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CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER
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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

Happy New Year! It's 2006! Thank goodness I hardly write checks anymore (thank you electronic banking) or I'd still be writing 2004 on them. (not even 2005!!)

Well, it's a new year – have you broken all of your resolutions yet? I find it easier just not to make any resolutions; that way, I won't feel bad when I break them!!

One good thing about the start of a new year is we can put the “3 months of Christmas” behind us; the bad thing? It starts in nine months again!!

Is your tree down? Have you taken your holiday decorations down, packed them away and stowed them in that ‘Christmas Corner’ in your crawl space yet? Why is it that it's a lot more fun putting the decorations up than taking them down? It's funny – people never want any help putting their decorations up, but they always want help taking them down! If your tree is still up, you're either REALLY into the Holiday Season and want to see it continue on for a little while longer OR you can't find anyone to help you take your tree down OR you haven't found the motivation yet (ie lazy!)!! haha

I say, keep your tree up all year! I mean, if you think about it, if it's nice for 4 weeks out of the year in your room, what's another 11 months?? Then, come next Holiday Season, you've saved that much time for more shopping!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another great December meeting. It was good to see so many of you which no doubt is thanks to all the hard work of Alan and Linda. Many thanks to our December speaker, Matthew Wald of Battelle.

Thanks to each of you who contributed to our charitable project, Charity Newsies. Donations from the membership totaled \$528. The Chapter matched that amount and has sent off a check in the amount of \$1,056 to Charity Newsies.

As I announced, we have decided to assist the Gahanna Police Department and purchase two digital cameras for their detective unit. We have ordered the cameras and expect to present them at our January meeting.

If you have not done so, Certified members must confirm they have met the continuing education requirements of the Association for 2005. It can be done online, is quick and real easy. I was able to do it unassisted.

Breaking news, Toby Bishop has resigned as President of the Association and will be returning to private practice. Toby did a wonderful job during his tenure at the Association and will be missed.

How bout them Buckeyes!!! Three great BCS bowl games and the right team won them all. See you at the January meeting.

Heinz

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**DECEMBER 21, 2005
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

The following agenda items were discussed at the meeting:

The November 2005 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted.

The Treasurers Report was delivered by Chrissie Powers and accepted by the board. The chapter has a cash balance of \$15,971.38 in the checking account. Alan Bonham returned to the treasury

\$40.03 which was not used in the purchase of Christmas presents for the December luncheon.

Membership activities were discussed:

Currently the chapter has 69 members.

Due to the absence of the Training Director, the Board tabled discussions concerning the recent applications received for chapter assistance for CFE study material. The Board determined they needed to have more information concerning these applications before acting upon any recommendations.

A Spring Seminar Update was delivered by Alan Bonham. The following items were noted: The grant monies for this year appear to have been cut in half. The Chapter has requested to receive the same amount of funds as in previous years. If this is not possible, the price of the seminar may be increased \$25 per person. The hold the date card is in the design stage. Otherwise, everything is moving along on schedule.

The joint training between ACFE and OIA will be on Friday, February 10, 2005. An email giving details on this training should be sent within the next few days. The training is free but on a first come first serve basis.

The Board approved the purchase of two Nikon CoolPix 7900 digital cameras for the Gahanna Police Department as the Community Service Project. The total cost was estimated to be approximately \$800.00.

Chrissie Powers reported that \$275.00 had been received from chapter members as donations to Charity Newsies. More funds were expected to be received during the luncheon.

Bob Lidman thanked the Board for the flowers which were sent to him during his recent recuperation.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The next chapter meeting will be January 18, 2006.



**JANUARY 18TH
LUNCHEON SPEAKER
JOSEPH R. MONTGOMERY
DEPUTY INSPECTOR
OHIO OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

OIG SERVICE: Originally hired as an investigator in August 2002, appointed as a deputy inspector general in July 2003.

EDUCATION: AAS in Criminal Justice, Jefferson Technical College

Attended Mt. Union College and Ohio University

Graduate of Northwestern University Police Administration Training Program

BACKGROUND: Served two years in the U.S. Army. Recipient of the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Served as a village and township police officer in Wintersville, Ohio

Retired from the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 2002 as a captain. Served in a variety of positions to include academy instructor, human resource management, post commander, inspecting officer, purchasing commander, and chief fiscal officer. Prior to his service with the Highway Patrol, Montgomery served on the Wintersville Police Department and the Cross Creek Township Police Department in Jefferson County.

CURRENT DUTES: As a deputy inspector general, Montgomery has been involved in several major investigations which have identified wrongdoing on the part of state agencies and state employees. A summary of several of these investigations can be found at <http://watchdog.ohio.gov>.

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)

FREE LUNCH!!

The Winner is ...

Jack Dunkle

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

Remember – you MUST be present to win!!!

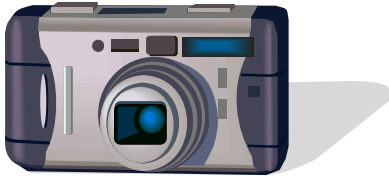
UPCOMING MEETINGS

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!!

- January 18, 2006
 - February 10, 2006 – Joint meeting with OIA
 - March 15, 2006
 - April 12, 2006
 - May 17, 2006
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COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR 2005

As part of the Central Ohio CFE's 'Giving Back to the Community' project, I'm happy to announce that the COCFE has donated 2 digital cameras to the Gahanna Police Department! So, if you're ever in the position of having your picture taken by the Gahanna P.D. you can have an extra BIG smile, knowing that you probably gave them that camera that they're taking your picture with!!



Central Ohio CFE Charity Match CHARITY NEWSIES

WOW!

It MUST be better to give than to receive! Thanks to your generous donations (\$528.00) and the matching contributions (\$528.00) of the Central Ohio CFE Chapter, we donated a whopping \$1,056.00 to the Charity Newsies!

**Thanks to ALL who contributed!
The bells must have been ringing
because you just earned your wings!!!**

Membership Renewal



**Give YOURSELF
the gift that keeps on giving!!**

**Give yourself ANOTHER year of
membership in Central Ohio's BEST
CFE Association!**

**Renew your annual membership!
Go ahead ... you deserve it ...you're
worth it!!!
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Hotel WiFi Dangerous Source of Identity Theft
November 17, 2005 2:00 p.m. EST

Ayinde O. Chase - All Headline News Staff
Writer

Salt Lake City, UT (AHN) - As travelers gear up for holiday travel, an Internet security firm warns they should be aware of hotels that have poorly protected Internet connections.

iBAHN, a leading provider of high-speed Internet, warns that a hacker sitting in a room just down the hall, or in a hotel lobby, can view personal information, credit card and bank account numbers stored on a computer's hard drive.

iBAHN recommends the following tips to travelers:

- When making a reservation, check whether the hotel uses a secure Internet provider
- Disable the file-sharing option on your computer to prevent hackers from accessing your hard drive.
- Disable the peer-to-peer or ad hoc capabilities on your computer.
- Install, update and use a personal firewall.
- Watch your use of WiFi. Don't use WiFi in "hot spots" such as airports, hotel lobbies and other public places, unless it's protected by WPA encryption. (Your computer will indicate whether this is the case when you attempt to logon.)

Data from the Federal Trade Commission indicates that 27.3 million Americans have been victims of identity theft in the last five years. It is estimated that this year, more than 10 million Americans will lose an average of \$5,000 and over 60 hours of their time from identity theft.

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2 ANNUAL
INVESTIGATOR AND FRAUD EXAMINER
TRAINING CONFERENCE

co-sponsored by

The Ohio Investigators Association (OIA) and Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) are holding a one (1) day training conference.

DATE:

Friday, 02/10/06

EVENT SCHEDULE:

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. – Registration

8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Opening Remarks

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – Investigating and Prosecuting Money Laundering

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Break

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – The Task Force Concept for Major Investigations

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Lunch

12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. – Insurance Fraud

1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Break

2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. – Report Writing

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Closing Remarks

LOCATION:

Ohio Department of Transportation – Auditorium

1980 West Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43223

COST:

1. OIA and ACFE members = FREE

*members: Space is limited. Reserve your seat by replying via email to David Crawford at dcrawford@ag.state.oh.us. Please include your full name, position, mailing address, telephone number, and organization(s) to which you belong (OIA and/or ACFE).

2. Non-members = \$50.00 registration fee

*non-members registration begins 01/15/06. In order to reserve a seat, please reply via email to David Crawford (dcrawford@ag.state.oh.us) expressing your commitment to attend and include your full name, position, mailing address, and telephone number. Checks can be made payable to the "Ohio Investigators Association" and can be paid on the day of the event or sent via mail (postmarked before 02/03/06) to:

Ohio Investigators Association

Attn: David Crawford (non-member registration)

77 South High Street

Columbus, OH 43215

3. Free on-site parking

4. Free refreshments will be provided during the training conference

5. Lunch cost will be the responsibility of each attendee (on-site cafeteria available)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! In case you've forgotten, the Columbus Chapter CFE will be holding their next Luncheon January 18, 2006 at the **RIVER CLUB**. 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
(614) 722-7914

E-Mail: chrissie.powers@reacpa.com

AGENDA: 11:15am Registration
11:30am Lunch
12:00n Speaker

POLICY: The deadline for reservations/cancellations is Monday, January 16, 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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