I am so very honored to serve as the new Chapter President of our local chapter. I believe in the value of our board, our community, and our profession. Our goal is to reduce the incidence of fraud and white-collar crime, fraud detection and deterrence, provide community support and resources, learning opportunities in order to accomplish our mission. For chapter members, we are grateful and we want you to know that your membership is what helps us succeed and prosper as a chapter.
Announcements

New Chapter Members

October '22
- Alyncia Bowen
- Stacey Chatlos
- Heidi Huls
- Kate Miller
- Kelly O'Reilly
- Spencer Robles
- Nicole Stokes
- Joette Williams

November '22
- Sophia Carnevale
- Jody Fogle
- Justin Sexton
- Darryl Trusel

December '22
- David Satterfield

January '23
- Stacey Semon

New CFEs

October '22
- Garen Cooper

November '22
- Kimberly Ehret
- Stefanie Pagonis

December '22
- David Satterfield

January '23
- Megan Grant
- Erik Booker
- Blake Daubenmire

Member Spotlight

Annette Hoelzer, MT, CPA, CFE
Lead Faculty, Accounting, Franklin University

Q. How long have you been a CFE/member of the Central Ohio ACFE Chapter and what do you find most beneficial about your membership?
A. I have been a member for 2 years. I find that the conferences and webinars are exceptional. The speakers that we get far exceed my original expectations. I have also had the opportunity to network with a number of people, which is helpful in bringing additional speakers to my students.

I have also partnered with the Central Ohio ACFE chapter as the Student Sub-Division Director, which I find has engaged many of our students so that they gain a better understanding of the profession.

Q. Tell us about your current role, how long you have been in that role and what you like most about what you do.
A. To answer that, I need to go back to my prior career--I was a CPA in public accounting for 32 years, retiring as a tax partner from BDO. For most of my career, there was really no such thing as forensic accounting—if there would have been, I imagine I would have gotten involved much sooner. After retiring, I became a professor at Franklin University, beginning as a professor of accounting and moving into lead faculty of forensic accounting after earning a Certificate in Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination from West Virginia University and earning my CFE. I have been at Franklin University for five years.

Q. Looking back at your success and challenges throughout your career, what is the best piece of advice you would like to share with others?
A. My best advice is to be open to new experiences and to be a lifelong learner. This is what will provide you opportunities to explore new areas in your career and help you advance. It also makes it much more interesting. For example, in my accounting career, I started out as an auditor, then became a tax accountant. When provided the opportunity to launch a specialty in working with pharmacies, I learned everything I could about pharmacies and built a successful sub-practice in pharmacy accounting. After beginning at Franklin University, I saw a need for leadership in the forensic accounting program. That is an area that interested me anyway, so in the midst of COVID when we couldn’t go out, I decided to go back to gain the education in that area. That is what brought me to the role of lead faculty in our forensic program.

Q. What accomplishment are you most proud of?
A. There are many things I am proud of—earning the CPA, earning the CFE, and a successful career in accounting. I am also proud of the positive impact I have on many of our students.

Q. What do you do for fun?
A. I love to read, do puzzles and play in a community band.

Q. What is a fun fact about you?
A. Fun fact is that my original career was as a band director in elementary and junior high. I was originally a music major and taught for 8 years before I went back to school for accounting. A true lifelong learner.

Are you interested in being our next featured member? Email Melissa Butsko at Butskomei@outlook.com for more information!