



President's Message – December 2015 Edition

Dear Members,

Our Half Day Training class in November was again a success with about 80 attendees; many who were new faces and have joined our membership!

I would like to extend a special thank you to our esteemed speakers: Phil Tawtel, Nils Preshaw and Mark Fenton who did a great job in engaging their audience and imparting knowledge.

As 2015 comes to an end, I look back at how prosperous the chapter has become with sustained membership growth and event attendance. Throughout the year, the planning of training events is underlined with the Board's commitment in providing new, knowledgeable and dynamic speakers to invest in your professional development; thank you for being part of this success!

On December 16th, we bring the year to a close with a returning speaker by popular demand Patrick Neal, Program Coordinator, Crime and Intelligence Analysis, BCIT. Patrick will take us through an engaging debate on whether corporations should strike back at the cybercriminal.

Click [here](#) to register for the session and enjoy a delicious Christmas plated lunch and a complementary glass of wine. Please consider bringing a friend or colleague to the event and a gift to exchange to continue our tradition. Last year we had an attendance record breaking luncheon, let's make this one a success again.

See you all there!

Sincerely,

Carmen Wiechers, CFE
President Vancouver Chapter



The ACFE Vancouver Chapter invites you to our Christmas Luncheon.

Date: December 16, 2015

Time: Registration starts at 11:45 am, Lunch from 12:00 pm to 12:30pm
Session from 12:30pm to 1:30pm (1 PD Hour)

Venue: Terminal City Club
837 West Hastings Street Vancouver

Topic: **Deterring Cybercriminals: Is it Possible?**
Patrick Neal
(BCIT Program Coordinator)

Corporations and citizens are frustrated with the seemingly unstoppable cybercriminal. Recently some corporations and citizens have begun to strike back at cybercriminals by using the very same software tools the criminals used to get into a corporation. This presentation explores the current state and debate around striking back at the cyber-criminal. The presentation will introduce and explore the **active cyber defense** policy as a corporate self-defense option, deterrence model, and the challenges associated with active cyber defense.

Cost: \$40 Vancouver Chapter ACFE Members
\$50 Non-members (*this applies to Non-CFEs and Austin members who have not yet joined the Vancouver Chapter membership. Non-members can join at any time to start enjoying our chapter member benefits.*)

Register Now!

Space is limited for this event, register before December 11th to secure your spot!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **January 25th and 26th:** Financial Statement Fraud (16 CPE Credits) [Register Here!](#)
- **February 24th :** AGM and PD luncheon at Terminal City Club (1 CPE Hour)
- **March 23rd:** PD luncheon at Terminal City Club (1 CPE Hour)

Surgical Outreach in Antigua

ACFE Vancouver Chapter President, Carmen Wiechers, recently returned from a surgical outreach in Antigua, Guatemala with [Health for Humanity](#); a Canadian not-for-profit volunteer-run organization, providing surgical and primary care services and health promotion in developing communities.

To say it was an incredible experience would be understating the effects this trip had on her. After a long 26 hour trip she hit the ground running on Sunday where she triaged with the ENT surgeon and saw approximately 55 little patients, most of them with cleft lip and cleft palates. The rest of the week she translated for surgeons in the morning during their rounds and then spent the rest of the day in pre and post-surgery recovery rooms translating for the anesthesiologist, the pre and post-surgery nurses and making sure the patients felt reassured and all their needs communicated accordingly.

Most of the patients came from small remote villages around Guatemala, many travelled as much as twelve hours to get there. Because some of the patients spoke indigenous dialects like Q'eqchi', the partnered local NP association, who provided food and housing for the patients, also provided special translators between these languages and Spanish. Each day started at 7:00 am with rounds and ended about 6:30 pm with the last post-op patients in the recovery room. The following is a sample list of the volunteer staff needed to run 5 surgery rooms simultaneously:

- 5 anesthesiologist (2 specialized in pediatrics);
- 6 pre and post-operative register nurses;
- 1 Radiologist, 1 Urologist, and 1 Gynecologist;
- 1 General Surgeon, 2 Facial Plastic Surgeons and 1 ENT Surgeon (ears/nose/throat);
- 13 OR Nurses;
- 4 translators and 2 administrators.

The local staff was amazing and very caring with their patients; the cleanliness and organization of the hospital was remarkable atypical to the public hospitals available to these same patients. The donated equipment, medicine and instruments from H4H arrived safely and enabled all the various surgeries to be done. Every volunteer took vacation or time off and paid for flight and accommodation out of their own pocket to make a difference for the patients. The level of comradery and team work was unbelievable; within hours of working together, it felt like they all knew each other for years. By the end of the 9 days it was hard to say goodbye to the team!

For additional pictures visit the Health for Humanity Facebook page [here](#).



Member Updates

Current ACFE Vancouver Chapter Board Member Simon Padgett, along with Kim Marsh (ex-Board Member), delivered a morning of Fraud presentations at UBC on Monday, November 16th.

About 40 delegates attended from the Shanghai Municipal Audit Bureau who was visiting Canada to gain experience and increase their skills. The subjects covered included: Current Fraud Trends, Cybercrime, Bribery and Corruption, Profiling the Fraudster, International Investigations, and Anti-Fraud Programs. Simon also explained the advantages of membership with the ACFE.

The feedback was excellent and it was particularly interesting to hear about their concerns and challenges in the Chinese healthcare industry involving corrupt doctors and medical insurance claims.



Chapter Announcements:

Congratulations to former ACFE Vancouver Chapter President, Rosanne Walters, on being named Partner at BDO effective January 1, 2016.

If you have any work related announcements or interesting personal achievements and experiences to share please submit them to newsletter@cfevancouver.com.

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From left to right: Simon Padgett, Carmen Wiechers, John Ahern, Steve Wilson, John Dumfries, Sandra Cheung, Danielle Guglielmucci and Jade Tien.

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