

Alberto Pena, Navi Health Inc.

David Sherman, Deloitte Services LLP

Brian Storey, Deloitte

Jacqueline Struckmeyer, Austin Peay State University

Sharon Wahlstrom, Metro Government of Nashville-Davidson County

Amy Wilkins, Deloitte Services LLP



December Meeting Minutes

President Micheal Baer called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the social. He reminded everyone to sign up for the Member Benefit Day in January. He also noted that registration was open for the annual conference, and the link was on the chapter website. Micheal asked all of the chapter board members to stand and be recognized. At the request of Treasurer Mark Ingram, he reminded everyone that the points contest for the trip to the national conference would end on December 31, and the winner would be announced at the local annual conference in March. Micheal invited everyone to take six rolls of wrapping paper before they left. The meeting was then adjourned.

December Luncheon Photos



Points Contest Deadline is Near

The 2014 chapter year is closed! Please submit your points earned between January 2014 and December 2014 to Mark.Ingram@tn.gov by January 31, 2015. For more information on points, see page **10**. The winner of the points contest will receive an all-expense paid trip to the national ACFE conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The winner will be announced in March 2015.



February 2015 Luncheon

The February luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 11:30 am at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in the Raintree Room. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at <http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps.aspx>

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.

February Luncheon Speakers

Due to the Member Benefit Day, we will not have a monthly luncheon in January. Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 19. Our February luncheon speakers will be Christopher Pikelis, Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service, and Brian Fazenbaker, FBI Special Agent. They will be speaking about criminal investigative work by the IRS. Look for more information in the February newsletter!

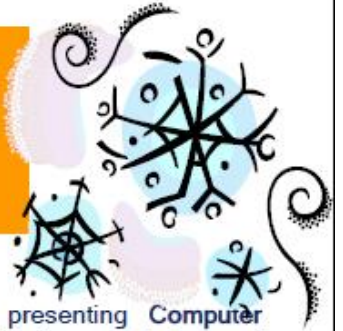


Member Benefit Day Information



Middle Tennessee Chapter Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Member Benefit Day



January 12, 2015
8:00 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Earn 8 Hrs. CPE

Nashville State Community College
120 White Bridge Rd. Nashville, TN 37209
Clement Auditorium

Remote locations will be available in Jackson,
Cookeville, and in Knoxville
[Space is limited in these location]

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 2 exceptional speaker s are:

Alton Sizemore, Jr. CPA, CFE, CFF presenting **Computer Forensics**: It's value in investigations, collecting, analyzing and storing digital evidence, discovery and legal issues associated with digital evidence and how to use the Internet in your investigations

James J. Butterworth, CFE, GCIA, EnCE presenting **High Tech Fraud**: Including Point of Service (POS) fraud, Why We Care about Bitcoin, #MakingItTooEasy - Social Networks and You, and When the Internet of Things meets the Internet of Bad Things

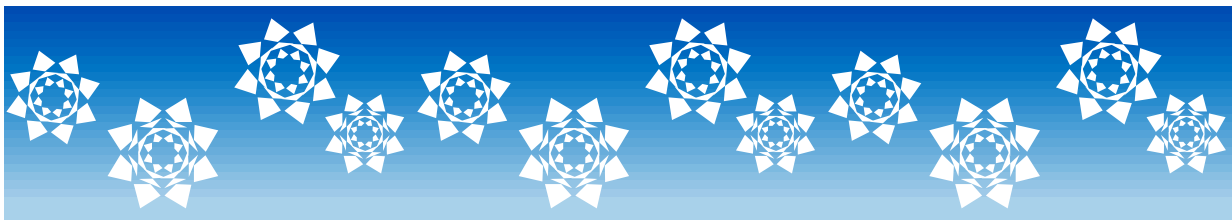
Preregistration is required due to limited space. It also helps facilitate accurate CPE reporting, and helps ensure that sufficient course materials are prepared, and allows us to accurately order refreshments. If you sign up and are **unable to attend**, please make sure you cancel your reservation by January 8, 2015, so someone else can attend. Otherwise, you will be charged \$25.

<http://www.middletennesseecfe.org/training.htm>

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The deadline to register is January 7, 2015, and the cancellation deadline is January 8, 2015.

Hope to see you there!



Member Spotlight

John Gullett, CFE, CPA, NHA



I began my career with the Comptroller of the Treasury's Division of State Audit shortly after graduating from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. While working for State Audit, I obtained my Certified Fraud Examiner (2005) and Certified Public Accountant (2006) license. I have been a member of the local CFE chapter for about the past 10 years (on and off).

I always knew I wanted to go into the healthcare field since college, so I left the Division of State Audit in 2006 and went to work for Community Health Systems. While there, I worked in the audit department and then went to work at one of their hospitals in Mississippi in an administrative role. While at CHS, it afforded me the opportunity to travel across the US and visit both very large and also some fairly remote areas. It also gave me the opportunity for a more stable work environment where I wasn't traveling for weeks, sometimes months, at a time and afforded me the chance to settle down, get married and have a family.

In 2011, I decided to come back to Tennessee from Mississippi and went to work briefly for HCA before finding an opening with the Tennessee State Veterans' Homes Board. I was hesitant at first to come to TSVH due to my past experiences with the organization (it was my first audit when I worked for State Audit), but after meeting the current management team, which includes another State Audit alumni, and touring the building, I knew this was a different place than 10 or so years ago. TSVH now has three skilled nursing facilities, and a fourth scheduled for completion in Clarksville in early 2015, and all are rated very highly by CMS and the TN Department of Health.

While working for TSVH, I was able to obtain a Nursing Home Administrators license. While obtaining this license, it opened my eyes even more on how difficult and stressful it is to keep a nursing facility running properly and keep/assist residents in enjoying life. The most important thing to remember is that a nursing facility is a person's home and we are all just guests.



As for what the future holds for me, I cannot tell you at the moment. I have always hated the question "Where do you see yourself in so many years" because who knows what life will throw at us tomorrow. I just know I prepare myself each day for any upcoming challenges or projects that are coming my way. I do know that I enjoy my career at TSVH, I know that I have always appreciated the CFE community and the objectives it stands for, and that I love my family.

I try to make a CFE luncheon at least a few times a year and attend the trainings. I enjoy seeing my former colleagues and do my best to keep in touch (although I boycott Facebook), so the next time you see me, please say hi. P.S. I may or may not have a beard so look close.

Annual Conference Contest Points System

Congratulations to Nathan Abbott, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2014 national conference, which was held in San Antonio, Texas. You can earn points to compete for next year’s trip, which will be held in June 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland. Simply earn points according to the following schedule. The Chapter’s treasurer, Mark Ingram (Mark.Ingram@tn.gov) will be tracking the points earned. Please submit your points to him as you earn them to be sure you are appropriately credited. Points earned between January 2014 and December 2014 will be for the June 2015 trip to Baltimore! The trip will be awarded in March 2015.

<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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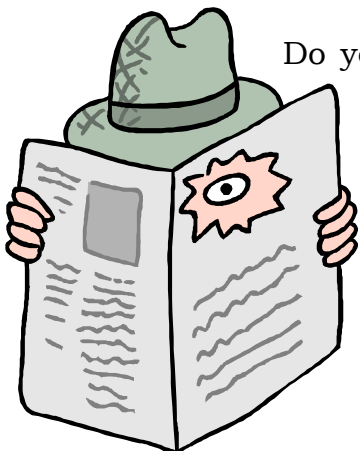


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