



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*March Speaker*

*SA Rebekah Wiles*

*Topic:*

*Business Email Compromise*

I would like to thank our March Speaker, Rebekah Wiles. Rebekah provided us with valuable information and examples of how a subject can compromise legitimate business e-mail accounts through social engineering or computer intrusions techniques to conduct unauthorized transfers of funds.

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. I would like to extend a challenge to all our members to bring in guests and hopefully they will become future members.

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.

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.

**IMPORTANT:** Board elections will be held at our June 6th meeting. Anyone interested in running for a board position must submit their bio to Fannie Moore [fmoore@wayne.edu](mailto:fmoore@wayne.edu) by the end of March, 2019.

To thank our membership for their continued support, once again we will be giving away 6 free admissions to our 2019 SEMCAFE Annual Conference. The rules are: 1) You must be a member of the local chapter. 2) You must attend a minimum of 6 of the 8 meetings held from September 2018 through April 2019. 3) The free admissions will be awarded to the top 6 members who attend the most meetings. If there are more than 6 members that qualify there will be a drawing to determine who wins.

***Barbara Netter,***  
***Chapter President***



*25th Annual SEMCACFE Fraud Conference*  
*Tuesday, April 23, 2019*

*Featured Topics*

*History of SEMCACFE*

*Counterfeiting & White Collar Crimes*

*Protecting Michigan's Marijuana Industry*

*Crime Stoppers*

*Opioid Crisis*

*Fraud Within Troubled Companies*

*Ethics*

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

VisTaTech Center – Schoolcraft College  
18600 Haggerty Road Livonia, MI 48152



**April Speaker**

***Ruth Holmes, CDE***

***Handwriting Examiner***

*Ruth Holmes, CDE*, is a professional handwriting & document examiner whose forensic consulting firm, Pentec, Inc., in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, advises individual, legal and corporate clients in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Ruth is a Certified Document Examiner by the National Association of Document Examiners and Board Certified by the American College of Forensic Examiners. She is court qualified as an expert witness in Federal, state and local courts.

French-speaking, she has handled cases in the Caribbean and Canada where *The Globe & Mail* reported on her investigation on an altered document case involving the former Prime Minister. Results were released in the House of Commons in Ottawa. Pentec, Inc. often works for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Office of the Prosecutor. Serving as an expert witness, she has testified in their last five murder trials. For *Dateline/NBC*, she confirmed the suicide note of Curt Cobain.

Former President of the International Women's Forum – Michigan, on the Board of Directors of Women Officials Network who named her a 2014 Wonder Woman, and Trustee of N.A.D.E., Ruth was named by the National Association of Women Business Owners 2010 Innovator of the Year and previously one of Michigan's Top 10 Women Business Owners. In March 2002 *Corp!* magazine listed her among "Michigan's 95 Most Powerful Women." She has been named a 2018 Diversity Champion presented by the Race Relations & Diversity Task Force.

Document and fraud examiners for years study the science & art of examining details of handwriting, signatures, numbers, financial transactions, forensic methods, Investigation techniques, the law, communication and preparation of testimony and exhibits for the court as expert witnesses.

In over thirty years in the field Ruth Holmes has faced some of the most difficult forensic cases from murderers to the media, from the judges to the juries. The topic will invite you to identify some of the challenges in your own work. Discovering the "rosebud" in every investigation is one of the keys to getting the results.

**Next Meeting**

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

**Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.**

**Dinner Prices:**

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

**Location:**

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

**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**

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