

President's Notes

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The Holidays have come and gone and hopefully so have the in-laws, or in my case the parents. If you came to the December luncheon you know the food was good and if you didn't come you missed out. We collected four large

boxes of food for Second Harvest Food Bank, gave out numerous door prizes, and lots of wrapping paper. My wife was not able to go with me to pick out the wrapping paper, but I guess I did a fair job since there were only a few rolls left over.

great and entertaining speakers and will have a really good time.

Free Trip to National Fraud Conference Up for Grabs

No one has turned in points toward winning the free trip to the ACFE National Conference in Washington D.C. on July 10-15, 2005. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. The table of how to earn points is located elsewhere in this newsletter. I attended the last conference in Las Vegas and it was very educational. My wife and I even did a little ~~gambling~~ sightseeing. For more information about the conference go to www.fraudconference.com.

January Luncheon

Be sure to make your reservations before 9:30 AM on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. Contact Doreen Zientar at dzientar@deloitte.com or 615-882-7179. Hope to see you there.

9th Annual Middle Tennessee Chapter Fraud Conference

The conference will be held at the Willis Conference Center on March 21 and 22, 2005. Go the chapter's website www.middletennesseecfe.org and click on "Conference Info" for more details. Our seating is limited so be sure to register early. Also, Willis has reduced the parking spaces next to the Center but overflow parking up the street with shuttle service will be available. Please consider carpooling so more of us can park closer. We have some

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December Meeting Minutes:

Chapter Meeting:

The December meeting of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners was held at Scarritt-Bennett Center on December 9, 2004. Chapter President Daniel Porter called the meeting to order, and asked for members to introduce their guests. Noting that there would be no speaker because the December meeting has traditionally been held as a social, Daniel then asked for any changes to the minutes as published in the newsletter. There were none, and the minutes stand approved as printed. Daniel then reminded members that the Ninth Annual Fraud Conference is coming up on March 21 and 22, 2005, and he encouraged everyone to attend. He then noted that the next meeting would be on January 27, 2005.

As is tradition at the December meeting, several door prizes were awarded. Melinda Patterson won a check for \$25, and Rick Cook, Nik Alexiades, Rene Brison, Mike Cole, Beth Pendergrass, Helens Kruszynski, Cindy Liddell, Amanda Hoback, and Rick Loyd won ACFE tote bags.

Daniel then announced that there was enough wrapping paper for each person to have four rolls, and invited members to select the rolls they wanted. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, thanked them for coming, and adjourned the meeting.

Annual Conference Contest Point System

The following points will be awarded for the purposes of awarding an all expense paid trip to the Association's 16th Annual Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. 2005

Category	Points
Attending Monthly Chapter Meeting (One point for each meeting)	1
Published article in our chapter newsletter	2
Sponsoring a new member (2 points for each new member)	2
Published member profile in our chapter newsletter	1
Contribution to "Been There; Said That; Done That" (Per contribution/Per month)	1
Publication of a <i>Case Results</i>	2
Participating as a speaker in the chapters <i>Speakers Bureau</i> (Per speaking engagement)	2
Publication of an article in the Association's <i>White Paper</i>	3
Attending Chapter's 9 th Annual Fraud Conference	2
Service on Chapter Committee (Two points for each committee)	2

Each member will be responsible for accumulating their points and submitting the total number of points along with accompanying documentation to Rene Brison, Board Member, at the conclusion of the contest at a date to be announced later in the chapter year. Good Luck!

January Speaker

David Himmelreich

Mr. Himmelreich is Deputy Inspector General for the Legal Division of the Office of Inspector General. The office was created by the TennCare Fraud and Abuse Reform Act of 2004, and is charged with investigating and prosecuting fraud perpetrated by recipients of TennCare. Mr. Himmelreich joined the office in October 2004. As Deputy Inspector General, Mr. Himmelreich supervises a staff of three attorneys, an administrative assistant, and a paralegal.



Previously Mr. Himmelreich was Deputy of the Law Enforcement and Special Prosecutions Division of Office of the Attorney General of Tennessee. He served in that position from 1991 to 2004. In this position, he supervised and participated in civil and criminal actions to enforce state law concerning financial fraud, public corruption, and environmental protection. From 1980 to 1991, Mr. Himmelreich served in three other divisions of the Attorney General's office, handling special litigation, civil rights cases, and criminal appeals. Before that, he spent a year in private practice in Nashville.

Mr. Himmelreich's experience includes participation as lead counsel in a number of criminal and civil trials in state and federal court. In several of these cases he was appointed a special assistant district attorney general. He has served as a special assistant United States Attorney in the Middle and Western Districts of Tennessee. In addition, he has handled hundreds of criminal and civil appeals.

Over the past fifteen years, Mr. Himmelreich has given presentations to various groups, including the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, on trial advocacy and white collar crime. He has served as an instructor in training programs put on by the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, the District Attorneys General Conference, the National Association of Attorneys General, and the National White Collar Crime Center for attorneys, regulators, auditors, and investigators.

Mr. Himmelreich attended Washington University in St. Louis and received his B.A. degree in history from that institution in 1975. He received his J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1979.

How Not to Get Hooked by a 'Phishing' Scam (from www.ftc.gov)

Internet scammers casting about for people's financial information have a new way to lure unsuspecting victims: They go "phishing."

Phishing is a high-tech scam that uses spam or pop-up messages to deceive you into disclosing your credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security number, passwords, or other sensitive information.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), phishers send an email or pop-up message that claims to be from a business or organization that you deal with – for example, your Internet service provider (ISP), bank, online payment service, or even a government agency. The message usually says that you need to "update" or "validate" your account information. It might threaten some dire consequence if you don't respond. The message directs you to a Web site that looks just like a legitimate organization's site, but it isn't. The purpose of the bogus site? To trick you into divulging your personal information so the operators can steal your identity and run up bills or commit crimes in your name.

The FTC, the nation's consumer protection agency, suggests these tips to help you avoid getting hooked by a phishing scam:

- If you get an email or pop-up message that asks for personal or financial information, do not reply or click on the link in the message. Legitimate companies don't ask for this information via email. If you are concerned about your account, contact the organization in the email using a telephone number you know to be genuine, or open a new Internet browser session and type in the company's correct Web address. In any case, don't cut and paste the link in the message.
- Don't email personal or financial information. Email is not a secure method of transmitting personal information. If you initiate a transaction and want to provide your personal or financial information through an organization's Web site, look for indicators that the site is secure, like a lock icon on the browser's status bar or a URL for a website that begins "https:" (the "s" stands for "secure"). Unfortunately, no indicator is foolproof; some phishers have forged security icons.

- Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as you receive them to determine whether there are any unauthorized charges. If your statement is late by more than a couple of days, call your credit card company or bank to confirm your billing address and account balances.
- Use anti-virus software and keep it up to date. Some phishing emails contain software that can harm your computer or track your activities on the Internet without your knowledge. Anti-virus software and a firewall can protect you from inadvertently accepting such unwanted files. Anti-virus software scans incoming communications for troublesome files. Look for anti-virus software that recognizes current viruses as well as older ones; that can effectively reverse the damage; and that updates automatically. A firewall helps make you invisible on the Internet and blocks all communications from unauthorized sources. It's especially important to run a firewall if you have a broadband connection. Finally, your operating system (like Windows or Linux) may offer free software "patches" to close holes in the system that hackers or phishers could exploit.
- Be cautious about opening any attachment or downloading any files from emails you receive, regardless of who sent them.
- Report suspicious activity to the FTC. If you get spam that is phishing for information, forward it to spam@uce.gov. If you believe you've been scammed, file your complaint at www.ftc.gov, and then visit the FTC's Identity Theft Web site at www.consumer.gov/idtheft to learn how to minimize your risk of damage from ID theft. Visit www.ftc.gov/spam to learn other ways to avoid email scams and deal with deceptive spam.

The FTC works for the consumer to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop, and avoid them. To file a [complaint](#) or to get [free information on consumer issues](#), visit www.ftc.gov or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The FTC enters Internet, telemarketing, identity theft, and other fraud-related complaints into [Consumer Sentinel](#), a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.

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Featured Fraud Films

Coming to the fraud corner near you:

- Other People's Money: The Basis of Asset Misappropriation (49 minute video)
- The Corporate Con: Internal Fraud and the Auditor (30 minute video)
- Beyond the Numbers Professional Interview Techniques (50 minute video)
- Fraud Trail (53 minute video)

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

For more information please contact Hellens Kruszynski, Local Chapter Training Coordinator & Librarian at 747-5330 or Hellens.Kruszynski@state.tn.us

Calling All Volunteers

Don't forget that the Middle Tennessee Chapter has opportunities for plenty of chapter involvement. If you would like to get involved in planning and carrying out chapter activities, please contact any officer or member of the board, or any committee chair, and volunteer your services. Chapter leadership contact information may be found at the top of page 5. In addition, any member who serves on a committee will be eligible to claim two points per committee on their list of points to attend the National ACFE Conference in Washington, D.C.

Dues Update

Dues notices have been mailed, and we are starting to receive dues payments in the mail. Thank you for so quickly submitting your dues. If you have not received a dues notice, and think that you should have, please contact Beth Pendergrass at beth.pendergrass@state.tn.us or at (615) 747-5294.

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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

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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