

FEI LA NEWS

Where Engaged Finance Leaders Thrive

90 years



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FEI Los Angeles opened its 90th anniversary year with a memorable dinner at the City Club featuring **David Baker**, retired President of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Baker shared powerful stories of greatness on and off the field, reminding us that true leadership is more than talent—it's about character, dedication, and lifting others to perform at their best.

He highlighted the rarity of excellence: of 330 million who have played football, only 29,000 turned pro and just 382 earned a place in the Hall of Fame. Achieving that level demands relentless **focus, teamwork, and selflessness**.

The evening set a milestone tone, inspiring us all to pursue "Hall of Fame leadership" in our own organizations.



"Life lessons abundant and truly inspiring!"

- Brian Parisi



Make A Connection

It is official—our new year at FEI-LA is underway!

Our first event was a smashing success, full of energy and excitement with David Baker sharing lessons in leadership from the NFL Hall of Fame and other adventures in his life.

The presentation was amazing, but what really stood out to me was David's ability to connect with our members. David exudes what FEI-LA is all about—an opportunity to create relationships and deepen connections. It was the perfect WOW event to start our new year!

Please mark your calendars for the 3rd Thursday of every month so you can regularly join our speaker series dinner events. Our next one is Thursday, October 16th. Join us at the City Club and make a connection!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you

Jason Shapiro
FEI Los Angeles President

October's Meeting

The Power of Mindset, Language & Intention



Christi Haley Stover

How do you stay clear, calm, and decisive when markets turn turbulent? Join us on **Thursday, October 16th** as **Christi Haley Stover**, CEO and founder of **Platinum Resource Group**, shares practical strategies for building presence, focus, and intentional leadership under pressure.

With a career spanning The Walt Disney Company, Toshiba, Nestlé, and FedEx, Christi brings a rare blend of financial, operational, and leadership expertise to her work guiding executives and organizations through change.

In this session, she will show how language and mindset directly shape outcomes, and provide tools you can put to use immediately to quiet noise, speed execution, and inspire confidence in your teams.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of today's most dynamic executive voices. Program starts at **5:30 p.m. at City Club LA**.

Stay Connected: Upcoming Events

FEI Los Angeles thrives on connection, conversation, and community. Here's a quick look at the cadence of our events this year—plenty of opportunities to learn, network, and grow together:

- **Monthly Dinner Meetings**
 Third Thursday of each month, September through April (except December).
- **Monthly Lunches** Rotating across Los Angeles in Pasadena, El Segundo, Long Beach, and Calabasas, typically during the second week of each month.
- **90th Anniversary Celebration** Coming in April! A milestone event you won't want to miss—details to follow.
- **FEI National Conference** San Antonio, May 17-19, 2026.



Each gathering is designed to foster meaningful connections among peers and sponsors, strengthen our network, and share insights that move the profession forward. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

As they become available details can be found on LinkedIn (and other social platforms), FEI Website and our email blasts.

Warm **Welcome & a Big Thank You** for our Sponsors

We're excited to **welcome back** our Sponsors and extend a warm welcome to our new sponsors joining us this year. Your support makes it possible for FEI Los Angeles to thrive as a hub for connection, thought leadership, and professional growth in our finance community.

To our members: when the opportunity arises, please remember to **BUY FEI** and support those who support us. At FEI, members are our foundation—and sponsors are our lifeblood. Together, you make our community strong.



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FEI Los Angeles By the Numbers

Two-Year Member Growth

40%

One of the Fastest Markets
in the Nation

Member Engagement

65+ 86%

Dinner Attendance Member Engagement %
(2024 KPI Top 5 Nationally)

LinkedIn Followers

925

2026 Goal of 1,250

Growing member base that actively engages & participates in our chapter events

Help Plan FEI Los Angeles' 90th Anniversary

We're celebrating 90 years in 2026! **Join our volunteer committee to shape this milestone event.** This is a hands-on group where we'll need your energy and ideas.

As a committee member, you'll help with:

- Choosing the venue
- Designing the run of show
- Creating sponsorship packages & benefits
- Developing program content
- Producing promotional materials
- Light on-site coordination on event night



If you're ready to roll up your sleeves and be part of something memorable, we'd love to have you on the team! Reach out to one of the officers below.

2025 - 2026 Officers



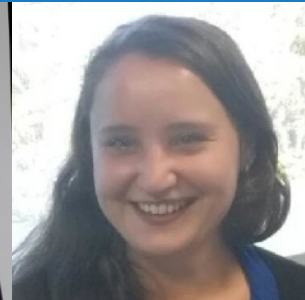
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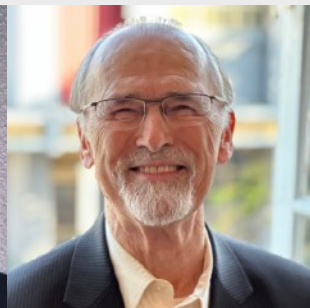
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More than a network; FEI is where connections become community

Why Join FEI Los Angeles?

There's never been a better time to be part of FEI Los Angeles. Our members—senior-level financial executives—enjoy a unique mix of professional [growth, community, and camaraderie](#).

Benefits of Membership:

- Join a network of **10,000+ senior finance leaders nationwide**.
- Access **engaging programming** through our dinner series and monthly peer-led lunches.
- **Build lasting relationships** across industries—both locally and nationally.
- Gain **actionable insights** from keynote speakers, panels, and national conferences.
- Tap into **exclusive resources**: members-only research, CPE webinars, special interest groups, leadership opportunities, and career support.
- Belong to a **trusted community** of peers and industry-leading sponsors where ideas, challenges, and solutions are shared openly.

How to join:

FEI welcomes senior-level financial executives who meet at least one of the following:

- Hold a senior financial executive position (CFO, Controller, Treasurer, VP Finance, etc.).
- Have responsibility for financial policy or decisions at their organization.
- Meet minimum company size requirements (typically \$25M+ in annual revenue or equivalent).

Join us—you'll find connection, knowledge, and inspiration waiting.



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