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Upcoming Events

December 13

Where to From Here? An Economist's Perspective on the Future of the U.S. & Global Economies

Guest speaker:

Michael Moskow, vice chairman of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and former CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

The Metropolitan Club

233 S. Wacker Drive
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[Register](#)

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.

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If you are anything like me, I enter December feeling torn between looking at the year behind me that is shortly about to end, and looking at the year ahead wondering what it might bring.

Our speaker at next week's meeting is likely to cover both perspectives -- with an emphasis on where we go from here. Michael Moskow, vice chairman of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and former CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, will provide our membership with an economist's take on the future of the U.S. and global economies. For this event, we move back to the Metropolitan Club on the 66th floor of Willis Tower on December 13. And in keeping with the spirit of the season, the program gets underway 4:30 p.m. and is followed by our annual holiday cocktail reception.

Also, to facilitate your own planning for 2012 as you buy a new calendar and start filling it in, in the mail to you shortly will be an updated program calendar for the NIRI Chicago Chapter.

In the meantime, dodge any snowflakes headed your way, and please join us for our winter meetings.

Steve Carr
President, NIRI-Chicago

In the News

- Financial industry closing door on dark year. Take a look at the top [10 failures of 2011](#).
- Stockholm Syndrome? Some Wall Streeters finding empathy for their "[Occupiers](#)."
- A holiday hiring blip or a real read on an improving economy? [Unemployment rate](#) drops to lowest level in three years.
- Banking system maybe 'stressed out,' as one view says new [Federal regulations](#) can't fix financial sector flaws.
- Don't fret over your [holiday gift list](#). Check out these interesting ideas. We're just not sure if they're for the naughty or nice.

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