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**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Vancouver Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is broken down into three main categories: CFE, Non-CFE and Student. Current membership fees are \$65 plus GST for a total of \$68.90, and \$26.50 for Students.

For details and an application form, please contact Jean Michel at [cfevancouver@yahoo.ca](mailto:cfevancouver@yahoo.ca)

**President's Report**

**W**elcome to 2007, I sincerely hope that you all enjoyed the holiday season and had a Happy New Year.



Our year 2006 ended with a splendid lunch on December 20, 2006 at Hornby Banquet Room. We had several special guests in attendance, David Baines the white collar crime reporter from the Vancouver Sun who makes a hobby of uncovering and exposing fraudulent schemes. David was one of our lunch speakers in 2006 and is a supporter of the ACFE. We also had Mr. Maurice McElrea, the President of the Union Gospel Mission. The Mission provides a variety of services to underprivileged people including meals, clothing, shelter and safe havens through a number of sites in the Greater Vancouver Area. In past years we have held a 50/50 draw at our Christmas luncheon with the proceeds being donated to the Mission. In many cases the winner also donates their share back and the Mission receives the total proceeds.

As 2006 was the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vancouver Chapter the board past a motion to make a more generous donation of \$2,500 this year to commemorate this. As a result the Mission received a cheque for \$3,015 from the Chapter. This included the \$2,500 along with \$415 from the 50/50 draw as the winner, Pat McDowell, chose to donate her winnings back to the Mission. Thank you for your generosity Pat. As well, a chapter member who asked to remain anonymous donated another \$100.

Mr. McElrea sent an email thanking the Chapter for their donation which stated "Please convey our thanks to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners for the very kind gift of \$3,015. It is a great encouragement to have the business community help us reach out to the hungry, hurting, and homeless."

Prior to the luncheon the board met to decide on this year's officers and committee members. The individuals holding the various positions will be reported elsewhere within this news letter. I would however like to remind the membership that it takes more than just the board and committee members to make the Chapter successful. If you have someone in mind that you think would make a good lunch speaker, know of an interesting article or fraud story for the newsletter, or have the opportunity to promote the ACFE and the Vancouver Chapter I encourage you to contact one of the committee members, we will assist you if you need help or if you only wish to pass on the initial information we will take from there.

With respect to our upcoming year the board will be having a planning session in late January to plan our goals and objectives for the year. This will include our membership outreach, continuing to provide you with quality lunch professional development sessions, and our extended training sessions.

As you are aware we are just gearing up for our two day Joint Fraud Conference with the Institute of Internal Auditors to be held on March 7 and 8, 2007 at the Empire Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver. The conference committee is meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> to finalize the marketing of the conference; registration will be available shortly after that.

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## Upcoming Events

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### MONTHLY LUNCHEONS:

We are starting another fantastic new year of educational and interesting luncheons on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Hornby Banquet Centre.

Come for the networking opportunities as well as the CPE and the food.

Contact Jean Michel at [cfevancouver@yahoo.ca](mailto:cfevancouver@yahoo.ca) to register, please enter 'luncheon' in the subject line.

#### NEXT LUNCHEON:

**When:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Time:** noon

**Speaker:** Fabian Dawson \*

Deputy Editor-in-Chief  
Vancouver Province

**Topic:** Abandoned Brides – Canada's Shame

**Where:** Hornby Banquet Centre,  
595 Hornby St, Vancouver

**Cost:** \$20 - members/ students,  
\$30 - non-members/guests

Contact Jean Michel today to book your spot at [cfevancouver@yahoo.ca](mailto:cfevancouver@yahoo.ca)

\* See Mr. Dawson's bio on page 3.

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### THE SECOND ANNUAL JOINT

### ACFE/IIA FRAUD CONFERENCE

**March 7 & 8, 2007**

With featured speakers:

**John Hueston** - Lead Prosecutor of the Enron case speaking of warning flags that were ignored, and more.

**Shannon Grayer** of Microsoft Financial Integrity Unit

**Rolston Colbourne** a former Superintendent with the New Scotland Yard Terrorism Unit

**Photini Papadadou** of the Alberta Special Prosecutions Branch

**And many more interesting speakers.**

Stay tuned for registration information!

## Member Profile

### DANIEL J DALTON, CA, CFE

Dan is a Chartered Accountant who has primarily provided business advisory services to small-to-mid sized owner-managed businesses in the Fraser Valley, including auditing, tax, accounting, business consulting and investigations.

He was born and raised in Vancouver, graduating from Vancouver College and from UBC with a bachelor degree in Commerce and Business Administration.

He spent seven years as a Controller for a shake and shingle manufacturer in which he oversaw financial and administrative operations, including banking, credit, foreign exchange, contract, and insurance management.

Dan joined the ACFE in 2000 and became a CFE and joined the Vancouver Chapter in 2003. He became a member of the CICA's Alliance for Excellence in Investigative and Forensic Accounting in 2004.

He is presently working with d'Abadie Moody, Chartered Accountants in Langley and is looking to practice in the field of litigation support services, accounting dispute resolution and risk management services. He is presently enrolled in the CICA / University of Toronto Diploma in Investigative and Forensic Accounting program leading to the CA specialist designation IFA. ■



## President's Report (cont'd)

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Given our line-up of speakers we have already had interest from Washington State and Alberta. The costs for this year will remain the same as last year, two day conference will be \$400 for ACFE or IIA members, \$475 for non members and \$350 for students and one day only will be \$250 for members, \$300 for non members, and \$200 for students. There are two minor changes this year; the first is that there will not be the ability to only attend for only 1/2 a day – it will be either the full two days or for one day. The other change is that individuals asking for only one day will be placed on a waiting list with the two day attendees having priority. It is unfortunate that we have to do it in this manner but it became clear very quickly that our keynote speaker, John Hueston who was the lead prosecutor in the Enron case, is a big draw and we would end up with the afternoon of day two full and no room for the two day attendees.

The full slate of our speakers will be available shortly. As I have stated in the December newsletter this is one conference you may want to sign up for early, we have room for 225 people and we expect this will fill up quickly. For out of town attendees we have negotiated a rate of \$89 per night at the Empire Landmark Hotel.

I look forward to seeing you at the January lunch where we will have Fabian Dawson, Deputy Editor-in-Chief for the Vancouver Province speaking on "Abandoned Brides – Canada's Shame". This award winning investigation is about frauds being committed in India by Canadians. Remember to bring a friend or colleague... they may be future chapter members.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your support and look forward to serving as Chapter President for another year as we move forward to make the 2008 ACFE Canadian Conference a success. ■

Colin Parcher CFE

President, Vancouver Chapter ACFE

## Upcoming Events(cont)

### THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACFE CANADIAN FRAUD CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

May 9 – 11, 2006

Toronto

Advance your fraud fighting knowledge by choosing from 15+ informative workshop sessions to attend. New practitioners and experienced professionals alike will find opportunities to enhance knowledge expand capabilities and learn new skills.

- Educational sessions including topics regarding challenges, trends and resolution to different fraud scenarios.
- Dedicated networking time to meet with colleagues from all over Canada.
- The sharpest professional minds will be there — take advantage of this unique opportunity to tap into their knowledge!

### Conference Pricing

#### Early Registration Price:

Member: CAD 695

Non-Member: CAD 895

Cut-Off Date: March 21, 2007

#### Regular Price:

Member: CAD 895

Non-Member: CAD 995

For more information call:

1 800 245 3321 or register online at:

[www.ACFE.com](http://www.ACFE.com) .

## Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

At our annual General Meeting Colin Parcher noted that this was our 10<sup>th</sup> AGM, and the first one where we had more people interested in serving on the board than we had positions.

The editor of this newsletter has asked some of our recent Distinguished Service Award winners to write brief articles remembering the trials and triumphs of starting up this CFE chapter.

Please join with me to remind our distinguished Ethics Committee Chair, David Connop that he agreed to write down for our edification, his remembrances of the 'olden days'.

If you have any fond memories of those early days, please share them with us. Submit your article to Pat McDowell (address below) ■

## January Speaker Bio

### Fabian Dawson - Journalist

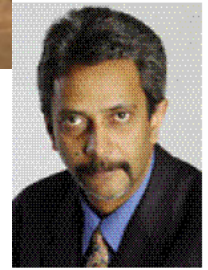
An acclaimed investigative journalist, Fabian Dawson is the Deputy Editor of The Province newspaper in Vancouver, which is part of the Canwest Global media group.

In addition to being the former editorial consultant to The Asian Pacific Post, Dawson also advises several publications in Hong Kong , Malaysia , Singapore , India and England . He is frequently asked to be a media commentator on organized crime/terrorism and has been called on to speak to Members of Parliament in Canada 's House of Commons on matters pertaining to crime and national security.

His investigative exposes and news stories have led to the production of four documentary films. He also helped develop a Canadian made-for-TV movie that was inspired by his reporting.

On July 2006, the investigative team led by Dawson won the prestigious Daniel Pearl Award for 2005's outstanding story about South Asia, or South Asians in North America. The team's Abandoned Brides series beat out finalists from the Chicago Tribune, the New York Times and Business Week magazine.

"The judges were impressed by the scope and impact of the series across many thousands of miles," said Sandeep Junnarkar, SAJA awards chair and a professor at the City University of New York Graduate School of Journalism. "At a time when newsrooms are cutting back, it was nice to see two newspapers co-operate to do investigative work in the best tradition of Danny Pearl: Hard-hitting, yet filled with humanity." ■



## 2007 Board Positions/Committees

At the AGM in November the Vancouver Chapter of the ACFE elected a new slate of officers. At our December meeting the following board and committee positions were confirmed:

President	Colin Parcher
Vice President	Dean Davison
Treasurer	Christine George
Secretary	Carmen Wiechers
Past President	Linda Murray

### COMMITTEES (CHAIR IN BOLD):

Ethics	<b>David Connop</b>
Newsletter	<b>Pat McDowell</b>
	Russ Lefler
Professional Development	<b>Colin Parcher</b>
	Jim Blatchford
	Dean Davison
	Keena Hicken-Gabberia

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## Find a Fraud Examiner

The Vancouver Chapter website has a section called 'Find a Fraud Examiner' where members in private practice or those willing to take outside jobs can advertise. See [www.cfevancouver.com](http://www.cfevancouver.com)

If you are a CFE and a current member of the Vancouver Chapter of the Certified Fraud Examiners and you would like your name and contact information on our website, please send the following information to us at [cfevancouver@yahoo.ca](mailto:cfevancouver@yahoo.ca) and put 'Find a Fraud Examiner' in the subject line.

Please provide the following info:

Name:

Professional Designation(s):

Address:

City:

Telephone #:

E-mail:

Website:

Specialty or Area of Practice: for instance, Forensic Accounting, Risk Consulting, Investigation, etc.

Note: please bear with us while we have our website redesigned. Have a look at [www.cfevancouver.com](http://www.cfevancouver.com) and let us know what you think. Please bear in mind that it is still in

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

It has become clear to us at the newsletter that many people hesitate to become members of our chapter or involved in the various committees until they write and pass their CFE exam. We know this happens because several of the current board members felt the same way.

While the ACFE does require all members of the board to be certified, there is no reason not to become a member of our chapter if you are in the business of preventing, detecting and/or investigating fraud, or would like to be.

Come join us at the luncheons and bring a friend or colleague! ■

## Quick Tips and Tricks



A lot of people aren't aware of some of the relatively common shortcuts that are available when using their computers, cell phones or telephones.

As a starting point:

- If you're calling someone or a business and get an answering machine with a long message, especially one that you know is terribly long and boring, you can often skip right ahead to leave a message by pressing the # key. If the machine or answering service is more up-to-date it will immediately fast forward to the "beep" and you can begin leaving your message without listening again and again...
- When you are leaving your computer unattended for a short time but don't want any unauthorized eyes viewing your computer content you can "log off" by pressing the "flying window" key found beside the Control key and the "L" key at the same time. This locks the keyboard and you simply type in your logon particulars when you get back. The computer starts back up exactly where you left off.
- Your Blackberry has lots of shortcuts most people aren't aware of. If you have lots of incoming messages in your email, simply open your email browser and hit "T" to go to the top of the list or "B" to get to the bottom.
- Want to quickly add someone to your contact list? Double click the received email and right-click the sender's name. You will get a dropdown box asking if you want to add them to your contact list. You don't even have to type in that email address anymore. Click Properties and you can add anything special and then save it to your Contact List. ■

*This is a new column we are starting this month. We welcome your opinion of the usefulness of the information, and also ask that you send in tips that you have found make your interface with the machinery of the 21<sup>st</sup> century more productive and happy.*

Russ Lefler

## Recent Fraud News

### Law protects homeowners from fraud

Dec. 13, 2006. 05:52 AM

ROBERT BENZIE

QUEEN'S PARK BUREAU CHIEF

The Ontario government's landmark consumer protection reforms designed to curb real estate fraud passed into law last night at Queen's Park.

Government Services Minister Gerry Phillips hailed the sweeping legislation, which will also ban expiry dates on gift cards and ensure that bar patrons can bring their drinks into bathrooms to deter the risk of date rape drugs being slipped into them.

"We are taking real action by moving on a wide range of consumer issues," Phillips said in a statement.

"Over the last few years, Ontario has become a leader in consumer protection, and we are building on this by enacting new laws and strengthening existing ones to protect the people of this province from the current realities of today's marketplace."

Under the new law, ownership of a property cannot be lost as a result of the registration of a falsified mortgage, fraudulent sale or a counterfeit power of attorney.

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**PD OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS**

**CANADA**

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL JOINT IIA/ACFE FRAUD TRAINING, 2007:**

Vancouver March 7-8, 2007

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACFE CANADIAN FRAUD CONFERENCE**

Toronto May 2007

**U.S. & INTERNATIONAL LOCATIONS:**

**NEW! INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL FORENSICS**

Las Vegas February 2007

**CONDUCTING INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS**

Washington DC February 2007

**HOW TO TESTIFY**

Atlanta March 2007

**FRAUD PREVENTION AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FRAUD**

Chicago March 2007

**INVESTIGATING BY COMPUTER**

Ft Lauderdale May 2007

**NEW! INTERVIEWING TECHNIQS FOR AUDITORS: ELICITING INFORMATION**

Baltimore June 2007

**CFE EXAM PREPARATION – go to**

<http://www.acfe.com/membership/beCOME.asp> for details.

For more information see the ACFE Website at: [www.acfe.com](http://www.acfe.com)

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**CPE COMPLIANCE**

We want to remind everyone that the CPE compliance deadline is January 31, 2007.

Jean Michel has sent out the CPE hours earned by CFEs who have attended the Chapter PD sessions throughout the year. If you haven't received hers, please contact her at [cfevancouver@yahoo.ca](mailto:cfevancouver@yahoo.ca).

It couldn't be easier to update your records, simply sign on to the member section of [www.acfe.com](http://www.acfe.com) and record your compliance.

Remember we are required to earn at least 20 CPE hours per year, at least half of which must be fraud related.

**2007 Board Positions/Committees**

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Website	<b>Pat McDowell</b> Agnes Lee
Membership/Student Outreach	<b>Adrienne Fairburn</b> Carmen Wiechers

We encourage members who are not on the board to get involved to assist the various committees to make our chapter the most effective and best-run organization in the history of the ACFE. Feel free to contact a committee chair to give suggestions or assistance. ■

**Recent Fraud News**

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The bill also makes sure that in cases of fraud, the government can ensure title is returned and compensation determined within 90 days.

The legislation was in response to a probe led by the *Toronto Star's* Harold Levy that exposed fraud in the real estate sector.

There are some 10 instances a year in Ontario of title fraud, in which an innocent person's home is essentially stolen from him by fraudsters using falsified documents. There are \$5 million to \$7 million worth of fraudulent mortgages annually in the province.

In the past, homeowners who have been defrauded of hundreds of thousands of dollars have had to spend years and tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees to receive compensation from the Land Titles Assurance Fund. Under the bill, that process will be expedited.

The bill will also protect consumers from advertisements for illegal Internet gaming websites; enhance ServiceOntario so families can more easily access government services; and modernize privacy standards and records management to improve access to information and strengthen the protection of personal information. ■

**Editor's Note:** We propose this should be called "Jennifer's Law" after Jennifer Fiddian-Green who spoke at our first annual Joint ACFE/IIA Fraud Seminar about her experience with this subject. She is going to be speaking again at the second annual by popular demand, although on a different topic.

**More Recent Fraud Findings**

**Christmas gifts seized in fraud investigation ([www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca))**

Friday, December 22, 2006

**A** 90-year-old Ottawa woman's home care worker has been charged with fraud after thousands of dollars in Christmas gifts and other items were charged to the senior's credit card at the beginning of December.

Police seized wrapped gifts, clothing, candles and other household items from the home care worker's residence on Thursday.

Ottawa police Sgt. Lynn Turnbull, who heads the department's elder abuse section, said the senior's daughter called police after the bank flagged some unusual transactions in her mother's account.

A 38-year-old woman who is the victim's personal care assistant has been charged with use of a stolen credit card, impersonation, fraud and possession of property obtained by theft.

A 21-year-old woman and a young person also face fraud related charges. ■

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**PSST...See you at the luncheon on January 24<sup>th</sup>, PASS IT ON!**