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CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER
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NEWSLETTER**





Central Ohio Chapter of the C.F.E.

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“To improve fraud detection and deterrence through the education and interaction of our members and to aid community efforts to detect and prevent fraud”

FROM THE EDITOR

April is in the air ... along with snow, rain, sun, clouds, wind, warm and cold ... and I'm just talking about ONE day in Columbus!! Well, the good news is that all the plants are starting to turn green and the fairways are relatively easy to hit out of (trust me, I know this for a fact!); the bad news is now I've got to get my 'lawn gear' out of moth balls and probably wrench my back getting that stuff ready to roll! This is a weird time of the year ... one day you're building a snowman and the next day you're weed whacking around it!

The boys of summer started, so you know what that means? Football is only five months away! However, I DO enjoy watching my Redlegs ... and 'no', I'm not talking about what my legs look like after sitting out by the pool!! (OK – all of the jokes can't be winners!)

April also means Easter! You know, the day that all heck breaks loose for anyone who observed the Lent season (now is the time to invest in chocolate, beer or pizza stocks!) Also, it's the day where some people dress in their Sunday's best then search for eggs hidden by the Easter bunny! In theory, shouldn't it be an Easter duck or goose or some kind of feathered animal? Here's a little tip for you – don't pick up and eat the little 'pellets' left by the Easter bunny, thinking they're miniature chocolate eggs ... Trust Me! They're NOT! (don't ask how I know!)

Happy Easter everyone – Hope you can make it to our April 19th luncheon at the River Club!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The NCAA tourney is over (congratulations to Florida), Spring has sprung, baseball is back (wait until next year you diehard Indians and Reds fans) and Alan is real short. Be sure to attend the April meeting as this is Alan's last. We are going to miss him.

We have a lot going on to wrap up our program year. National is holding a two day seminar on Special Investigation Units, our Emerging Trends Conference is scheduled for late May and we still have two great speakers to finish out the year.

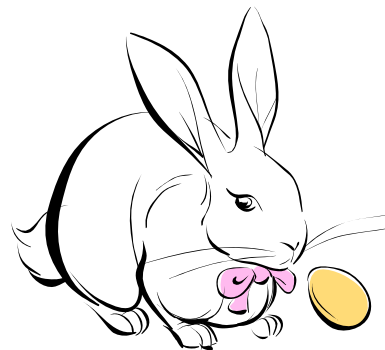
Nominations, we need nominations for the three Chapter offices that will be open for the May vote. One Board seat at large is open as is the Presidency and the Treasurer's slot. We have big shoes to fill with all the retirements hitting us this year. I cannot stand those three smiling faces that just seem to get brighter every month now.

Interest in a career in fraud and becoming a CFE seems to be on the increase. I have had three recent requests from students for letters of recommendation for a Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship. I do not even remember a single request in the recent past. Our CFE candidate class is full and we have a waiting list for next year's class. Another first. I have been looking for personnel for my company and I know of others similarly situated. We seem to be favorably located in the marketplace.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 19th.

Until then,

Heinz



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**MARCH 15, 2006
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Heinz Ickert. Others in attendance were Alan Bonham, Aric Bizzarri, Danny Case, Cliff Davis, Bob Lidman, and Annie Yoder.

The following agenda items were discussed at the meeting:

The January 2006 Board Meeting Minutes was accepted.

Treasurers Report was delivered by Annie Yoder and accepted by the board.

A Spring Seminar Update was delivered by Alan Bonham. Currently, the committee is working on finalizing speakers.

ACFE will be having a Seminar in Columbus on May 13th & 14th at the Hyatt Regency. Nationals are requesting 3 people from the Central Ohio Chapter to assist. Anyone interested, please contact Heinz.

Election of Officers. A committee has been formed (Alan Bonham, Cliff Davis, and Bob Lidman) to assist with recruiting new officers. If any chapter members are interested, please contact one of the committee members.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.



**APRIL 19TH
LUNCHEON SPEAKER
STAN PARTLOW
DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL SECURITY &
AVIATION SERVICES (AEP)**

Stan Partlow is currently the Director of Physical Security and Aviation Services for American Electric Power. In this position, Mr. Partlow has leadership responsibilities for security operations, access control and asset protection for AEP facilities and properties in the 11 states in which AEP conducts business, and for AEP's aviation services department.

Mr. Partlow assumed this position effective October 31, 2005.

Mr. Partlow had most recently been commander of the Detective Bureau of the Columbus Division of Police. He also commanded the Zone 3 Patrol Bureau and Technical Services Bureau. He began his career with the Columbus Division of Police in 1980 as an officer and has also held the positions of lieutenant (1996-2000) and sergeant (1993-1996), holding numerous supervisory positions. From 1984-88, he became a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, responsible for conducting a variety of criminal investigations.

In his law enforcement career, Stan has been a member of the protection staff of two Columbus

Mayors. He has been a SWAT team member for the Charlotte Division FBI Team, a member of the Columbus Division of Police Underwater Search and Recovery Team, and a hostage negotiator for the Columbus Division of Police.

2 – 4 – 1 Luncheon

Happy Hour? Well, I guess you can say that! Your Chapter is sponsoring a "2-4-1" luncheon. If you bring a guest to any of the luncheons, you and your guest will be charged half price. Here's how it works: bring one guest to a luncheon and you both get half off; bring a different guest to the very next luncheon, get another half off.

We're busy slashing prices over here, so take advantage of it! (Dealer, License and Prep charges included)



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Get out your Franklin Planner, update your Outlook calendar or write these following dates on the back of your hand because, on the third Wednesday of every month, we've got a date at the River Club for the Central Ohio CFE luncheons ... don't be late and I promise to have you home by midnight!!

- April 19, 2006
- May 17, 2006



When you were young, did you ever dream of becoming the President? Treasurer? or a Board Member? Well, we're here to make your dreams come true – the Central Ohio CFE just so happens to have these positions becoming vacant and all

other Board positions up for election and are looking for a few good people who think they can make a difference (while padding their resume)!

Contact Alan Bonham, Bob Lidman or Cliff Davis for more information. Get involved – Live your dream!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**6th Annual
Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation
and Prevention**

**May 23-24, 2006
Hilton Easton, Columbus, OH**

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at (614) 644-1111**

FREE LUNCH!!

The Winner is ...

Jennifer Bird

Congrats Jenn ...Well, kind of! IF Jenn would've been present at the luncheon, she would be wallowing in the fact that she won a coupon for a Free Lunch!

Remember – you MUST be present to win!!!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! In case you've forgotten, the Columbus Chapter CFE will be holding their next Luncheon April 19, 2006 at the **RIVER CLUB (CONFLUENCE PARK)**. As is always the case, the food will be great and the speaker will be superb! However, reservations are required.

PRICES: \$12.00 Member/ \$14.00 Non-Member
RSVP: Chrissie Powers
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AGENDA: 11:15am Registration
11:30am Lunch
12:00n Speaker

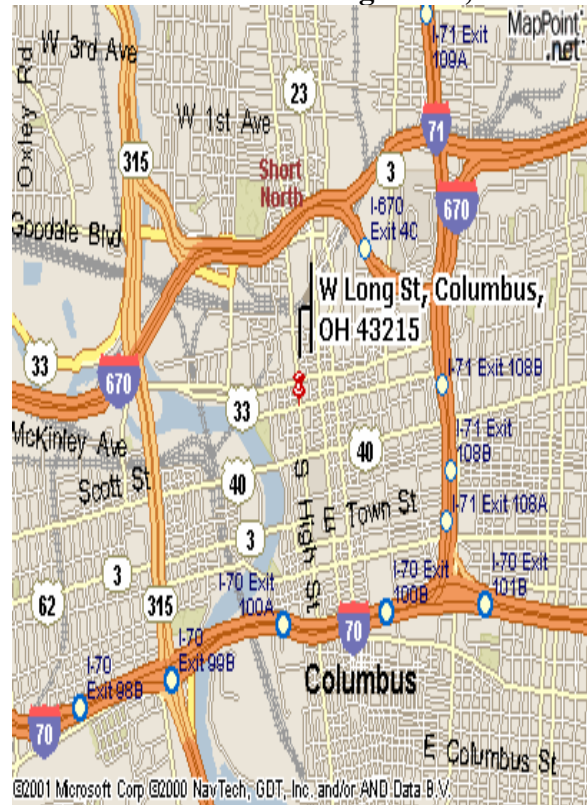
POLICY: The deadline for reservations/cancellations is Monday, April 17, 12:00 noon.

NOTE: ALL RESERVATIONS MADE AND NOT CANCELED BY THE DEADLINE MUST BE PAID FOR.

BONUS: ONE LUNCHEON = ONE HOUR CPE

Check out the National CFE Website:
WWW.ACFE.COM

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