



Dallas Area Chapter



President's Letter

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It's hard to believe another year has passed. I hope all our members had a great holiday.

We closed out the 2009 year with a great meeting on December 10th when Jason Buchanan from the Secret Service had the audience captivated with his presentation and his sense of humor. He provided information on recent fraud schemes in the Dallas area and also on ways that one's identity can be compromised. He had several suggestions for members to protect their credit information and he also handed out a recent booklet on handling identity theft. And, yes, when asked by a brave member in the audience, he did have a comment on the couple who

crashed Obama's state dinner party. He stated that he was very glad that he was in Dallas at the time!

The January 14, 2010, meeting will be on the use of pre-texting during investigations. Kathy Reis will be giving an attorney's point of view. Pre-texting has been used in investigations for a long time, but one case brought the issue to light resulting in changes in obtaining phone company records. Hear about the issues surrounding this topic from an attorney who is also an investigator.

February will be our University Day where we will be inviting students from local universities to attend our luncheon and meet our

members and become familiar with the ACFE. We will also be inviting the Dallas Chapter of the AGA (Association of Government Accountants, also now referred to as Advancing Government Accountability!) to attend this presentation given by the FDIC. The speaker will discuss the recent bank failures and its effect on America.

Mark you calendars for our annual all day training event which will be held on May 21, 2010. We have secured a nationally recognized speaker and also a former fraudster for this event. Details will be sent to our members soon.

Jean Manuel
President, Dallas Chapter ACFE



"The use of Pretext in Investigations: an Attorney's Point of View"

Location:
CityPlace
2711 North Haskell
Dallas, Texas 75204

Join us for our next meeting
Thursday, January 14, 11:30 am

Register by Tuesday, January 12, at www.dallasacfe.org, click on Registrations/Next Meeting

Fit again in 2010!

Fun fit facts!

- ◆ Exercise is the poor man's liposuction.
- ◆ The advantage of exercising is that you'll die much healthier!
- ◆ You've reached a professional milestone when all you have time to exercise is caution.
- ◆ Too busy to exercise? Try the office workout. Run your mouth, push your luck, stretch the truth and jump to conclusions!
- ◆ One benefit of losing weight is that you'll actually use less soap, thereby saving money!
- ◆ A scientific breakthrough suggests the best way to look thinner immediately is to hang around heavier people.

For those of us looking to "die healthy" we often pledge to lose weight, many times linking it to a New Year's resolution. Among the most popular 2009 resolutions:

1. Get fit
2. Lose weight
3. Quit smoking
4. Quit drinking
5. Get a better job.

It comes as no surprise that two of the top five suggest weight management. Jay Leno recently quipped,

"For the first time ever, overweight people outnumber average people in America. Doesn't that make overweight the average then? Last month you were fat, now you're average - hey, let's get a pizza! You've already accomplished your resolution!"

Yet, the problem many have is that New Year resolutions go in one *year* and out *the other*. For those of us who love to exercise, but hate the part where "we feel tired", or adhere to the thought "God must love calories, because he made so many" here are a few tips to help keep you motivated.

1. Start a food ledger: Individuals that log their calorie intake are 10x more likely to stick to their plan.
2. Audit your pantry: Throw out all unhealthy food. This helps eliminate poor snacking out of boredom.
3. Document an exercise program: Set realistic goals, start slow and build up. It is easy to get discouraged by setting the wrong expectations from the start.
4. Have fun: You are more likely to stick with a diet and exercise routine you enjoy. Exercise does not have to be drudgery or solitary. Join a softball league, a dance club or a charity walk-a-thon team.

January 14th:
“The use of Pretext in Investigations: an Attorney’s
Point of View”

Join us for registration at 11:30 AM and lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Our speaker will be **Cathy Gribble Ries**.

Cathy Gribble Ries is an attorney with 25 years of experience in multiple areas of law, including almost 20 years of specialization in white-collar criminal investigation, lawsuits, prosecution and representation of corporate interests. She has extensive experience in analysis of businesses and their practices in these areas, and in related training. Ms. Ries was Assistant General Counsel for Electronic Data Systems Corporation for over 9 years, and for Lennox International Inc. for over 5 years. In the course of this work, she coordinated numerous investigative

efforts, working with in-house and independent investigators, senior management and both in-house and outside counsel and paralegals, as well as working with the FBI, US District Attorneys’ offices, and local authorities on various matters. Ms. Ries led and worked on efforts on developing and implementing processes and procedures to identify and reduce risks to corporations, and to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley and the requirements of the revised Federal Sentencing Guidelines. In addition to her own law firm, she is also a partner since 2005 in AC Investigative Solutions PLLC, which specializes in white collar fraud investigations for businesses.

ONE HOUR of CPE for only \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. This price includes lunch.

Registration is available online at www.dallasacfe.org, click on Registrations/Next Meeting

T H E B U L L E T I N B O A R D

The ACFE is coming to your city!

Conducting Internal Investigations - January 28th and 29th.

Conducting Internal Investigations

DoubleTree Hotel Dallas Market Center
2015 Market Center Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75207

Hotel Phone: (800) 222-TREE or +1 (214) 741-7481

Room Rate: \$99 single (subject to availability)*

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ACFE Members: \$695

Non-Members: \$845

From receiving the initial allegation to testifying as a witness, Conducting Internal Investigations will prepare you for every step of an internal investigation of fraud. Lead an investigation with accuracy and confidence by gaining knowledge about legal considerations, document collection, interviewing skills and evidence documentation.

This instructor-led course includes a relevant practical problem, which you and your fellow attendees will work from beginning to end. Get practical experience you will take back to apply in your own work.

Course Leader: Dennis F. Dycus CFE, CPA, CGFM, ACFE Fellow

(Info on national ACFE website)

http://eweb.acfe.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=ACFEEventInfoSC&evt_key=1d4e1607-c07e-4b61-bacc-5f40f6ce4a9b

(info on our website)

http://dallasacfe.org/Calendar_of_Events/

What a great way to stock up on CPE and save on travel costs!

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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.