

CSACFE-NEWS



COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER OF ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS



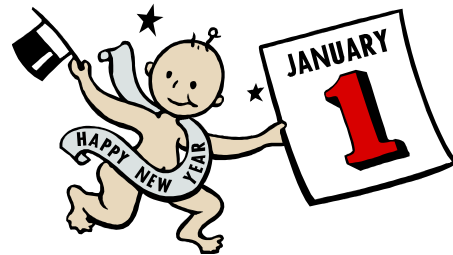
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

State of the Chapter

July 27, 2010 marked the beginning of the third year for the Colorado Springs Chapter of The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CSACFE). The CSACFE is a member of the international organization The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), the largest anti-fraud organization in the world. The membership consists of Certified Fraud Examiners, Certified Public Accountants, auditors, judges, members of federal and state law enforcement agencies and students joined to promote and enhance fraud detection and deterrence within our communities.

The CSACFE is a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation which meets approximately eight times throughout the year to provide its members, guests, and the general public educational seminars related to fraud detection and deterrence. Our membership consists of Certified Fraud Examiners, Certified Public Accountants, Auditors, members of law enforcement and students. Throughout 2010 the members enjoyed a
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

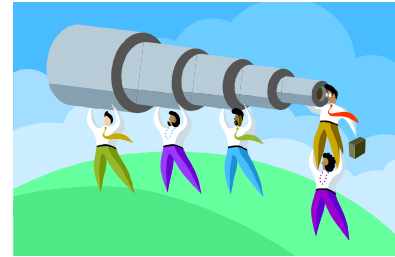
- **CURRENT MEMBERS**
- **GUESTS**
- **INTERESTED PARTIES**

Our annual membership drive starts this **JANUARY**. Please consider becoming a chapter member or renewing your current chapter membership. It only costs \$35 a year. See **Page 8** of this newsletter for details. Go to our website at www.csacfe.org to download the membership application or pick one up at our January meeting. Contact any of our board members with any questions.

**PLEASE - SUPPORT OUR
CHAPTER
JANUARY 2011**

WELCOME!

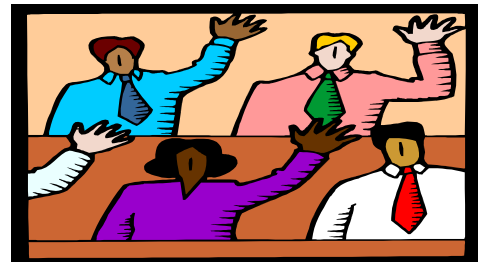
We have added two new positions in 2010: **Student Liaison is Sheryl Wilcox, and Director of Training is Danny Lake, CFE.** Both are welcomed additions to the Board, and we look forward to their guidance and input over the next year.



Where are YOU?

CHANGED your job or your email address? Have you wondered WHY you have NOT received notifications of our monthly luncheons or membership information?

We might not have your current contact information. We would like to change this. Please send your current information to our Membership Officer: Nancy K. Wheeler at nancy3168@msn.com



Website – Don't forget to visit the website for **FUTURE EVENTS** and **EXCITING News**. www.csacfe.org.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!



January

Michael Clifford

January 26, 2011 Meeting - "Degrees in Fraud
& Financial Crimes Investigation"

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & ELECTIONS

February

"Polygraphs in the Private Sector"

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wide range of topics from interviewing, computer fraud, identify theft, forensic accounting, financial statement fraud, counterfeiting, and investigative techniques. We encourage attendance to our meetings and stress the importance of obtaining and maintaining a chapter membership in CSACFE to anyone with an interest in helping make our community a better place by fighting fraud throughout the community. The annual membership fee is \$35 and a special fee structure exists for our government agency members and students.

The year 2010 brought many unanticipated events. Lou Schmidt, one of our scheduled presenters and a community leader, passed away somewhat suddenly. Colorado Springs lost a gentleman and the ACFE lost a true friend. The need to expand participation among our members is emphasized by the several job-related transfers, retirements, and deployments of our board members this past year. We need and encourage your help.

Goals and Objectives 2011

The organization is supported by its members and a volunteer, non-compensated Board of Directors. We strive to develop topics that are of interest to the members, useful in pursuit of their professional careers, and consistent with our desire to promote and enhance fraud detection and deterrence. We always take recommendations from the members and the general public at-large as to desired topics.

For 2011, we are anticipating topic presentations from the Army Criminal Investigation Division, the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Judiciary, Forensic Accountant, CSPD Economic Crime Unit, El Paso County Sheriff Office, and investigations within the
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Department of Corrections and from the academic community.

In addition, we are hoping to accomplish the following:

- Establish a scholarship fund for students entering law-enforcement or forensic accounting who plan to take the Certified Fraud Examiners Exam
- Speakers Bureau
- Students' Night
- Annual Training Event
- Membership Expansion

We encourage each of you to serve and participate with any of these events. This is our chapter and your participation only makes us stronger.

Financial Statements & Administrative Issues

The financial statements of the organization will be posted on the chapter's website. Our current cash position is \$1,486.21 as of December 31, 2010, all insurances and obligations are paid, and all required filings are current.



Board of Directors

Participation by the membership as a Board Member is highly encouraged and welcomed. While both the chapter President and Training Director need to have their Certified Fraud Examiners Certification, all other Board positions are not restricted.

Elections will be held in January of 2011. Please see the **ELECTIONS** section in this newsletter.

Summary

2010 was a year full of unexpected events but we accomplished a lot. Our training topics and speakers were well received and germane to the mission of helping reduce fraud within our community by the education and networking of those participating in the organization. The training topics and speakers lined up for 2011 will be equally germane and exciting. The goals established by the Board as stated earlier are obtainable and will only help make El Paso County and our community a better place. Your continued support and participation is greatly appreciated—we are only as strong as the participation of the members. We thank each of you and look forward to the 2011 year.

THANK YOU

Robert D. Johnson, CPA, CFE, CFF, CVA
Chapter President





Alexis Kauffman, who has served on the Board as Treasurer since inception, will be resigning after the January elections. Alexis has recently changed employers, her husband works in the service of our country, and they are expecting their second child. Congratulations to both of them. We are deeply appreciative of Alexis' efforts and commitment over the years and wish her family well in their future endeavors.



Michelle Baringer has also served on the Board as Secretary since inception, and she will be resigning after the January elections. Michelle will be taking an educational sabbatical for fifteen months. Michelle's husband also works in service of our country. We are truly appreciative of Michelle's efforts and commitment to our chapter these past years. We wish her family well in their future plans.



A peek at the Board

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Two long-time chapter Board members are resigning in January 2011. See page 5 in this newsletter. New Board members will be elected in January. Please attend the January meeting to vote and apply for your chapter membership. See page 7 in this newsletter for more information.

Did you miss this?





- July 2010 – **Identity Theft – Are YOU Protected?** Randy DeGering from the El Paso District Attorney’s Office helped us understand what Identity Theft is and the ways that our identities can be “stolen.” Thanks Randy!
- August 2010 – **Public Records: An Investigative Gold Mine.** Russ Becker from West Government Services showed us how investigators use public records to gain information. Thanks Mr. Becker for a truly eye-opening presentation.
- September 2010 – **Counterfeit Funds** - A very entertaining presentation was given by Alan Cramer, former US Secret Service Agent. In addition to useful information to detect counterfeit money, Mr. Cramer revealed the history of the agency including personal insights to historical events. Thank Mr. Cramer!

Nancy Wheeler, CPA, CFE, CIA has received her master’s degree in accounting from Colorado Technical University. She continues to assist our new Student Liaison Board member, Sheryl Wilcox, with the Newsletter, website and e-vites. On behalf of all the members, we thank you Nancy.

James and Bob continue to remind all CFE’s who are members that we are not permanently fixed in our positions. We both have been involved with the organization from the first day and certainly encourage any CFE member who wants to take a leadership role in our chapter to do so. The CSACFE has the potential to be a tremendous organization and has accomplished much in its short existence. We WELCOME and ENCOURAGE others to participate.



Looking to Grow Our Chapter

-  Do you know someone who should know about your Colorado Springs ACFE Chapter?
-  Do you know someone who could use the valuable information offered at our meetings?
-  Help us GROW THE CHAPTER!!!
-  Contact the Membership Officer – Nancy K. Wheeler – nancy3168@msn.com

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held this coming January 2011. Please attend the January meeting and vote to confirm these nominees!

We have received acceptance by **Linda Dix**, Deputy Chief Investigator with the District Attorney's Office to serve on the Board for the upcoming year. Linda is obtaining her CFE and has been in the law enforcement field for some time. She is a strong community leader, and we welcome her experience and participation.



Linda Dix

We have received acceptance by **Pat Nashleanas** to serve on the Board as the chapter's Treasurer. Pat is co-owner of Monarch Digital, a website development company. Pat also teaches accounting as an adjunct for both Colorado Technical University and Pikes Peak Community College. She was a co-founder/President of Eden Systems Corporation and held various finance and IT positions including internal auditing at Eli Lilly and Company. We welcome her participation and guidance.



Pat Nashleanas

We have received acceptance by **Detective Michael Flynn**. **Mike** is a nearly 15-year veteran of the Colorado Springs Police Department currently assigned to the Financial Crimes Unit. Mike's assignments with the police department include three years as a criminal investigator assigned to the 4th Judicial District, District Attorney's Office and Economic Crime Division. He is an Air Force retiree and graduate of the Univ. of Colorado. We appreciate his past and future involvement in our chapter and look forward to his expertise on the Board.



IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To avoid confusion over membership within the CSACFE, below are the different levels of membership within our local chapter and the benefits of each:

Chapter Level Membership

| TYPE OF MEMBER | DESCRIPTION | COST | BENEFITS |
|-------------------|--|---|---|
| Chapter Member | Member of the National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners | \$35.00 per year or \$2.50 per month | *You receive a \$5.00 discount at the monthly Colorado Springs Chapter Luncheons *Able to vote at Chapter Meeting |
| Chapter Affiliate | You are not a member of the National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners | \$35.00 per year \$2.50 per month | You receive a \$5.00 discount at the monthly Colorado Springs Chapter Luncheons |
| Student Member | You are currently enrolled at a higher education facility **Must provide a copy of your student ID** | \$15.00 per year or 1.50 per month | You receive a \$10.00 discount at the monthly Colorado Springs Chapter Luncheons |
| Group Rate | Join as an Office | \$80 per year | If staff are members of the ACFE, they will be considered Chapter Members. All others will be considered Chapter Affiliates |

*Cost of monthly luncheons - \$25.00

See chapter website, www.csacfe.org, in the membership section for a membership application.

National Level Membership

To become a National Member please visit the ACFE website, www.acfe.com and join. The cost is \$150.00 per person. You will receive the bi-monthly Fraud magazine, a monthly e-newsletter the Fraud Examiner, discounts on training materials offered through the ACFE, and be eligible to sit for the CFE examination. There are also membership discounts for educators and students, so please check the website if you would like to become a national member as well as a local chapter member or affiliate

Please note that just because you are a chapter **affiliate**, that **does not** make you a national member and eligible for the discounts through the ACFE.

THIS JANUARY'S MONTHLY MEETING.....

"DEGREES IN FRAUD AND FINANCIAL CRIMES INVESTIGATION"

By Michael J. Clifford

January 26, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

Giuseppe's Restaurant, Colorado Springs

MICHAEL J. CLIFFORD

Since December 2009, Michael Clifford has served as the chair of the criminal justice and homeland security programs at Colorado Technical University. In that role, he is responsible for all aspects of the programs including course scheduling, staff recruitment and course teaching assignments. He also serves as an active professor, available to teach all courses offered in the both graduate and undergraduate classes within the programs.

Mr. Clifford has thirty-five years' experience as a federal agent, corporate and insurance investigator specializing in fraud and sex-based crimes, in addition to crimes associated with children. He has also served as a contractor to the Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Defense and the United States intelligence community during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), where he served until a severe spine injury required his return to the United States. He has served as an adjunct college instructor to three separate schools of advanced learning. He is credentialed as a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), a Certified Internal Control Auditor (CICA), a Fraud Claim Law Associate (FCLA) and a Fraud Claim Law Specialist (FCLS). He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Western Kentucky University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from Saint Leo University.

He has received specialized law enforcement training in basic and advanced death investigation, basic and advanced arson investigation techniques and a wide variety of specialized fraud training. This training has been provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; the United States Drug Enforcement Administration; and the United States Department of the Treasury. In addition, Mr. Clifford is a graduate of Forensic Science Course, Metropolitan Detective Training School, New Scotland Yard, London (Hendon), U.K.

He has been recognized by United States federal courts as an expert witness in wound interpretation and police evidence retention and accountability standards. Mr. Clifford has eight awards for the conduct of criminal investigation; thirty written commendations; has been twice recognized as a public safety officer-of-the-year in communities which he served and is the recipient of a congressional award from the United States House of Representatives for his investigation of fraud, waste and abuse in the Department of Defense. In 1982, he was credited of having saved the life of a child choking on food and in 1986 for saving the life of a woman, who'd shot herself in the chest with a .357 handgun in a suicide attempt.

Mr. Clifford is an active volunteer in his community answering the needs of homeless veterans. He also serves as the volunteer state chairman of the homeless veteran's burial program. He also volunteers his time with anti-fraud efforts, organized by the Denver Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Mr. Clifford, his wife and "Pretty Boy Lloyd", a 75 pound male Boxer dog, make their home in Parker, CO. They are the parents of two adult sons and the grandparents of an energy-filled three-year-old grandson.