

President's Message

Thank you to all of those who attended our all day event at DeSales University. We had an excellent turnout and fabulous speakers. They both have stellar speaker ratings and by the information they communicated on Friday, April 19th, I can surely see why.

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Tom Golden walked us through vendor fraud coupled with investigative interview tips and tricks. Tom was kind enough to bring along two books to raffle off and our winners were Eleanor Jacobs and Melissa Bishop. CONGRATS!

In the afternoon, Cynthia Hetherington's energetic spirit provided us with ways to track anyone down online...including our own information. She provided a variety of tools that I am sure each and every one of us who attended will be able to utilize in the future.

A special "Thanks" to Kathy Nesfeder, Todd Patterson, John Kalafut, and John Falk for setting up outstanding speakers and venue. I'd also like to "Thank" the LV-IIA and DeSales MBA for our great partnership on this event!

Our end of the year event will be an Iron Pigs game on Wednesday, May 8th, 2013. I hope you all can make it out to the ball park for a night of great good, fun, and a relaxing networking environment. If you will be lucky enough to attend, there is a high probability you will see me on the field representing the local chapter by throwing out a pitch! I don't think anyone would want to miss out on this great opportunity.

Special points of interest:

- Don't miss our Annual Social scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at Coca-Cola Park
- Training opportunities offered by the Central PA Chapter

The Iron Pigs night will also be our annual social for elections. If you are interested in getting more involved with the chapter, please consider being part of our board of governors or running for an officer position. This year we are currently seeking anyone interested in being the **chapter secretary**. If you have any questions or would like any more information please feel free to reach out to me at president.lvacfe@gmail.com. I encourage all of our members to get more involved in the chapter!

In May, we will be sending out a survey to the chapter to gather feedback for next year. This is your opportunity to provide us with what you like, what you don't like, what we can do better, and any speaker or topic suggestions. Please keep in mind that the Board takes this seriously and we make an effort to incorporate as many of your suggestions as possible.

As always, I welcome any and all input our members have on improving the chapter. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly to discuss your ideas. I can be reached by email at president.lvacfe@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the ACFE!

Best Regards,

Kristin Sommer, CFE

Chapter President 2011-2013

2012-2013 Officers / Board of Governors

Officers	Governors
Kristin Sommer — President	Joe Blisko - John Falk
Anu Ghai — Vice President	John Kalafut - Tom Marakovits
Dominic Abruzzese — Treasurer	Megan McLaughlin - Kathy Nesfeder
Maria Lindler-Steinke — Secretary	Jim O'Neill - Matt Orr
Jim Mahoney — Training Director	Todd Patterson - Heather Stadalman



Calendar of Events

Date	Event Details
May 8, 2013	<p>Annual Chapter Meeting - Elections for 2013-2014</p> <p>Social Event</p> <p>Location: Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Coca Cola Park Picnic Pavilion</p>



Get Involved with our Local Chapter!

Have you been thinking about becoming more involved with our local chapter? If so, please consider volunteering your time by serving as a member of our **Board of Governors**. Please contact our President, Kristin Sommer, if you are interested in learning more about these positions (president.lvacfe@gmail.com).

Welcome, New Members!

The Officers, Board of Governors, and the entire chapter membership would like to extend a warm welcome the following new member:

- **Bonnie Cottle** (ParenteBeard)

May 8, 2013 Annual Chapter Meeting and Social

Event Agenda / Schedule:

5:30 pm Gates/Party Porch open

7:05 pm Game begins

CPE: 2 CPE credits from the ACFE

Location: Coca-Cola Park—1050 IronPigs Way, Allentown (party porch located on the Club Level deck)

Directions:

From U.S. 22 (Heading East): Take U.S. 22 E to Exit for Airport Road South. Keep right on the exit ramp and merge onto Airport Road heading south. Make a right on American Pkwy. Make a left on IronPigs Way and into stadium complex.

From U.S. 22 (Heading West): Take U.S. 22 W to Exit for Airport Road South. Merge right off exit ramp onto Airport Road South. Make a right on American Pkwy. Make a left on IronPigs Way and into stadium complex.

Please note that there is a \$3 charge for parking at the park.

Registration Contact:

Please pre-register with Dominic Abruzzese at treasurerlvacfe@gmail.com or via phone at 610-751-3747. Advance payment can be sent to Dominic (ACFE Treasurer) at 627 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Payment will be accepted at the event, but pre-registration is required by May 3, 2013. Individuals who register but do not attend are responsible for payment if they do not cancel by March 3.

Cost:

\$15 members/non-members

A cash bar will be available.

Please note that details regarding ticket pickup will be communicated prior to the event.



Other Local Chapter Events

DATE: **Wednesday, May 15** (7:15 am —12:30 pm)

EVENT: **Half-Day Conference** (breakfast, morning refreshments, and lunch provided)

TOPICS: “Victimization of the Elderly: Preventing Financial Exploitation & Abuse” and “Identity Theft: Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General”

LOCATION: Giant Community Center (Camp Hill)

REGISTRATION: <http://www.pacfe.org/>

CPE: 4 credits

COST: \$79

DATE: **Thursday, July 18** (7:30 —4:30 pm)

EVENT: **All Day Meeting**

TOPIC: “The Reid Technique of Interviewing & Interrogation” presented by Joseph Buckley, President of John E. Reid & Associates, Inc.

LOCATION: Giant Community Center (Camp Hill)

REGISTRATION: <http://www.pacfe.org/>

CPE: 8 credits

COST: \$149 for guests who register by May 18—\$199 beginning on May 19



Meet the Members

Kristin Sommer

Lehigh Valley ACFE Chapter President, 2011-2013

Digital Forensic Investigator—T-Mobile USA

Q: Describe your education and work experience.

A: I am a Digital Forensic Investigator at T-Mobile. I started my career 10 years ago at T-Mobile after graduating from Penn State with a degree in Chemistry. I didn't have a background in computers or criminal justice but I have been given the opportunity to learn on the job and attend industry conferences and classes. By learning on the job I have a number of industry recognized certifications, including the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). I deal with a variety of investigations that run the gamut of incidents relating to compliance, ethics, privacy, financial, fraud, and digital forensics.

I have been serving on the local chapter board for the last four years. I started my experience with the chapter by holding the Secretary position for two years. I then was asked if I was interested in being chapter President which I have served for the last two years. Getting involved with the chapter has helped me to network with my peers in the industry while enabling me to gain valuable professional and leadership development skills. I enjoy being involved in the chapter as there are many people that I have met and learned from their vast expertise. Also, being part of the chapter is a proud feeling when you see the chapter membership and activities continue to grow and develop.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your current position? And what do you find most challenging?

A: For my job, the best part is the people that I work with on a daily basis. Work life is frustrating with obstacles and competing priorities and I feel it's the people around you that help you get through that on a daily basis. I have the privilege of being able to see and learn about the new technology that is taking over the world. From when I started to today it's amazing what we can do with our cell phones and I can only imagine what the future will hold for us.

The most challenging part is trying to keep up with the technology in the industry. It is a very dynamic environment from the forensic side of the house of investigations. You have a variety of operating systems and tools to understand on a daily basis. And when using the tools, it's not as simple as clicking the "find all evidence" button to solve the case; so it requires a lot of understanding of how different applications and tools work in order to locate the artifacts on the system.

Q: Why have you chosen to serve the local chapter and what are your goals as President?

A: I decided to serve the local chapter because I wanted to get more involved and start meeting other professionals in the area. After attending a few meetings and then having the ability to step up as chapter secretary it gave me an appreciation for how the chapter is run. I was then the "lucky" one selected to follow in the footsteps of a great slate of past Presidents. My goal as President is to have affordable and relevant training provided to our members. I work to ensure that we take and employ as much of the feedback that is received from our chapter, as our members are number one. In developing the chapter over the last two years and having a techie background, I have been working to get a website implemented to make it easier to find information about our chapter and events. I have also been working with our board to start to get more involved with our local colleges/universities to gain new members and give them an opportunity to network with professionals in the industry.

Q: What is the chapter's greatest accomplishment?

A: I think the chapter's greatest accomplishment would be the membership growth over the last 10 years. This chapter was formed by a small group of individuals and I am happy to say as we stand this year it's almost 100 members (95 as of the last count to be exact). That's a great accomplishment when an idea amongst a few individuals comes to fruition and then continues to keep surpassing expectations. We have a consistent turnout at our events and the speakers that our group of volunteers are finding have been absolutely stellar! So, "thank you" to those founding members and all of our membership for continuing to support a great organization.

Q: How has the ACFE affected you professionally?

A: The Lehigh Valley ACFE has helped me grow professionally. I was a "kid" out of college starting in a field that I didn't know a lot about at the time. I was able to go to the local meetings and see great speakers on a variety of topics over the years. That helped me to see what topics and areas were of interest and then I started to pursue those on my own time. Then by getting involved further with the secretary and president positions, this allowed me to develop my leadership and management skills.

Q: Name one thing that not many people know about you.

A: I love to work on putting movies together of old pictures and videos to share with family and friends.

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Lehigh Valley, PA Chapter #103 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The information you provide in this section may be printed in the Chapter Directory.

Name _____ Nickname _____
Professional Certifications _____
Job Title _____
Employer _____ Group Sponsor _____
Preferred Mailing Address: Office _____ Residence _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code +4 _____
Telephone: Office: () _____ Fax: () _____
Residence: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Chapter Member Dues: \$25.00 (MUST BE A CFE or National Member)

A Member is required to be a Certified Fraud Examiner or an Associate Member of the National Association. A Member is eligible to vote and hold office in the Chapter and is eligible to participate on Chapter Committees.

Chapter Affiliate Dues: \$30.00 (NON-CFE DUES)

An Affiliate is not required to be a Certified Fraud Examiner and is not eligible to vote or hold office. An Affiliate is eligible to participate on Chapter Committees. Membership in the National Association is optional.

Group Membership:

A group member is required to be sponsored by a Chapter Member or a Certified Fraud Examiner and is not eligible to vote or hold office. A group member is eligible to participate in all training events and on Chapter Committees. Membership in the National Association is optional.

Student Member/Law Enforcement: \$10.00

This membership is reserved for full time students enrolled in institutions of higher education, as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement employees.

Make checks payable to: "ACFE, Lehigh Valley Chapter"

Mail this application form and your check to:

*Dominic Abruzzese
627 Chestnut Street
Emmaus PA. 18049*

Annual Dues for the Lehigh Valley Chapter do not include annual dues for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

If you would like additional information about the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners,
please call (800)245-3321 or write to: 716 West Avenue, Austin, TX 78701.

For local chapter questions, please call Kristin Sommer, Chapter President, at (610)317-4563

Membership Renewal __ New Membership Appl. __ Referred By _____

Signature _____ Date _____