



Dallas Area Chapter ACFE

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

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James D. Grace
Chapter President

President's Letter

Dallas Area Members:

I would like to thank each and every member of our Chapter for participating in another successful year! We are looking forward to 2008 to increase our membership even more than we did in 2007.

Your comments and suggestions about presentation topics are always welcomed and appreciated.

Our new Dallas Area Chapter website should be up and running by the first of the year. Keep checking our website at www.dallasacfe.org for the latest updated version.

Sincerely,

James D. Grace
President of the Dallas Area ACFE

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January Luncheon Meeting

When: Thursday, January 10th

Location: Cityplace, 2711 Haskell Ave., Dallas, Texas

Registration Starts at 11:30 a.m.

Our speaker for the January luncheon will be **Donald Banks**. He will be speaking on [Fraud & Criminal Enterprises](#). Donald has been with Zurich for almost five years after spending 6½ years at Travelers Property & Casualty where he was the Lead Investigator and Medical Fraud Coordinator for the Central Region. Mr. Banks was also a part of the Strategic Analysis Unit. That team developed a comprehensive intelligence collection program that identified emerging patterns, trends and discovered relationships among individuals and groups. Mr. Banks has worked for a law enforcement agency, probation department and has experience in industrial security. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology. In 2007, Mr. Banks was elected to serve a two-year term as President of the North Texas Chapter of IASIU.

RSVP

Please RSVP by
January 9th to
Sandy Cable at
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or
214-647-7649

Members: \$15.00
Non-members: \$20.00
Walk-ins: \$20.00

Great December Luncheon!!!

Cathy Ries gave a wonderful presentation on *Tools and Approaches for Interviews*. She discussed how to best format and structure the interview to achieve the goals of the investigation. Ms. Ries also presented some of the pros and cons about utilizing an Interview outline:

- ▶ Pros
 - Less likely to forget critical questions
 - Help make interview flow
 - Helps interviewer calm down, be less nervous
 - Helps remember what was asked and answered if notes are not thorough
- ▶ Cons
 - Tendency to follow the script rather than following up on the information
 - Inability to build rapport
 - Starchy approach

We truly appreciate Cathy Ries' time and her outstanding tips!

Member Spotlight



Linda James

Our Member Spotlight this month is Linda James. Linda James has been a member of the ACFE for several years, and has served on the Board of the Dallas Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. She is one of the most respected handwriting and document experts in Texas. Handwriting and document examination is a very specialized area of investigation. Linda is board certified as a Document Examiner by the National Association of Document Examiners (NADE). She is currently the 1st vice president of the NADE.

Linda has testified as a Forensic Document & Handwriting Examiner in Texas Probate, Bankruptcy, State, Federal and District Courts, the State Bar of Texas, Wisconsin, Louisiana, New Mexico, Alaska, and Singapore courts. She has also been qualified under the Daubert / Dupont guidelines. She holds a diploma in Forensic Science from the American Institute of Applied Science. She completed the police academy basic instructor course through the North Central Texas Council of Governments and holds a license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education. She has also instructed for Texas law enforcement agencies, Collin County Community College criminal justice classes, forensic science classes for Austin College in Sherman, and various other clubs and associations.

Linda is a part of the sub-committee for the ASTM International (for the development of Forensic Science Standards) in the field of Questioned Documents, a member of the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts and The Texas Division-International Association for Identification.

Linda's daughter has been following in her footsteps, and has spent the last few years becoming qualified in the forensic document examining field. Linda's daughter also manages the Austin office for Advanced Document and Handwriting Examination Services. A special note of interest is that her daughter recently gained fame by being featured on the national television show "What Not to Wear"!

It's great to have Linda as a member of our Chapter.

Eighteenth Annual Dallas / Ft. Worth Fraud Seminar

On **May 9, 2008**, we will be holding the Annual Dallas/Ft. Worth Fraud Seminar. We have lined up some impressive speakers that will provide very useful information. Our speakers include:

Wayne Hoover, with Wicklander & Associates, will feature advanced investigative and interviewing techniques. Wicklander & Associates have trained businesses and government agencies for over 20 years in effective interviewing techniques.

Jeff Crilley will also be speaking at the seminar. Jeff Crilley is an Emmy Award winning TV reporter in Dallas. During his 20 years in television news, Jeff has made hundreds of national news appearances including CNN, CNN Headline News, FOX News, The Discovery Channel, Good Morning America and The CBS Early Show.

Bruce Dorris, J.D., CFE, CPA, CVA, the ACFE National Training Director, will also give a presentation. Mr. Dorris was commissioned an Assistant District Attorney for the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office in Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. Dorris created and was the Director of its Financial Crimes Screening Section for over seven years.

Dallas ACFE Calendar of Events

January 10, 2008 - Dallas ACFE Luncheon

February 14, 2008 – Dallas ACFE Luncheon – University Day

March 2008 - Joint IIA/Dallas ACFE Luncheon

April 10, 2008 - Dallas ACFE Luncheon

May 9, 2008 – Annual Dallas / Ft. Worth Seminar

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As we have in the past, we are seeking companies who would like to assist by supporting the May Seminar as sponsors. This opportunity is a great way to obtain recognition for your company and also assist the Chapter. Any company interested in participating, please contact any of the above Chapter Officers.

We would like to recognize and thank all of the Sponsors who have supported our efforts in the past. Their continued support will be greatly appreciated.