

**PRESIDENT'S Message**



**October Speaker**  
**Ahron Balsam**  
**IT Cyber Security Analyst**

**Topic:**  
**"Ineffective Control Zone Volume 2"**

We would like to thank our October speaker, **Ahron Balsam**, "a self described professional information security paranoid". He raised our level of awareness concerning the world of bugs, vulnerabilities and hackers as it pertains to our current environment. A world where a single mistake can lead to dire consequences and embarrassing headlines. We hope everyone took away one or more valuable points from our guest speaker and that we will see everyone again on **Thursday, November 4, 2021** for our next monthly meeting.

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

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement with the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Association for Certified Fraud Examiners during these difficult times. Please contact **Mary Medonis** at **248-330-7757** or [info@semcacf.org](mailto:info@semcacf.org) should you have any comments or questions.

**Barbara Netter CFE, CPA, Chapter President**

**Announcements**

**Presenters needed for monthly Chapter meetings and the Annual Fraud Conference in April 2022. Members and guests if you have a fraud related topic you would like to share or if you would like to recommend a speaker to present on a fraud related topic, please contact us at [info@semcacf.org](mailto:info@semcacf.org).**

**REMINDER: It is time to pay your Membership dues.** For anyone who has not yet paid, the website has the information available to make your payment.

**SAVE THE DATE: April 28th, 2022** we will host our 28th Annual Fraud Conference. More information will be provided on our website as it becomes available.

**November 4, 2021 Speaker**

**Dan Rempinski, CPA, CFF, CFE, CGMA**  
 Senior Manager  
 ProNexus

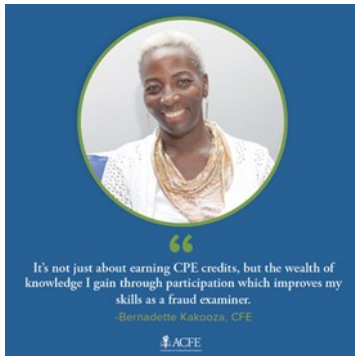
**Topic:**  
*Current Events:*  
**Senior Scams, PPP Loans & Bank Loans**

**About the presenter:**

Dan has 20 plus years of work experience in Forensic Accounting. He acquired his Masters degree in Finance from Walsh College, his Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Wayne State University and has obtained a number of certifications. His hobby is stand-up comedy. Join us on **November 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

*We hope to see you at the meeting!*

**Member Spotlight:**



**Bernadette Kakooza, CFE**  
**Inspector General**  
**Detroit Public Schools Community District**



**November 14-20, 2021**

Bernadette Kakooza, CFE, is more than just an accomplished fraud fighter. The ACFE reached out to Bernadette for an interview concerning her work and accomplishments as a female leader.

As the first female Inspector General for the Detroit Public Schools Community District, she works hard for her geographic community as well as her anti-fraud community. In addition to spearheading investigations to save taxpayer money, **she’s an active member of the Southeastern Michigan ACFE chapter and mentors fellow ACFE members.**

During her interview, she was asked what she liked best about being an ACFE member? Her response...*“I’m most grateful for the professional networking, opportunities to learn more about the anti-fraud industry and interact with other members — especially within our local Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the ACFE, where I attend monthly meetings as well as presented on fraud-related topics. I have met and established strong friendships with wonderful individuals through my chapter network; some of whom have contributed a lot to providing me with resources to assist with my work. I’m also grateful to the ACFE which gave me an opportunity to give back as a mentor for other CFEs. Having realized the opportunities this membership presents, I always encourage my subordinates to pursue membership in our local chapter as well as the national ACFE.”*

**International Fraud Awareness Week** is an opportunity for anti-fraud professionals and communities to come together to look at how far reaching the effects of fraud can be. Organizations worldwide lose an estimated 5 percent of their annual revenues to fraud, according to the 2020 ACFE *Report to the Nations on Occupational Fraud and Abuse.*

Although the coronavirus has limited activity in many parts of the world, fraud prevention and detection is more important than ever. Explore anti-fraud and career resources related to the pandemic.

Fraud takes many shapes and forms, among them corporate fraud, consumer fraud, tax fraud, identity theft and many others.

Explore the resources by following the link below:

[International Fraud Awareness Week \(fraudweek.com\)](https://www.fraudweek.com)

To read the full article click on the link: <https://www.acfeinsights.com/acfe-insights/member-spotlight-bernadette-kakooza-cfe>

