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From the President



"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest," said Benjamin Franklin. The new program year at NIRI-Chicago is living proof of that -- especially if you compare our returns to those of your CD!

Mr. Franklin's epigraph and his photo emblazoned across U.S. currency represent our program theme and program banner this year. You'll find it on our chapter website and printed materials throughout the year to come. Thanks to our chief communications officer Janine Warell of IBM, Robin Zvonek of Paragraphs Design, and our program chair Patty Paul of ButtonWood Associates, for making this theme and banner happen! This volunteerism continues to be a hallmark of the chapter, and has produced events such as the chapter golf outing at Highland Park Country Club August 31, and the upcoming IR Workshop.

The knowledge and networking benefits members receive by attending our programs has long been part of the NIRI-Chicago brand. The value of this investment should be apparent with our annual [IR Workshop](#) Thursday, September 22 at Chicago's Wyndham Hotel. If you haven't yet registered, please take a moment now to do so at niri-chicago.com for the opportunity to hear speakers from the Chicago area and around the country, including DeVry CFO Richard Gunst. It is also an opportunity to meet with your peers and with a record number of exhibitors, some of whom are joining us for the first time to network, many of whom are returning after good experiences last year. This is all part of the content and value that NIRI-Chicago delivers.

On behalf of the NIRI-Chicago board, we look forward to seeing you September 22!

Enjoy the new NIRI-Chicago program year,

Steve Carr
President, NIRI-Chicago

Upcoming Events

September 22
NIRI-Chicago IR Workshop

Wyndham Chicago
Early Registration ends
September 8
Register Now and Save

October 6
NIRI in your Neighborhood: Northern Suburbs Informal Breakfast Roundtable

Hosted by Allstate
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Register

October 6
NIRI in your Neighborhood: Downtown Informal Breakfast Roundtable

Hosted by Chicago Board Options Exchange
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Register



Invest in Yourself -- Register Now

October 6
**NIRI in your
 Neighborhood: Western
 Suburbs Informal
 Breakfast Roundtable**
 Hosted by OfficeMax
 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
[Register](#)



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- [Whistle-blower rules give companies less time to react](#). A new SEC program shrinks the amount of time companies will want to spend on internal investigations.
- [Outsourced and offshored. Is accounting and finance the next to go?](#) Why smaller firms are sending work overseas.
- **It's a small world after all.** The global effect on [governance](#) and why CFOs need to pay attention to boardroom pressures occurring abroad.
- **Who me? When sell-side analysts refuse to admit they're wrong --** Research shows analysts whose forecasts are off consensus in the wrong direction are more likely to dig in their heels.

Member News



Congratulations to the winners at the 2011 NIRI-Chicago Golf Outing: Adam Dahl (pictured left), longest drive-men and closest to the pin; Jennifer George, longest drive-ladies; Brian Permenter, longest putt-men; Lisa Ciota, longest putt-ladies; 1st Place Team: Bill Chapman, Mary Jo Bohr, Maureen Mulvihill and Adam Dahl; 2nd Place Team: Michael Maloney, Greg Bridgman, Jimmy Kisse and Philip Kranz; and the 3rd Place

Team: Brendan Fitzpatrick, Jason Tuthill, Matt Blouin and Steve Carr.

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest member: Michael Maloney, Senior Director, Thomson Reuters.

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