

President's Notes

by Daniel G. Porter, CFE



The election season is finally behind us, but rather than slow down we are now heading into the holiday season. As always, the December luncheon will be a social event with no speaker. We will eat, enjoy each other's company, and don't forget the wrapping paper. Each year the

attendees to the December luncheon receive several rolls of quality holiday wrapping paper from the Chapter. I don't know how it got started and must admit when I first heard about it I thought it was unusual, to say the least. But my wife has always liked the paper and with large families on both sides, we always put it to good use. So don't forget to mark it in your calendar!

Fraud Conference

The Fraud Conference Planning Committee has met to begin planning for the 10th Annual Fraud Conference. The conference will be held on March 21-22, 2005 and we already have some great speakers scheduled. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the conference (such as training subjects, speakers, meals, etc.) please contact any of the board members.

Dues Invoices

Invoices for chapter dues will be sent out in November for the 2005 calendar year. Please be looking for yours, and return it promptly!

Promoting CFE

As I do each semester, I recently lectured a Criminal Justice class at MTSU and as usual none of the 30 or so students had heard of ACFE much less the local chapter. Several of them asked for more information about the chapter and the scholarships we offer. I would like to encourage each of you to reach out to local universities and civic organizations where you have contacts and promote our organization. Raising public awareness regarding fraud and our role in preventing and investigating fraud are one of the purposes of ACFE. You don't have to be a great speaker to share your knowledge and personal experiences. Various groups are always looking for interesting and relevant speakers and fraud is always interesting.

November Luncheon Reservations

This month's luncheon is Thursday, November 18, 2004, so be sure to make your reservations before 9:30 AM on Tuesday, November 16. Contact Doreen Zientar at 615-882-7179 or dzientar@deloitte.com.

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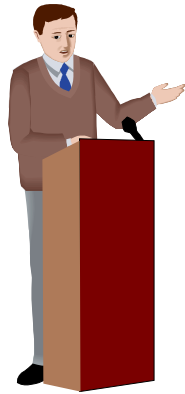
November Speaker

Art Alexander, CGFM Director of County Audit

Art graduated from Tennessee Tech with a BS in Accounting in May 1969. He immediately went to work for the Division of County Audit in the Tennessee Comptrollers Office. He has spent his entire career with the division and currently serves as Director of the Division. The Division of County Audit has a staff of approximately 80 people and is responsible for the audit of all county governments in Tennessee. The Division currently audits 88 of the states 95 counties and the other seven counties are audited by CPA firms under contract with the division. Art has been a member of the Association of Government Accountants for over 25 years and has served in leadership positions at both the chapter and national level.

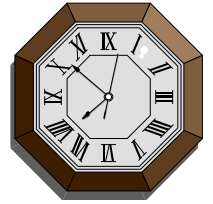
On a personal note Art and his wife Peggy have been married for 36 years, have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Art enjoys playing golf and fishing.

Art's topic will be "People Who Commit Fraud: Not Always The Sharpest Knife In The Drawer."



October Meeting Minutes:

The Middle Tennessee Chapter, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners met on October 14, 2004; 11:30 p.m. at the Scarritt-Bennett Center.



Brent Rumbley, President-elect, called the meeting to order, and acknowledged guests and encouraged them to join.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Brent then turned the floor over to Beth Pendergrass, who announced that a membership information update is in progress, and that upon completion of that update, the chapter will bill for chapter dues in November for the 2005 calendar year. She asked any members who needed to update their information to see her, and also announced that she had membership applications for both the chapter and the National organization.

Beth then introduced the speaker, Mike Meyer, Assistant Attorney General, who spoke on things to consider when deciding whether a case is appropriate for criminal, civil, or administrative action.

Brent presented Mr. Meyer with a set of proof coins as a speaker gift.

Beth Pendergrass won the \$25 door prize.

The meeting was adjourned.

Been There, Said That, Done That:

A fellow chapter member, Dennis Dycus, was elected as one of five members to the Association's first Not-For-Profit board of directors. The other members are: Martin Biegelman, Director Integrity Unit, Microsoft Corporation; Nancy Bradford, Consultant; Joe Dervaes, Audit Manager for Special Investigations, Washington State Auditor's Office; Marilyn Peterson, Management Improvement Specialist, Intelligence, New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice.

Featured Fraud Films:

- Other People's Money: The Basis of Asset Misappropriation
- Crossing the Line: Ethical Lessons for Financial Professionals
- Employee Theft: A Matter of Crime
- How To Tell If Someone Is Lying

Don't let the fraudster get ahead of you... check out these **videos** and be prepared!

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Important Meeting Information

Luncheons are \$8.00 for members who make their reservations by 9:30 a.m. on the Tuesday prior to the luncheon. For members making their reservations after that time on Tuesday, until Thursday morning, and for members who make a reservation but do not attend or call to cancel, the cost is \$12.00. Scarritt-Bennett Center charges us \$16.00 for meals when no reservation is made. Therefore, for individuals who attend without making a reservation, the cost is \$16.00. First-time guests eat free. After a guest's first visit, he or she will be charged \$12.00 for the lunch, provided he or she makes a reservation. Without a reservation, the lunch is \$16.00. Scarritt-Bennett provides excellent meals and plenty of free parking. For reservation contact Doreen Zientar at 882-7179 or by email at: dzientar@deloitte.com.

Luncheon Dates

November 18, 2004 - 3rd Thursday
December 9, 2004 - 2nd Thursday
January 27, 2005 - 4th Thursday
February 10, 2005 - 2nd Thursday
April 28, 2005 - 4th Thursday
May 26, 2005 - 4th Thursday

Directions to our Luncheon at the Scarritt-Bennett Center

From Downtown: Take West End Avenue south to 19th Ave. Turn left on 19th and drive to Division Street. Turn left on Division for about 100 feet, then turn back to the right on 19th Ave. Follow 19th Avenue to Grand Ave., turn left on Grand, turn right from Grand onto 18th Avenue. You will find two entrances to Scarritt-Bennett parking lots on the right just after you turn onto 18th Ave. We will be meeting in the Bennett Building in the Raintree Room on the 2nd floor. The Bennett Bldg. is about the same distance from either parking lot, toward the 19th Ave. side of the campus. Feel free to arrive early and get acquainted with the facility. If you are traveling from the south side of town, travel north on West End to 19th Ave. (You will pass the street that you used to turn on to go to the University Club.) Turn right on 19th Avenue and go to Division Street. Follow the rest of the directions from above. Visit www.scarrittbennett.org to see a map of their campus.

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