

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank our February speaker, Dan Rempinski, Director of Finance, at Forensic Accounting and Turnaround Services, for his presentation "Financial Statement Fraud". Dan shared different methods in which financial information can be manipulated to increase or decrease income. Along with many interesting facts, he infused his presentation with his hobby - standup comedy. He also shared information some of the cases he investigated.

Thank you all for your participation and support for our local chapter. I extend an invitation to everyone reading this newsletter, to join us at our next Southeast Michigan Chapter of Associated Certified Fraud Examiners meeting. All are welcome.

The Southeast Michigan Chapter of Associated Certified Fraud Examiners is an exciting experience and continues to showcase knowledgeable speakers. Our group has outstanding members and guests, who attend our meetings and conferences.

As a thank you to 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 we have more than 6 members, we will have a drawing. The **[24th Annual SEMCACFE Fraud Conference is April 26, 2018 at VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College in Livonia, MI.](#)** There will be NO price increase for the Conference, the cost will remain the same as last year's conference.

The SEMCACFE provide opportunities to gain relevant knowledge for professional and personal success as well as an opportunity to acquire needed hours of continuous education, which includes 2 hours of Ethics, for various certifications.

I hope everyone enjoyed our February meeting and the wonderful dinner St. John Banquet and Conference Center prepared for us. We look forward to seeing everyone again on **March 1, 2018 for our monthly meeting**. 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.



Barb Netter Chapter President

February Speaker :

***Dan Rempinski
Director Of Finance***

**Forensic Accounting
&
Turnaround Services**

**Topic:
"Financial Statement Fraud"**

March Speaker

Israel C. Wright , Director

Airborne Financial Group

Israel is the Director of Airborne Financial Group. Israel entered the financial industry in 1996 when he began his tax preparation business, Wright Total Tax, Inc, while still an active duty U. S. Army paratrooper. In his financial experience, Israel has served as licensed stockbroker, licensed insurance broker, licensed real estate agent, accountant, tax consultant and preparer, investment advisor, business consultant, financial coach, auditor, banker, mortgage broker, credit counselor, community financial educator, and college instructor. Israel is committed to providing individuals and businesses with necessary and relevant information, tools and processes to facilitate effective and efficient money management.

Save the Date:

24th SEMC ACFE

Annual Conference

April 26, 2018

Next Meeting

**Thursday, March 1, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

at

**St. John Banquet and Conference Center
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI**

Dinner Prices:

- ◇ **Members: \$30**
- ◇ **Gov Employees: \$25**
- ◇ **Students: \$25**
- ◇ **Retirees: \$25**
- ◇ **All 3rd time Guests: \$40**

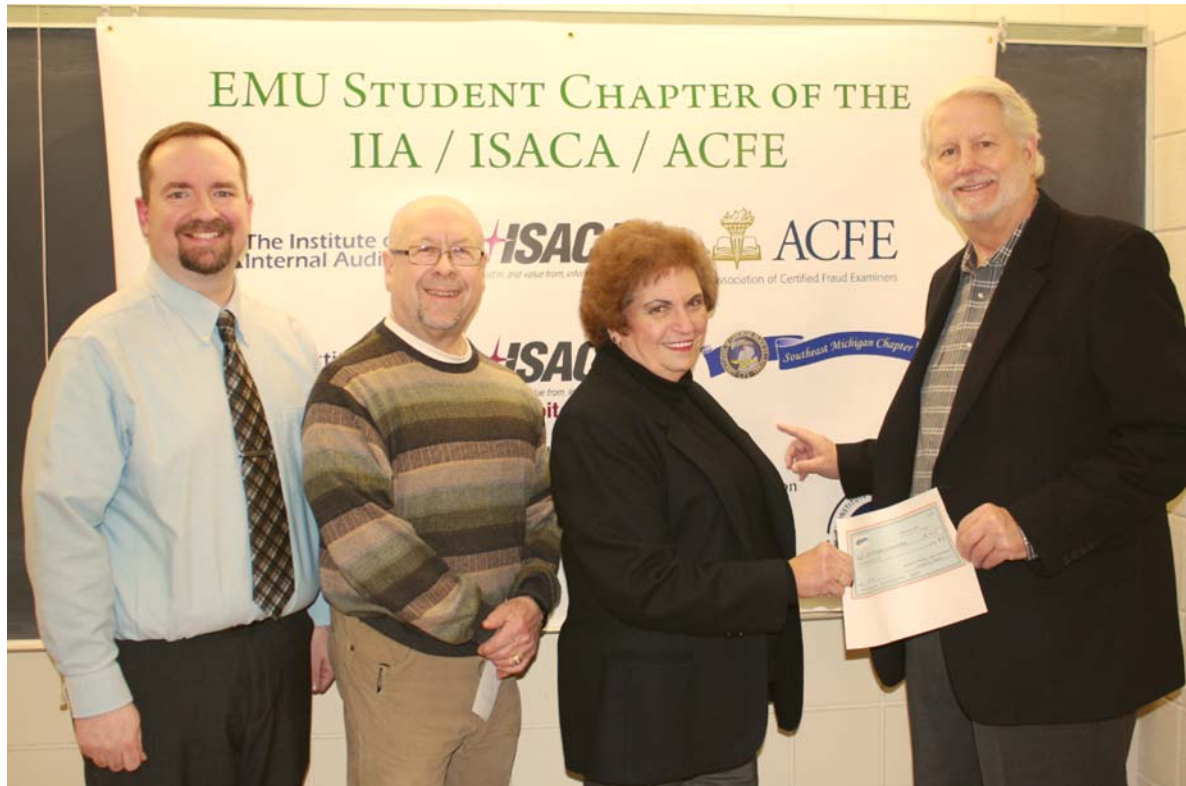
NOTICE: Our monthly meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. However, after two meetings, you will be asked to join our chapter. In order to continue paying the member price of \$30 for the meeting, annual dues are \$50 for CFE's; \$55 Associate/Affiliates; \$25 Full Time Students and \$35 for Retirees and Government Employees. 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***

Supporting Future CFE's

The SEMC ACFE Donates \$5000



SEMC ACFE President, Barbara Netter and Board Director, Jarriel Koplín, present Dr. D. Robert Okopny of Eastern Michigan University Professor of Accounting with a check for \$5000, from the chapter, to support their *Fraud Awareness Training Program*. To get more students to apply to the ACFE, the donated funds will be used to provide financial assistances to students in the form of scholarships to participant in fraud training, attend chapter meetings and purchase ACFE reference materials.

Local ACFE SEMC Member

Shining the Light on Fraud



Bernadette Kakooza, CFE

The Office of Inspector General in the Detroit Public Schools Community School District – created in 2009 to root out waste, fraud and abuse – has investigated 772 complaints of everything from theft and ethics violations to vendor fraud and insurance fraud.

That was among the details provided during a Board of Education meeting Monday by Bernadette Kakooza, the district's inspector general, who gave board members an overview of her office, how it operates and its outcomes.

The Detroit district is among just eight in the nation with such an office that performs investigative and watchdog functions, Kakooza said Tuesday.

Kakooza said not all of the 772 investigations resulted in discipline or criminal prosecution, but many do. In some cases, there is no finding of wrongdoing. In others, no wrongdoing is found, but the office finds internal controls that need to be corrected. (click on link for full story)

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/education/2017/11/25/office-tackles-waste-fraud-detroit-schools-cites-more-than-700-investigations/885862001/>

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