



Dallas Area Chapter



President's Letter

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Dallas Area Members:

Welcome Back! This is my first newsletter as the President of the Dallas Chapter. I would like to thank Jim Grace for all his outstanding work as our President for the past few years. Jim will continue to serve the chapter and will be on the board as Director.

We are starting off the fall with a wonderful national speaker on September 11th. We will be bringing in Virginia Quinn from San Antonio. She is a dynamic and interesting speaker with a striking background. She was the first female Captain in Houston's 150 year history. She has been a Peace Officer instructor. She has conducted employee internal investigations. You can view our featured

speaker section for her detailed credentials. Please join us in our opening fall luncheon meeting by welcoming Virginia Quinn for this special presentation.

Your Board of Directors conducted a planning meeting this summer and established some goals for our chapter. We will be conducting a Membership Survey in September. This Dallas Chapter would not be possible without the continuing member participation. We want to hear from you in order to improve and strengthen our chapter to continue to meet the needs of our members. We will strive to increase our membership base by 10%. We will be developing a "Members Only" section for our website which will include a database

of all our chapter members. And we will reach out to the local universities to network and provide member speakers for university classes.

We have three new board members this year. They are Dori Bohl as your Secretary, and Jeff Matthews and Mary Smith as Directors. Please join me in welcoming them to your Board of Directors. We would also like to welcome Alan Fowler as our special events committee chairperson.

This is your chapter, so please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, questions, or to volunteer your services for the benefit of the chapter.

- Jean Manuel,
Chapter President

Everyone MUST R.S.V.P online

R. S. V. P.

by
Friday, September 5
at
www.dallasacfe.org

REMINDER

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Dallas ACFE Luncheon

CityPlace

11:30 a.m.

Chapter Member/Student Cost: \$20.00

Non-Member Cost: \$25.00

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City of San Antonio Audit Manager Joins Luncheon



Ms. Virginia Quinn
Audit Manager
City of San Antonio

We are fortunate to welcome Ms. Virginia Quinn, Audit Manager for the City of San Antonio to our monthly luncheon on September 11, 2008. You don't want to miss it as Ms. Quinn delivers an insightful presentation titled, "To Catch a Thief", which will address key techniques for detecting employee fraud.

Ms. Quinn was a law enforcement officer for 22 years in the Harris County Sheriff's Department in Houston, and was the first female Captain in the department's 150 year

history. She is certified as a Master Peace Officer, County jailer, and Peace Officer Instructor from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. She has extensive experience in employee-related issues, and holds an SPHR certification (Senior Professional in Human Resources) from the Society of Human Resources Management. When she retired, she accepted a position with the City of San Antonio as the Municipal Integrity Manager for the next eight

years, where she supervised all types of internal investigations involving City of San Antonio employees. She is responsible of the filing of numerous criminal cases with the Bexar County White Collar Crime Division involving employee fraud, theft, and abuse. She is currently assigned as the Grants Management Coordinator for the City of San Antonio's International Airport, where she oversees grant compliance. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

As we all return from summer vacations and gear up for another year of challenging success, it's helpful to be reminded that some investigations can be easier than others.

Reality Check

When Curtis Boyd was running a bit short of money, the solution seemed obvious: create his own bank. Using a check-making program he purchased at OfficeMax, Boyd produced a \$22 million check, payable to himself, drawn on the "Reality Perspective Bank."

When he gave the bogus instrument to teller Tammy

Ferguson at the drive-up window at the Bank of Norfolk in Nebraska, she noticed more than the odd name of Boyd's bank; the address was suspect, too. After all, Ferguson observed, how many banks operate



from an apartment? Boyd left empty-handed. Police are still looking for him.

Ethics Lesson

Dave, the internal auditor, rubbed his eyes. Then he looked again at the three expense vouchers before him—individual requests for reimbursement of travel expenses from three employees to an out-of-town seminar. Dave declined paying the modest sums for three reasons:

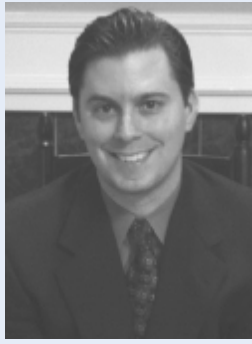
Problem no. 1:
The amount requested for reimbursement of automobile mileage on each expense voucher was identical.

Problem no. 2:
Dave previously had seen all three men pile into the same car for the trip.

Problem no. 3: The three employees who were triple-billing expenses were traveling to attend a seminar on ethics.

Source: *Journal of Accountancy*, May 2003

Member Spotlight — Jason Arrington



Jason Arrington, CPA, CPE
Audit Manager for the Social
Security Administration's (SSA)
Office of Inspector General

Jason Arrington CPA, CPE, a Texas native, has lived in the Metroplex his entire life and graduated from University of North Texas in 1998. Currently, he is an Audit Manager for the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Office of Inspector General. One of the most recent audits he was part of centered on Social Security payments being made to individuals whom SSA erroneously determined were deceased. He also worked on a widely publicized review involving payday check companies that took advantage of individuals on Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Jason loves the variety of work his position produces and how very different each new audit is from the last one. Prior to his position with SSA, Jason worked for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Outside of work, Jason enjoys being with his two young sons (Ethan and Logan) and wife (Jessica). Interestingly enough, six years ago he met his wife on a blind date and the two trained for a marathon throughout their courtship. The two completed the 26.2 mile marathon here in Dallas and someday he would like to complete another marathon. Jason is also a member of the Association of Government Accountants and serves as the outgoing Chapter President. In the past, he helped coordinate joint events between the AGA and ACFE Dallas chapters. He has held a variety of other positions within AGA and looks forward to being more involved this year with ACFE's Dallas Chapter.

We look forward to working together to make this another successful year!

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The Dallas Chapter supports the international mission of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners through its educational programs and seminars, which promote an enhanced awareness of fraud prevention, detection and investigation techniques among its membership and throughout the business and law enforcement communities. At the same time, program attendees are provided an opportunity to earn their annual continuing education credits and network with a diverse group of professionals in related fields.

