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Upcoming Events

May 11

**NIRI in Your
Neighborhood: Northern
Suburbs Informal
Breakfast Roundtable
Walgreen Company**

Deerfield, IL
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

[Register](#)

June 3

**NIRI-Chicago
Networking Reception at
NIRI-National Annual
Conference**

Grand Hyatt Seattle
Portland Room
Seattle, WA

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[Register](#)

From the President



Are you the IRO of the future? That was the question we asked at our program at Willis Tower in February, and if you missed this informative panel discussion, you can find a reprise in your April *IR Update* in the "Spotlight on Chapters" column on page 22. The program was coordinated by Chicago Chapter board member Christine Hanneman, and Lynne Franklin authored the article for the NIRI National publication. The article featured our own Elizabeth Higashi as well as Pepper Binner of

Korn/Ferry International and Lou Thompson of Kalorman Partners (and former NIRI National president from 1982 to 2006).

Looking ahead, chapter members are invited to Deerfield May 11 at 7:30 a.m. when Walgreens hosts a breakfast event at its headquarters. Also, registration is already looking strong among the Chicago contingent for the June National Conference in Seattle. If you will be on-site by Sunday afternoon June 3, our annual Chapter reception will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Portland Room of the Hyatt Regency. The Chapter will invite our own members, as well as members of the Wisconsin Chapter and the National organization to the reception.

Please don't forget that later in that month on June 21 we'll hold our own annual Chapter meeting to welcome next year's slate of officers and directors, celebrate the past program year's achievements and look forward to the next. Your new incoming board will be there to solicit your opinions on IR past, present and future, and new ways to help make your NIRI-Chicago membership more valuable. Please join us for a fun evening in Greek Town.

[Steve Carr](#)
President, NIRI-Chicago

June 21
NIRI-Chicago Annual Meeting & Social
Pegasus Restaurant
130 South Halsted St,
Chicago, IL
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m
[Register](#)

June 25
Disclosure Issues Facing Publicly Traded Companies
Hamburger University
Oak Brook, IL
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m
[Register](#)



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OPA! June Annual Meeting and Social Event

Celebrate the beginning of summer and the end of another successful NIRI-Chicago program year on the veranda at Pegasus in Greektown. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and, of course, flaming cheese.

Thursday, June 21
Pegasus Restaurant and Taverna
130 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL

[Register.](#)



In the News

- [Protestors Targeting Annual Meetings](#). Employ Boy Scout Rule No. 1: Be Prepared! Here's but one story and video.
- Employees begin to [say on pay](#), too.
- How [boards justify CEO pay](#).
- "[Tainted](#)" directors serve on corporate boards
- A different approach to investments: [private equity boot camp](#).
- Why your [co-workers don't like you](#) (!)

Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: Douglas G DuMars, Senior Manager Investor Relations, Kraft Foods Inc.; **Lawrence Larsen, III**, Principal, Sard Verbinen & Co; **Ruth Ann Wisener**, Vice President Investor Relations, Archer Daniels Midland; and **Julia Zukowski**, Business/Technology Analyst.

Thanks for reading the **MEMBER CONNECTION**.

If you have news to share -- promotions, new jobs, awards -- we'd love to tell our membership. Please send your information [here](#).

Janine Warell, Vice President, Communications