



Message from the President

Welcome to (almost) Spring 2020! I recently found this quote and it made me laugh:
Let's enjoy the first days of Spring watching college basketball in a windowless bar.

As we start to wind down our programming for 2019 - 2020, I sincerely hope that you have gotten value from your FEI membership. The Programs Committee and other board members continue to add new programs and re-invent others. We've learned that FEI Unity in the Community is much better attended if it's hosted at a Partner or member site. On that note, please watch for information on the March 26 Unity event, hosted by Hylant at their office. Additionally, we continue to offer various types of meeting formats - keynote speakers, professional development and career development sessions focused on soft skills, plus social events - at various times of the day in an effort to work into your schedule. Pick what works for you and attend when you can. Our next event will be our annual tour, hosted by Fort Wayne Metals this year, on March 10 - [click here reserve your place today!](#)

I am pleased to announce that our Chapter has grown by 16 members this year. It's been good to see many of you at events and I look forward to welcoming the rest of you over the next few months. To all seasoned members, I encourage you take a moment at one of our upcoming meetings to introduce yourself and personally welcome these individuals to the FEI Fort Wayne 'family'.

We have had some great events to kick-off the second half. Thanks to our "downtown panel" - Donovan Coley, Nancy Townsend, TK Herman and Rich Bienz - and moderator, Mike Cahill for an interesting discussion on lessons learned in being part of downtown development. In addition, Jim Wilcox shared his experience in organizational excellence, Barry Schrock helped us "battle our weapons of mass distraction" and our own John Court opened our eyes to employee benefits appealing to multi-generational workforce.

FEI's [Financial Leadership Summit](#) is quickly approaching, May 17-19 in Chicago, IL. This conference is very well done with knowledgeable and amazing speakers. We have a group from Fort Wayne attending and we would love to have you join us. As always, FEI has reserved a block of rooms at [The Palmer House](#) at a rate of \$309/night. This reduced rate is available until April 22, 2020 or until the room block sells out. FEI staff strongly recommends reservations be made early to ensure you secure a room at the reduced room rate. **There are several city-wide events taking place during Summit so please book your room before it's too late!**

Lastly, we are looking for new members on Committees next year. If you have any interest in helping to lead the Chapter, please reach out to any Board member. We need new ideas and would welcome your input and help.

Cheers to an early Spring (and March Madness)!



Judy Roy | President, Fort Wayne Chapter | EVP-Finance & Administration | Indiana Tech

UPCOMING EVENTS

View all events and register [here](#).

Career Management

All events are from 7:00 am – 8:00 am

- April 7, 2020

Unity in the Community

All events are from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

- March 26, 2020
- April 23, 2020

Chapter Meetings / PD Sessions

Timing of events vary from month-to-month.

- March 10, 2020
Fort Wayne Metals Tour
- April 20, 2020
Student Night

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Welcome New Members

The FEI Fort Wayne Chapter is pleased to welcome the following new members:



Karen Bachman
CFO
Easterseals
Northeast Indiana



Michelle Banks
CFO
YWCA Northeast
Indiana



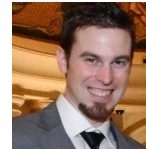
Mike Cahill
*CFO and Fort Wayne
Market President*
Gibson Insurance



Justine Kuzniar
Controller
Credent Wealth
Management



Mike Miller
CFO
GT Independence



Anthony Petras
Controller
Aptera



Stacy Reed
*Vice President
and CFO*
Preferred, Inc.

Join FEI to network with key influencers, understand emerging issues, advocate for corporate finance and boost your career opportunities. **If you know someone interested in learning more about membership, please contact John Minnich via email, john@minnich.consulting or phone, 260.702.9012.**

With a membership of more than 100 senior-level financial executives, the Fort Wayne Chapter continues to receive national attention for growth. Our membership represents financial executives from major public and private companies in the Fort Wayne area. With 10,000 members and 65 Chapters in the U.S., FEI is the leading advocate for the views of corporate financial management. FEI enhances member development through peer networking, career management services, conferences, research and publications.

Career Management Sessions

As finance professionals, we are all lifelong learners. One of the benefits of FEI is the ability to learn through our monthly programming. Last year, we started having more informal career management sessions geared to help us be better by “sharpening the saw” so to speak. These sessions are held from 7:00 am - 8:00 am on the Indiana Tech campus and are casual conversations led by members, sponsors and local professionals. This year, our sessions have included better leveraging LinkedIn and Myers-Briggs as management tools, as well as ensuring we are well-prepared for retirement. This month we will focus on time management the Michael Hyatt way and in April our topic will be data analysis. All members are encouraged to attend to improve their skills and get to know other members better in this more informal setting.

Member Engagement Committee

The Member Engagement Committee, comprised of Dave Cole, Larry Piano, Lisa Cashel, John Court and Matt Fortney, has spent this fiscal year resurrecting some old ideas that have worked in the past and introduced a few new ones. Larry Piano has led a rotating group of members and partners at our regular meetings to greet attendees with a smiling face and welcoming personality at arrival. This helps to reduce the nervousness and anxiety of the social hour when someone is actively engaging as attendees arrive.

Unity in the Community social events have gained a lot of interest and attendance over the past months by members and partners hosting the event at their businesses. These events are a time where we can get together to socialize about things happening in your professional world, your personal world or the world around us. There is no set program, just a chance to get to know each other better. During this fiscal year we have had these events at the Pizza Hut Office, JH Specialty and Belmont Beverage. Our next Unity will be at Hylant and will be another fun time.

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