

## **In Memory of Our Chapter President Barbara Netter**



Our president, Barbara Netter, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 15, 2022. Our hearts were saddened and continue to grieve her passing. We dedicate this newsletter to Barb -- to honor and remember her. We all will miss Barb dearly.

Barb served as our chapter president from 2016 to 2022 and was a member of our SEMCACFE chapter for many years. She was a passionate and dedicated president to our chapter and the fraud profession. She always looked forward to our monthly meetings and enjoyed conversing with our speakers, members, and guest. Barb especially enjoyed our annual student nights and chapter trainings. Barb always had a way to light up the room during our meetings with her warm smile, kind words, gentle laugh, and radiant personality.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Barb's family, friends, and fellow SEMCACFE members. If you have any questions or stories you may want to share about Barb, please contact Mary Medonis at [info@semcacfe.org](mailto:info@semcacfe.org).

## **President's Message**

### ***2022 – Year In Review***

Hello Fellow SEMCACFE Members, Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good holiday and 2023 is off to a good start for all of you. We are excited for our upcoming meetings and annual training in 2023. I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank all our great speakers we've had to date in our 2022–2023-chapter calendar year. Our group has outstanding members that attend our meetings and conferences. They provide opportunities to gain relevant knowledge for professional and personal success as well as an opportunity to acquired needed hours of continuous education for various certifications.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our speakers, members, and guest for your ongoing support and engagement with the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners throughout the pandemic and our return to in-person meetings. We look forward to continuing to serve you all in 2023.

*Sheila Flanagan, CPA, CFE, CRMA, Chapter President*



**September 2022**

**Speaker: Tim Boyle, CFE , Chapter Vice President**

**Topic: War Stories – Fifty Years of Finding Fraudulent Activity**

Our Vice-President Tim Boyle, CFE, kicked off our chapter year by sharing *War Stories – Fifty Years of Finding Fraudulent Activity*. Tim shared several stories and lessoned learned from throughout his career of auditing automotive dealerships and other businesses.

Our September 2022 meeting was our first in-person meeting since March 2019. We were excited to return to St. John's Church and re-connect with members we have not seen in awhile as well as meet some of our new members "in-person for the first time.



## **October 2022**

### **Annual Student Night**

#### **Career Panel Discussion with Our SEMCACFE Members**

October marked the return of our annual student night. Eleven students from Oakland University, Davenport University, Wayne State University, and Eastern Michigan University. We are thankful to our outstanding panel of SEMCACFE members that were part of our career panel discussion:

- Ruth Holmes, CDE -- Handwriting Examination (Pentec, Inc.)
- Michael Wynn, CFE (Wynngate Associates/Coach Win, LLC)
- Blair Headrick, CFE, CIA, CRMA, -- Manager, North America Special Investigations, Legal, (General Motors Company)
- John Dery, CPA, CVA, CFE, CIRA, CFF (The Fraud Group LLC)



**November 2022**

**Speaker: Donna Lerner, DBA, CFE,  
Assistant Professor of Business, Cornerstone University**

**Topic: The Process of Fraud Rationalization**

In November, Dr. Donna Lerner provided a fascinating and insightful presentation on The Process of Fraud Rationalization. Donna shared information from her thesis titled “Asset Misappropriation Fraud Rationalization Techniques Across Dimensions of National Culture” that included rationalization techniques, examples of how people may apply these techniques, how employers may benefit from future research on rationalization that may help prevent fraud.



**December 2022**

**Speakers: FBI Supervisory Special Agents**

**Topic: Healthcare Fraud Trends**

We extend our gratitude to the FBI supervisory special agents who gave a very informative presentation on Healthcare Fraud. Paul S. Baumrind (Supervisory Special Agent), Mark K. Kreig (Special Agent Detroit Division), and Collin C. Ward shared information about current healthcare fraud schemes/trends, excerpts from recent FBI investigations, and tips to help prevent/detect healthcare fraud.



### February 2023 Speaker

**Debra R. Richardson, MBA, APM, APPM, CRPS**

### **Topic : The BANK of AP - Why and How Fraudsters Continue to Target Vendor Payments**

Currently studying to become a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Debra is an Accounts Payable Speaker, Trainer, and Consultant. Beginning with a bachelor's degree in English (University of Michigan – Ann Arbor), she continued her education with a MBA in Financial Management (City University of Seattle) and after multiple finance and accounting roles, found her calling in the Accounts Payable function. An accredited Accounts Payable Manager, Procure to Pay Manager and Payment Reporting Specialist, Debra has 20+ years' experience in accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, and financial reporting for Fortune 500 companies including Verizon, General Motors and Aramark. She has worked in the Telecommunications, Automotive, Healthcare, and Oil & Gas industries.

### Next Meeting

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**  
**Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.**

### Dinner Prices:

- ◇ **Members: \$36**
- ◇ **Non-Members \$36**  
*(1st & 2nd time attending)*
- ◇ **Non-Members \$41**  
*(3rd or more times attending)*
- ◇ **Students: \$0**
- ◇ **Walk Ins additional \$5 charge**

### 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. Chapter Dues are \$50.00 per year. If you choose not to join our Chapter, you are still welcome to attend, but the Chapter Dinner Meeting cost will be \$41.00. **Reminder: To help minimize costs to our chapter, please notify us of any cancelations, prior to the meeting date.**

***RSVP to Mary Medonis at [info@semcacfe.org](mailto:info@semcacfe.org)***

### Speakers For Monthly Meetings January – June 2023

**January** – Sheila Flanagan, CFE, CPA, CRMA (General Motors) – Interviewing Tips & Tricks

**February** – Debra Richardson, MBA, APM, APPM, CPRS (Debra Richardson LLC) – Vendor Fraud

**March** – Michael Wynn, CFE (Wynngate Associates/Coach Win, LLC) – Topic – TBD

**April** – Ketra Lewis, MBA, CRCM (Discover Financial Services) – Credit Card Fraud

**May** – John Vadalabene – (AAA) – Utilizing Analytics to Detect Fraud

**June** – *Currently Open*

Member Referral Program – Bring a guest with you to one of our monthly meetings. If your guest becomes an SEMCACFE member, you will receive complimentary admission to a future monthly meeting.

### Call for Speakers

We are looking for speakers to present at our Annual Conference Chapter Dinner Meetings. If you have a topic, you would like considered for a Chapter Dinner Meeting, please send an email to Mary at [info@semcacfe.org](mailto:info@semcacfe.org). Be sure to include your name, contact information and a brief summary of your presentation.

### SAVE THE DATE

**SEMCAFE 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fraud Conference . In Person on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at VistaTech/Schoolcraft College, Livonia, MI.** Additional details will be posted to our chapter website ([www.semcacfe.org](http://www.semcacfe.org)) soon!

**Reminder:** Paid members who attend the most meetings between September 2022 and April 2023 will receive free admission to the conference. **(We will do a drawing for any tie-breakers)**

## **SEMCACFE Board Member Updates**

Sheila Flanagan, SEMCACFE Board Secretary, transitioned to SEMCACFE President and Donna Kischuk, Assistant Secretary, transition to Board Secretary effective August 2022.

Welcome to the new directors of SEMCACFE Board (effective December 2022):

### **Debra R. Richardson, APPM, APM, CPRS**



Debra obtained her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and her MBA in Financial Management from City University of Seattle, WA. She has 20+ years' experience in accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, and financial reporting for Fortune 500 companies including Verizon, General Motors and Aramark. She has worked in the Telecommunications, Automotive, Healthcare, and Oil & Gas industries.

Her professional goal in 2023 is to become a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and she is currently studying to pass the certification exam.

### **Donna Larner, DBA, CFE**



Dr. Donna Larner obtained her bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University. She also completed both an MBA (Davenport University) and a DBA (Anderson University) in accounting. In 2020, she became a Certified Fraud Examiner. As a current full-time faculty member at Cornerstone University, she specializes in a range of accounting, finance, and graduate level courses. Driven by her care for others, she takes pride in providing the best educational opportunities possible, for learners from all around the globe.

**Note:** Sheila, Debra, and Donna will fill their roles respectively through June 2023.

**Elections for the SEMCACFE board will be held at the June 2023 meeting.** All board positions are for a two-year term. Additional information about board positions and requirements for running for a board position will be posted on the chapter website and a future newsletter.



Southeast Michigan Area Chapter

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

- ◆ **Layali Awadallah**
- ◆ **Hannah Bastin**
- ◆ **Shannon Dalton**
- ◆ **Donna Larner**
- ◆ **Madelyn Matulis**
- ◆ **Debra Richardson**
- ◆ **Brian Zasadny**
- ◆ **Ling Zhang**

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<b>Director</b>	<b>Debra Richardson, APPM, APM, CPRS</b>



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