

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank our October speaker, Sheila Flanagan, CPA, CFE, CRMA, is a Field Action Execution Lead on GM's Global Vehicle Safety team, a position she has held since May 2017. Her presentation was titled "Compliance Management Systems". Sheila Flanagan enlightened us on how businesses – big and small – are exposed to regulatory and compliance risks. Rapidly changing global business landscapes, including the shifting of regulatory reform and increased public scrutiny, make managing risk and compliance increasingly complex.

The Southeast Michigan Chapter of Associated Certified Fraud Examiners is an exciting experience and continues to showcase knowledgeable speakers. Our group has outstanding members that attend our meetings and conference. To thank our membership for their continued support this year we are giving away 6 seats to the SEMCACFE Annual Conference based on chapter membership. The top 6 members who attend the most meetings from October through MARCH will receive a free seat. If more than 6 members we will have a drawing. Our meetings and conference provide opportunities to gain relevant knowledge for professional and personal success as well as an opportunity to acquire needed hours of continuous education for various certifications. I hope everyone enjoyed our October meeting and the wonderful dinner St. John Banquet and Conference Center prepared for us. I hope everyone could take away one valuable point from our guest speaker and that we will see everyone again on the first Thursday of November for our monthly meeting. I would like to extend a challenge to all our members to bring in guests and hopefully they will become future members.

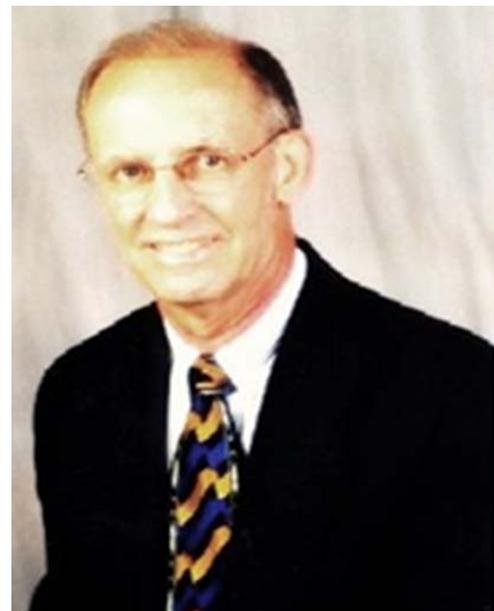
The Board is always interested in feedback and any ideas on how we can improve the Chapter. Please let us know if you have a topic or know a speaker that would be interested in presenting at a monthly meeting. Thank you for your continued support. The Southeast Michigan Chapter is working to increase our outreach and professional networking at colleges and universities as well as in our community. Join us as we relentlessly strive to promote fraud prevention and detection through educational training programs.

Barbara Netter, Chapter President



Save the Date:
SEMC ACFE 24th Annual Conference
April 26, 2018

Remembering...



SEMC ACFE Director
Francis St. Onge, CFE, EA, CFP®
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Frank was elected to the Southeast Michigan Chapter Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Board of Directors in 2016. He recently passed away in October 2017, due to a sudden illness. He was an asset to our Board and help the Chapter secure a number of excellent speakers from the MITRE Corporation such as Chief Scientist for Analytics, Robert Case, Alanna Lavelle, Healthcare Fraud Program Manager and Behavioral Psychologist, Dr. Caputo. He will be missed greatly.



October Speaker:

Sheila Flanagan, CPA, CFE, CRMA
Field Action Execution Lead, General Motors

Topic:
Compliance Management Systems

November Speaker

Anthony M. Tocco, CCEP, CFE, CIA
Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer
DTE Energy

Topic: Helpline Best Practices

Anthony M. Tocco (Tony) is Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer for DTE and is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of effective programs and processes to promote an ethical culture and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. He joined DTE Energy in 2001 as manager of Audit Services as a result of the merger with MCN Energy Group.

Tony has over 26 years of compliance related experience in the utility and energy industry. He also has four additional years of compliance experience working for the Department of Defense in reviewing and auditing defense contracts and also established the internal audit department for a major Michigan public university.

Tony earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Detroit College of Business, a master of business administration degree from Wayne State University and a master of science degree in security administration from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
at
St. John Banquet and Conference Center
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI

Dinner Prices:

Members: \$30

Gov Employees, Students, Retirees: \$25

3rd time Guests: \$40

NOTICE: Our monthly meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. However, after two meetings, you will be asked to join our chapter. In order to continue paying the member price of \$30 for the meeting, dues are \$50 = CFE; \$55 Associate/Affiliate; \$25 Full Time Student and \$35= Retiree/Govt. Employee. If you choose not to join, you are still welcome to attend but will be charged a dinner meeting fee of \$40.00.

Reminder: To help minimize costs to our chapter, please notify us of any cancelations, prior to the meeting date.

RSVP to Mary Medonis E-mail: info@semcacfe.org

Fraud Corner

Ministry Officials, 10 Companies Linked to Theft of US \$24 M In Malaysia:

SINGAPORE: Malaysian authorities are probing a massive embezzlement case involving senior officials at an undisclosed ministry who are alleged to have siphoned off up to an estimated RM100 million (US\$23.7 million) from the government, the New Straits Times (NST) reported on Wednesday (Oct 4). The officials reportedly worked with at least 10 companies which "declared on paper that projects they were supposed to undertake had been completed, when in fact nothing had been done", the report said. The case came to light when movements of significant amounts of monies were flagged by Bank Negara Malaysia's Suspicious Transaction Report alert system and traced to the suspects' accounts. The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) was said to have been on the case for over a year but was hampered by a lack of paper trail. One source said MACC had identified at least five ministry officers who were "in cahoots with the companies to embezzle the funds". Sources told the NST that the scope, breadth and enormity of the case would put other major corruption scandals to shame. "We are talking about massive amounts of leakages of government funds," NST cited one source as saying.

According to the NST, the siphoned funds were meant to help the poor, from projects like the Poor Students' Food Program, sources said. These projects "cost between RM500 million and RM1 billion". "They have been doing it for a few years now and were siphoning funds off numerous projects that never materialized," a source close to the investigation told NST. "Then, there are projects which were not carried out according to specifications. Cutbacks were done indiscriminately. "Authorities are reported to be probing the case under the Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act 2001. Read more at:

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/ministry-officials-10-companies-linked-to-theft-of-us-24m-in-9277344>

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