

President's Notes

by Micheal Baer, CFE, CIA



Can you believe it is already spring? With spring comes change and this also means change for our Chapter. We began taking nominations for new Board and Committee members last month. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the board or a committee, please send your nominations to Britt Wood at Britt.Wood@tn.gov and John Gullett at JGullett@tsvh.org by May 18, 2015.

For those who were unable to attend the April luncheon, you missed a great presentation by Linda Ciprich, Investigator with the Tennessee Board of Regents, on an actual employee embezzlement case Linda uncovered during a routine cash accounts internal audit. Linda detailed the breakdown of internal controls that allowed the embezzlement to occur and how it was discovered.

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Our final Luncheon of the year will be May 21, 2015. If you have not reserved your spot for this month's luncheon please do so before Wednesday, May 13TH. We have another wonderful speaker lined up. Mr. Barry Pruitt, Director of Security & Investigation will be presenting "Using Social Media in your Investigation."

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this month's luncheon due to work related travels, but hopefully I will have the opportunity to see you at our Annual June Social. This year's social will be held at Scarritt-Bennett on June 25, 2015. This event is free to members and a guest. Also, if you have not submitted your name in the drawing for the free CFE prep course, please contact Mark Ingram at Mark.Ingram@tn.gov.

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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

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.

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 or gave a wrong email address.

You can email info@middletennesseecfe.org to request a copy of your CPE certificate.



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:

Thomas Smith, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance

April Meeting Minutes

President Micheal Baer called the meeting to order. He asked for members to introduce their guests and also for any new members to stand and be recognized. He noted that nominations for the chapter board were now open, and everyone should have received an email. He said that copies of the ACFE Report to the Nation and other materials left from the annual conference were available at the meeting for members to take. He also reminded the members about the national ACFE training that would be held in Nashville in July and to note the flyers on each table. Micheal then introduced the speaker, Linda Ciprich, from the Tennessee Board of Regents Office of Statewide Internal Audit. Ms. Ciprich spoke about how breakdowns in internal controls can lead to fraud. Sandy Lewis won the door prize. Micheal reminded everyone that the next chapter meeting would take place on May 21, and the social would take place on June 25. The meeting was then adjourned.





May 2015 Luncheon

The May luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 21, 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.

May Luncheon Speaker

Our May luncheon speaker will be Barry Pruitt, Director of Security and Investigations for Houchens Industries. Barry will be speaking about using social media in investigations.



A recognized leader known for crafting strategic visions for employee security and theft deterrence, Barry Pruitt offers a unique blend of criminal investigations, team building, and solution development at Houchens Industries. As Director of Security and Investigations, Barry has built a responsive security network and business intelligence group that consistently delivers results by aligning technology and information with business goals to protect their 16,000 employees and \$3 billion in assets and inventory.

Barry's career includes leadership roles at the Bowling Green, Kentucky Police Department where he was recruited to serve on the United States Attorney General's Anti-Terrorism Task Force and the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force.

Barry is a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Forensic Interviewer and Certified Criminal Intelligence Analyst. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University and is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, International Association of Interviewers, and the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts.

Member Spotlight

Jennifer Garoutte, CFE, CGFM



Hi! I'm Jennifer Garoutte [pronounced: guh-root], most people just call me Jennifer because they can't pronounce my last name. I tell them it's ok because I married into it and wasn't born with it.

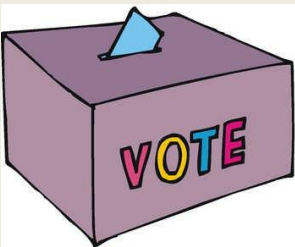
I grew up here in Nashville. The University of Tennessee @ Martin provided my higher education, where I received an undergraduate degree in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration.

I currently work with the Comptroller's Office, Division of Financial and Compliance Investigations. Prior to joining this group in February 2014, I spent almost 14 years as a Sunset Performance Auditor for the Comptroller's Office completing reviews of various state departments and agencies. During my time as a Sunset Performance Auditor, there are two projects that stick out to me. One audit turned into an investigation which I enjoyed so much I knew I'd be interested in doing investigations full-time someday. The other is one of the last Sunset Audits I worked on that received a Certificate of Impact from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society. Both of these projects allowed me to use my data analysis, Excel Spreadsheet, and Pivot Table skills to summarize and present useful, decision-making information to our legislators and citizens.



When I am not nose deep in an Excel Spreadsheet of data, you can usually find me playing with my dog and cat, crocheting, reading, or spending time with my family. These days my family includes my wonderful husband, Tim; super smart and talented step-daughters Emilija and Natalija; and my very helpful son-in-law Shane.

Nominations for 2015-2016 Program Year



The floor is now open for nominations for the Chapter Board of Directors! If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a position, please contact John Gullett at jgullett@tsvh.org by **May 18**. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please make sure that the person is willing to serve if selected.

Upcoming Training Opportunity

National ACFE will be hosting two training sessions in Nashville in July! Go to <http://www.acfe.com/events.aspx?id=4294986187> and <http://www.acfe.com/events.aspx?id=4294986188> for more information.



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MTACFE 2015 Annual Fraud Conference Article



The MTACFE 2015 Annual Conference is the subject of an article in the April 2015 Chapter Register newsletter published by national ACFE! Click the link below to read the article:

http://www.acfechapternews.com/acfechapternews/2015/4/23/middle-tennessee-chapters-19th-annual-fraud-conference?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRonvKrNZKXonjHpfsX86%2BQvX7Hr08Yy0EZ5VunJEUWy2oIITdQ%2FcOedCQkZHblFnVgJSq29RawNr6IE

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.



National Conference Contest Points System

Congratulations to Melinda Crutchfield, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2015 national conference, which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. The winner of the 2016 trip will be announced at the annual conference in March 2016. In the meantime, start compiling your points for the 2016 conference! 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 Mark as you earn them to be sure you are appropriately credited. Points earned between January 2015 and December 2015 will be for the 2016 national conference!

<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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