Gifts from the Boss's Friend

Kelly works for an auditor who sent her to a half-day of ethics training where she learned to keep clients' information strictly confidential, to steer clear of conflicts of interest with clients, and to refuse gifts of any value from clients. Lately she has noticed that her boss has joined clients at golf outings at very luxurious golf resorts – and that he has not reported any expenses on his expense reports. He has also received expensive bottles of wine from other clients hi says are "old friends." Kelly has never seen him return any of the bottles, which is what the company's ethics policies direct.

Should Kelly do anything about this? If so, what?

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