



# Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

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## President's Notes By Kesha Thomas, CFE, MCJ

The Examiner



Hello and welcome to the new year! We are already in gear and had a great luncheon on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it despite the weather and road conditions. Alanna Autler with News Channel 4, gave a very informative presentation about the use of confidential informants in investigative work.

For those of you participating in the National Conference point contest, it is time to start submitting your points. Please have your points in to Mark Ingram by close of business February 28, 2018.

Our next luncheon will be a joint one with the local AGA chapter. It will be held February 12, 2018 at the Doubletree Hotel. Registration and speaker information will be sent out soon.

Registration for our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference is now open. The conference will be held March 5-6, 2018 at One Century Place. Please go ahead and get registered as seats are going quickly. Registration information is available at <https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/events> . The conference flyer is at the end of this newsletter.

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## 2017-2018 Calendar of Events

We will hold our 2017-2018 CFE luncheons at the Scarritt-Bennett Center located at 1008 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Nashville, with the exception of the joint luncheon with Nashville AGA. You will find the calendar below. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am.

1/18/2018	Luncheon
2/12/2018	Joint luncheon with Nashville AGA
3/5-6/2018	<b>Annual Conference</b>
4/19/2018	Luncheon
5/17/2018	Luncheon
June 2018	<b>Member Social *</b>

\* member-only events

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> in the year following the drawing (i.e. Contestant wins the prep course in June 2017; reimbursement would be due January 2018).



**To Enter:**

All those who are eligible and agree to the terms of the drawing should contact [Mark.Ingram@tn.gov](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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.



## 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](mailto: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 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 [nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov](mailto:nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.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 [nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.gov](mailto:nicolette.hudson@cot.tn.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](mailto:mark.ingram@tn.gov).

## 2018 MTACFE Annual Fraud Conference



The 2018 Annual Fraud Conference will take place March 5-6, 2018, at the One Century Place conference center! Registration is now open. We have a great lineup of speakers planned for the conference. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

### New Members

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

Sam Alzoubi  
Paul Gogonelis  
Randy Perry  
Cassie Wheeler

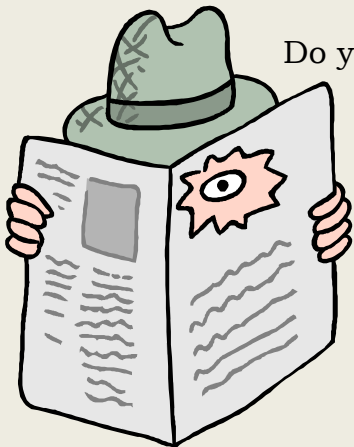
TN Department of Human Services  
Tennessee Tech University  
Ottawa University-Wisconsin  
City of Clarksville



### December Meeting Minutes

President Kesha Thomas called the meeting to order. She thanked the members for a successful first half of the chapter year. She then announced that the chapter library was being disbanded due to a lack of space to store the books, and the books were available for the taking on a table in the meeting area. Kesha announced that wrapping paper was available, and each member could take up to six rolls. The meeting was then adjourned.

### 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.

## January Luncheon Information



We will hold our January luncheon on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 11:30 am in the Raintree Room at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at <http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps-directions/>

## Important Parking Information

Due to issues with unauthorized parking by Vanderbilt students, **Scarritt-Bennett requires 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>.

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 record license plates and tow 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 Information

Our January luncheon speaker is Alanna Autler, Investigative Reporter for WSMV Channel 4 in Nashville. Her topic is “The Power of People: How to use sourcing to combat secrets and the sinuous.”

## January Luncheon Speaker Alanna Autler



Alanna is an investigative reporter for News 4 in Nashville. Since 2014, she has delved into topics ranging from state politics to taxpayer waste. Alanna's reporting has garnered four first place Associated Press awards and four Emmy nominations. Before moving to Nashville, Alanna worked at the CBS affiliate in Charleston, West Virginia. She earned a journalism degree from Northwestern University.

### 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](mailto:Suzzie.Singleton@cot.tn.gov).

### Member Spotlight

#### Bethany Todzia, CPA



I graduated from Central Connecticut State University in May of 2007 and began working for a small public accounting firm where I spent most of my time doing financial statement audits and audits of employee benefit plans. However, working in a smaller firm requires a bit of all around knowledge and I soon found myself veering more towards the tax spectrum. I passed the CPA exam in 2012 and moved to Nashville in 2014. I currently work for KraftCPAs as a tax manager within the Healthcare Industry Team. Even though the majority of my day is spent dealing with the IRS and trying to keep up with the ever-changing rules and regulations (this new tax reform package is sure to keep me gainfully employed for a while), I have always had an interest in fraud and forensic accounting. I'm also currently studying for the CFE exam.

When it's not tax season I enjoy horseback riding, discovering all this great city has to offer, and getting to the beach as often as possible.

### 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!



## Global ACFE Conference Points Contest



**Congratulations to Barry Pruitt, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2017 global conference!** Start compiling your points for the 2018 global conference, which will be held in Las Vegas! 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 2017 and December 2017 to [mark.ingram@tn.gov](mailto:mark.ingram@tn.gov) by February 15, 2018. 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 Annual Fraud Conference	2 points
Service on Chapter Committee	2 points





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# Middle Tennessee Chapter Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

## 22nd Annual Fraud Conference

### Middle Tennessee Chapter

White-collar crime continues to drain resources from businesses, governments, and other organizations locally, nationally, and globally. To increase awareness of the problem and to offer practical solutions for preventing, detecting, and investigating fraud, the Middle Tennessee Chapter, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is pleased to announce its **22nd Annual Fraud Conference**.

Because Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE Annual Fraud Conferences sell out quickly, early registration is recommended. Don't lose your seat as one of the 240 participants at this year's conference. Registration information is on Page 3 of this brochure.

#### Past comments from attendees:

*Being aware of how fraud can occur and the steps to prevent it (controls) will make me more effective in the reviews I perform every day in my department.*

*The courses provided knowledge that is instrumental to identifying and addressing risks.*

*The conference is a must attend event to stay abreast of current issues and fulfill CPE requirements.*

The Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE instructional method for this event is "Group Live." In accordance with the standards of Tennessee Board of Accountancy, CPE credits have been granted based on a 50-minute hour. Sponsor Number TNSBA051. This conference is recommended for **16 hours CPE credit (8 hours each day)**.

#### Who:

CFEs, CPAs, CIAs, CISAs, CMFOs, auditors and others who want to increase their fraud awareness and update their fraud knowledge. Topics of discussion will include asset protection, legal considerations, and financial fraud.

#### Where:

**One Century Place Conference Center**, 26 Century Blvd., Nashville, TN. Phone (615) 872-6400. The One Century Place Conference Center is Nashville's premier conference facility with "state of the art" equipment and food service.

#### When:

Check-in begins **Monday, March 5** at 7:15 a.m. with continental breakfast provided; Monday's sessions are scheduled for 8:00 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.

On **Tuesday, March 6** continental breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m.; sessions are scheduled for 8:00 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.

#### Lodging:

A block of rooms has been allocated at Embassy Suites Nashville Airport Hotel, 10 Century Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37214, at the rate of **\$170** per night, single occupancy. **For reservations**, call **1-800-EMBASSY** using group code **ACF**. <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/B/BNANAES-ACF-20180304/index.jhtml>

This rate includes a full complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast each morning, and a two hour complimentary manager's reception each evening. Shuttle service is available to the One Century Place Conference Center.

Reservations must be made no later than **February 2, 2018** to get the conference rate.



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# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fraud Conference March 5-6, 2018

Please remember to print out and/or download any materials prior to the conference. Bio's and materials will be available on our website two weeks prior to the event.

Also, please SIGN IN at the registration table daily, and turn in your SIGNED CPE form at the end of the conference in order to get your CPE Certification.

	Time	Speaker	Topic
<b>Monday</b>	8:00-8:10 am	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRO</b>	
	8:10-9:50	Jacqueline Bloink	Healthcare Fraud and Compliance Update
	9:50-10:00	Break	
	10:00-11:40	Don Rabon	Quality Information, Detecting Deception
	11:40-12:40 pm	Lunch	
	12:40-2:20	Don Rabon	Interviewing Questioning
	2:20-2:30	Break	
	2:30-4:10	Michael Schidlow	Extortion, Fraud, Waste, and Abuse - Targeting the Proceeds of Grand Corruption.
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00-8:10 am	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRO</b>	
	8:10-9:50	Kelly Paxton	Non-Profits and Fraud – Not a Philanthropic Cause
	9:50-10:00	Break	
	10:00-11:40	Steve Morang	Risk Assessment, Determining Ethical Baseline
	11:40-12:40 pm	Lunch	
	12:40-2:20	Steve Morang	VW Scandal & Fraud
	2:20-2:30	Break	
	2:30-4:10	Michael Akpata	Bad Medicine A case study In fraud from Cheque to Charge to Conviction



## Middle Tennessee Chapter

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fraud Conference March 5-6, 2018

This conference offers a high quality program, providing 16 hours of practical CPE for a reasonable price. **Fees include conference, continental breakfast, lunches, and breaks with snacks.**

**Please Note:** Amphitheater seating is limited to 200 people. Additional seats are available in an overflow room. The overflow room offers high-quality split-screen video, allowing attendees to see both the speaker and the presentation. A clear, two-way audio connection facilitates overflow room interaction with presenters and participation in Q & A sessions. Seating in the amphitheater will not be assigned, but will be first-come, first-served. Attendees arriving early will have the option of sitting in either the amphitheater or the overflow room. Later attendees' choices may be limited. Please note that WI-FI will not be provided.

**Attention Chapter Members:** Discounts are available to members of the Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE. Please make all payments by **February 23, 2018**. For State Agencies, the Middle Tennessee Chapter, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' vendor number is 0000083329.

**Reservations and payment MUST be received by February 23, 2018.**

**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!

You can find information on chapter membership at <https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/FAQ>

### Directions to the One Century Place Conference Center:

From Briley Parkway: take Exit 7, turn East onto Elm Hill Pike. Turn right (South) at light onto McGavock Pike. Turn right at light onto Century Blvd., and right into One Century Place.

### Special Assistance

Persons requiring special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act or for any other reason are asked to indicate so on their reservation. **Vegetarian meals** are available. Please indicate on your reservation if you would like one.

### Refund Policy

- Registrants who cancel **on or before February 23, 2018** will be charged a **\$30 cancellation fee.**
- Registrants who cancel **after February 23, 2018** will be charged **\$100 cancellation fee.** **Remember, substitutions are allowed.**
- **No refunds** will be made for registrants who do not attend the conference without a timely cancellation.

Registration **MUST** be made online at the following link: <https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/events> Credit Card Payments will be accepted through PayPal, but need to be made online from our website where you register.