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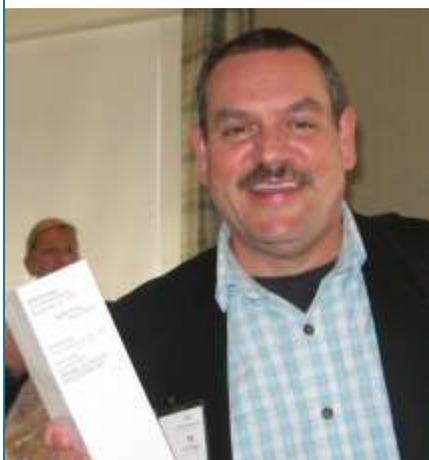
**November 12**

**What the Changing Corporate Governance Landscape Means for You**  
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**December 10**

**How To Get Where You Want to Go -- IR Best Practices**  
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## Photo of the Month



George Stenitzer shows off the Apple Watch he won at the IR Workshop

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## From the President



If you joined me at our IR Workshop on September 25, you won't be surprised to hear that last month was quite eventful for me. On October 19, I welcomed my daughters Kate and Vivi, who weighed in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces and 6 pounds, 5 ounces, respectively. All are happy and healthy-- but given new babies, their two older siblings and a busy earnings season, there has been little time to relax.

That said, this earnings cycle also has kept me on my toes, as I suspect it has for many of you. With a number of companies reporting misses and/or guiding below Street expectations, we have found ourselves on a wild ride in the markets. Compounding these mixed results is a waning economic outlook, with U.S. economic growth braking sharply in the third quarter and consumer spending posting its smallest rise in eight months. As a result, the tone from management teams reporting their quarterly results has become more conservative and they're already hinting about weaker 2016 guidance. Against this backdrop, our instincts may tell us to retreat. Instead, investors are looking to our teams for increased insight into how strategies may shift, what levers are available, and how our capital allocation plans may change in response to a low growth or worsening economic environment.

Our chapter has a great panel discussion coming up on **Thursday, November 12**. [What the Changing Corporate Governance Landscape Means to You](#) will cover best practices and common pitfalls in dealing with executive compensation, shareholder engagement, activism, board structure and more. We're sure to hear a wide range of opinions given the different roles and perspectives of our outstanding panelists: Columbia Wanger portfolio manager David Frank; consultants Ed Hauder of Exequity and Reid Pearson of Alliance Advisors; Rivel Research Group's Brendan Sheehan; and Motorola Solutions IRO Shep Dunlap. This is the perfect session to help you become more influential and strategic about corporate governance issues. [Register](#).

It's not too early to register for our December program and networking reception. **December 10** will bring [How to Get Where You Want to Go -- IR Best Practices](#). Hear advice from members of the *Institutional Investor* All-American Executive Team and top buysiders, then enjoy a holiday beverage with your IR

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I'm not sure I'll be able to join you in November, but I hope to see you at our December event. Looking forward to it!

Regards,

*Victoria Sivrais*  
*NIRI-Chicago President*

## In the News

- Are stock buybacks bolstering the market? [Analysts and investors](#) do the math -- and look at share issuance, too.
- [Hedge fund](#) assets decline by the largest amount since the financial crisis
- Five "unusual" [excuses](#) for a bad quarter
- The *New York Times* states the obvious: quarterly [earnings reports](#) can still move markets
- [Tips for IR videos](#)

## NIRI-Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: **Wallis Larson**, corporate relationship manager, Robert W. Baird & Co. and **Alexandria Shesterkin**, corporate relations specialist, Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Congratulations to NIRI-Chicago members who had milestone NIRI anniversaries in September, October or November:

### 15 years

**Ruth Venning**, Hospira, Inc.

### 10 years

**Amy Arnott**, Morningstar, Inc.

**Rick Hans**, CFA

### 5 years

**Anna Armendariz**, WEC Energy Group

**Daniel Maudlin**, Haynes International, Inc.

**William Franklin**, Discover Financial Services

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