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Upcoming Events

January 12

**Raising the Dividend:
Crafting an Effective IR
Plan & Measuring Results**
The Metropolitan Club

233 S. Wacker Drive
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

[Register](#)

February 8

**Turn the Page: Discover
What It Takes to Be an
IRO of the Future**

The Metropolitan Club

233 S. Wacker Drive
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

Feb 16

**NIRI in Your
Neighborhood: Downtown
Networking Reception**

Rosebud Prime

1 South Dearborn
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

Feb 23

**NIRI in Your
Neighborhood: Western
Suburbs Networking
Reception**

From the President

What better way to start the New Year than a program on how to develop an effective IR plan and measure the results?

Moderated by Michael Steele, IR director of OfficeMax, this breakfast meeting at the Metropolitan Club, Thursday January 12 is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. The brainpower at the table includes Elizabeth R. Allen, CFA, manager, investor relations, of FedExCorporation; Barry Hollingsworth, CPA, CFA, chief financial officer and secretary, Elorace, Inc.; and David Smith, manager, investor relations and capital markets, Ventas, Inc.



Looking ahead, February sees a round of our popular networking meetings downtown and in the western suburbs. Plus, we'll gather in the late afternoon on February 8 to discuss "What It Takes to be an IRO of the Future."

To finish up the first quarter, our March 8th luncheon meeting at the Standard Club features guest speaker David Wessel, Wall Street Journal economics editor and author of the book "In Fed We Trust." Your Chapter will also host the NIRI National Board of Directors at this meeting.

This is your chance to interact with some key leaders in investor relations. So, be sure to come out and share your thoughts about IR past, present and future with the National Board.

The aim of your local Board is to continue to help offer you the opportunity to enhance the skills and relationships that will further your careers. Reflecting this commitment to excellence, the Board congratulates advisory board member and past chapter president Bill Chapman, director of investor relations for W.W. Grainger, Inc. Bill was recognized as IR Professional of the Year in the capital goods industry in Institutional Investor magazine's 2012 annual survey of the investment community, based on voting by buy-side financial analysts.

One of the most exciting trends at the local level is that our programming is continuing to draw more and more volunteers. Most recently, Rena Pulido of Ares Management volunteered to head up the committee for our annual Fall workshop which is always an

Location: TBA
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

March 8
In Fed We Trust - Part 2:
An Update from David
Wessel, Wall Street
Journal Economics
Editor, Capital Columnist,
and Pulitzer Prize Winner
The Standard Club
320 S. Plymouth Court
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
[Register](#)



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important undertaking. If you'd like to participate in that effort, too, please let Rena (rpulido@aresmgt.com) know or contact me (scarr@dresnerco.com). We look forward to a productive and prosperous 2012 with the participation of our membership.

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

In the News

- The votes are in. The [worst CEOs of 2011](#), and why.
- When bankers join billionaires the [1% fights back](#). Take that!
- [Insider trading](#)? Go ahead, prove it.
- Happy to close the book on 2011: Not a good year for [IPOs](#). Let's just call it 'blah.'
- The true cost of [going public](#). It's not all Sarbanes-Oxley. Survey says officer, director compensation hikes costs.
- Handy- dandy cheat sheet: [SEC filing deadlines](#) at a glance.

Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: Kenneth Banas, Senior Director, Investor Relations, USG Corporation; **Dee Johnson**, Vice President, Investor Relations, Rubicon Technology, Inc.; and **Farand Shawn Pawlak**, Director, Investor Relations, TMK.

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](#).

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