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## president's letter



To Our Central Florida Members, Sponsors and Friends:

Welcome to October with our Central Florida Financial Executives International chapter. We are continuing our exciting programs for 2008-09. Our committee chairs have been active planning excellent programs, meetings, and member services. You'll learn more about our plans in this Newsletter.

We had a great meeting last month. There were over 90 members, sponsors, and guests in attending our dinner meeting. This month promises to be just as exciting. Our speaker will be **Doug Sullivan**, the President and CEO of **Stonewood Holdings LLC**, parent company of Stonewood Grill.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our December social sponsored by **Vaco**. This promises to be another fun holiday event.

We continue to have one of the highest new member recruiting percentages of all FEI chapters. Our continued upward trend in growth makes it nearly impossible for any other professional organization to match your

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## upcoming events of note

### our next monthly meeting

- **October Dinner Meeting — October 2nd**  
**Doug Sullivan**, *President and CEO of Stonewood Holdings LLC*  
*(Stonewood Grill)*  
*sponsored by*



### save these dates!

- **November Dinner Meeting — November 6th**  
*Sponsored by Cross, Fernandez and Riley, LLP*

dinner meetings are held at the  
**Grand Bohemian Hotel**  
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local FEI Chapter. And your continued involvement is necessary to maintain this leading position.

As with all professional organizations, success is dependent on the active involvement of the Members and Sponsors. For those of you already participating, we thank you. If you have an interest in active involvement, please contact me or any of our Board members.

Enjoy the evening with Gold Sponsor **Grant Thornton**. Thank you to **Sihle Insurance Group** for sponsoring our cocktail hour. The Board of Directors and Sponsors of Central Florida FEI appreciate your participation in the Chapter's activities, with many thanks for your continued support.

Warm Regards,

*Debbie*

Deborah S. Adkins  
President – FEI Central Florida Chapter 2008/2009

october 2nd dinner meeting  
speaker—Doug Sullivan of Stonewood Holdings

Since 1998 Doug Sullivan has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Stonewood Holdings LLC, where he co-founded two concepts, Stonewood Grill and Tavern and Peach Valley Café. He has built company revenues to \$60 million. The Stonewood Grill and Tavern brand is a leader in the "Upscale Casual" dining segment as a dinner only restaurant with 18 locations Florida & North Carolina.. Peach Valley Café is a concept serving only breakfast & lunch with two locations, and is being targeted for rapid growth with three more locations currently being developed.



Mr. Sullivan has also developed a food, wine and lifestyle magazine, Casual Flavors, which is utilized as a unique branding and marketing vehicle for Stonewood Grill and Tavern. Casual Flavors currently produces 130,000 copies of each issue which are distributed to subscribers and Stonewood guests.

Prior to founding Stonewood Holdings, Mr. Sullivan was part of the Summit/Outback Joint Venture group of Outback Steakhouse and was the Central Florida Area Director with Olive Garden.

In 1980 Mr. Sullivan graduated from Florida State University with a Business Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Mr. Sullivan currently lives in Ormond Beach, Florida with his wife, Jill, and three young daughters.

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## internship opportunities

The Academic Committee sponsors an internship program for interested sponsors and members with local universities. This is primarily a summer internship program but could vary depending on the needs of the sponsoring company. We strive to provide top students to local companies in an effort to create an on-going pipeline of talented new employees in a difficult recruiting market.

Previous sponsors include Disney, Siemens, C/F/R (Cross, Fernandez & Riley), Protiviti, Hubbard Construction Company, and Brown and Brown Insurance. Area universities participating include Stetson University, Rollins College, University of Central Florida, Bethune-Cookman University, and Florida Institute of Technology.

We have adjusted the timing of the program this year in order to accommodate our sponsoring companies better. Our goal is to expedite the process so that interviewing and selection of intern candidates will occur in November and December. In order to accomplish this goal, **we need company sponsors to provide job descriptions and qualifications to me by October 6, 2008.**

The success of this program depends on the support and active participation of chapter members and sponsors, so please consider participating. Contact me (via e-mail or phone) with any questions you may have.

### FEI Academic Committee

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## dinner meeting menus

*Some of the best food you'll have at any meeting...*

### October 2008

- **Shrimp & Asian Pear salad** spinach and arugula, serrano ham, roasted pineapple vinaigrette, spiced hazelnuts in pistachio oil
- **Lobster ravioli with sherried lobster sauce**, pancetta, chantrel mushrooms, watercress
- **Strawberry Rhubarb shortcake**, vanilla scented genoise, fresh berry compote, sweet basil syrup, chantilly cream

### November 2008

- **Field greens in cucumber ring**, smoked almonds, parmesan, basil oil, gazpacho shot
- **Beef Duo – petite pepper seared filet and braised short rib**, red wine risotto, Vidallia marmalade, red wine jus, chivry sauce
- **“Tres Leches” poundcake** with dulce de leche

## new members 2008-2009

Central Florida continues to be one of the fastest growing chapters in its class. Look for this year's new FEI-CFL members at the monthly dinner and introduce yourself. New members have pink name tags.

- **Wendy Wolfswinkel**  
*CFO*  
Family Services of Metro Orlando
- **Devon Lewis**  
*Controller*  
Wharton-Smith Inc.
- **John Palcher**  
*CFO*  
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If interested in knowing more about membership, contact Michael Duncan at [michael.duncan@wyndhamvo.com](mailto:michael.duncan@wyndhamvo.com) or Stuart Michelson at [smichels@stetson.edu](mailto:smichels@stetson.edu)



## career management news

The usually stated goal of the Career Management Group is to provide assistance to members in transition. The number of members in transition in the Central Florida Chapter has been typically very low and most of the members have been successful in obtaining contractual or consulting work in the interim period.

A broader goal of the Career Management Group is to provide career planning, management, and information services, with a broad range of benefits and resources to members who are in transition and gainfully employed.

The National FEI Career Services website makes several tools available to members which include:

- Job positions available both on the Central Florida as well as National FEI websites
- Resume Bank - posting of your resume
- Career toolkit
- Executive Search firm contacts
- Networking and FEI career alliances
- Various articles and guides
- Discounted services for resume package, 360-Degree Assessment, etc.
- FEI Career Services Value Proposition
- CPE credits
- Complimentary subscription to the Financial Management Network (FMN) to any members in transition

I would urge all members, whether in transition or otherwise, to make themselves aware of the wealth of tools and resources available to you and use them as appropriate. Active career management is in your best interest.

Please contact Rahul Khanorkar at (407)386-5894 for further information and assistance.