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CHAPTER ADMINISTRATOR

For assistance or additional information about FEI, please contact our Chapter Administrator, **Melanie Batcheller**, at 407-277-8383 or melanie@fei-centralflorida.org.

MEETING REGISTRATION

We request that all members register and pay for meetings online by credit card, if at all possible.

President's Letter

January 8, 2008

To Our Members, Sponsors and Friends,

Happy New Year! Welcome to January with Financial Executives International. Our Chapter and membership meetings are continuing our exciting programs for 2008. 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 membership social last month. There were over 100 members, sponsors, and guests attending our holiday social sponsored by Vaco.

This month promises to be just as exciting. Our speaker will be Laks Ramachandran, Senior Market Strategist with **Bank of America**, speaking on the **Economic Outlook 2008**. Our first meeting of the year always promises to be interesting and entertaining.

Your Chapter now has **129** members. We have one of the highest new member recruiting percentages of all FEI chapters and we continue to grow every month. There is no other professional organization that can match your local Chapter; however, your involvement is necessary to maintain this leading position.

As with all professional organizations, our success is dependent on the active involvement of the Members and Sponsors and we encourage your participation. If you would like to become more involved, please feel free to contact me.

Enjoy the evening with **Bank of America** as our **Gold Sponsor**. The Central Florida FEI Chapter Board of Directors and Sponsors appreciate your participation in the Chapter's activities and many thanks for your continued support of our chapter.

With best regards,

Dr. Stuart Michelson

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President – FEI Central Florida Chapter 2007/2008

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Eric Morris, Chair

NEW MEMBERS

We've added five new members since November, bringing total membership to 129. Be sure and offer a greeting to these new members, and make sure they feel welcome:

- **Susan Macina**
Chief Financial Officer
Florida Irrigation Supply, Inc.
- **Brad Taylor**
Controller
American Road Group
- **Dr. Ray Sturm**
Lecturer of Finance
University of Central Florida
- **Michael Dollar**
VP Finance/CFO-Lake Nona
Burnham Institute for Medical Research
at Lake Nona
- **J. Alan Swan**
Vice President, Finance
Comtech Systems, Inc.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Interested in membership? Have a membership recommendation?

Contact **Eric Morris**, Chair of the Membership Committee or any other committee member, board member or the Chapter Administrator for information and an application.

MEMBER PROFILE

Member profiles are a quick look into the lives and likes of some of our members. How well do you know....

D. Eric Morris

CFO & Treasurer

Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers, Inc.

How long have you been with your company? **9 years, all as CFO**

Forget what the marketing guys think – if you could brag on one aspect of your company, what would that be? **We hire people who care, don't take themselves too seriously, but take the work extremely seriously (we are in the life safety business)**

How long have you been an FEI member? **Since 1991**

What are your alma matter(s), degrees, majors? **Nicholls State University – BS Accounting, LSU – MS Accounting**

What three business books have had a significant influence on your professional life?

- The Inner Game of Management**
- Soar with Your Strengths**
- The Magic of Thinking Big**

What's your idea of an ideal vacation? **Luxury hotel at the beach with a tiki bar and live steel drum music**

Favorite ethnic food? **Blackened snapper topped with crab meat and hollandaise sauce**

The last book you read for personal pleasure? **Breach of Trust by D.W. Buffa**

Have something in common with Eric? Tell him you saw it here ...

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who we are ...
what we do ...
where to find us ...

www.financialexecutives.org

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All 2007 – 2008

**Financial Executive
International -
Central Florida Chapter**

Dinner Meetings
will be held at the

Grand Bohemian Hotel
325 S. Orange Avenue
Orlando

FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Central Florida Chapter of Financial Executives International is soliciting nominations for the "Financial Executive of the Year Award for 2008." Nominations are open to all current members of FEI that have demonstrated outstanding performance as a financial executive in service to their company, their community and their profession. We will announce this year's recipient at the March 6, 2008 meeting.

The individual nominated should have exhibited qualities such as:

- **Significant leadership**
- **Assumption of broad new responsibilities**
- **Made major contributions to his/her company** such as helping the company go public (or private), significant expansion or growth, major profit improvements, significant system implementations, reinvigorated a troubled operation, etc.
- **Actively involved in demonstrating growth as a financial or accounting professional** through professional certifications, continuing education or publication of education materials, and participation in professional organizations.
- **Demonstrated commitment to our local community** through leadership or participation in civic or charity endeavors or personal activism.

If you would like to be considered or to nominate another member, please contact the Chapter Administrator for forms and additional information.

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- **Bryan R. Roub**
Retired CFO
Harris Corporation

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Debbie Adkins, Chair

SPRING 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **January 10, 2008**
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Economic Outlook 2008
Laks Ramachadran
Sr. Market Strategist
Bank of America
Sponsored by:
Bank of America
- **February 7, 2008**
Chapter Dinner Meeting
CEO Night
Jay Freeland
President & CEO
Faro Technologies, Inc.
Sponsored by:
Robert Half
- **March 6, 2008**
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Sponsored by: KPMG
- **April 3, 2008**
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Academic Night
Sponsored by:
GrayRobinson
- **May 1, 2008**
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Sponsored by:
Resources Global

MENUS

- **January 10, 2008**
 - Mixed field greens** salad with grape tomatoes and honey mustard vinaigrette
 - Grouper filet** with meted leeks and caper cream sauce
 - White chocolate crème Brule** with seasonal berries
- **February 7, 2008**
 - Roasted Tomato Soup** with Basil Oil
 - Herb Crusted Chicken Breast** with Goat cheese polenta and thyme jus
 - Cinnamon Chocolate Bread** pudding with vanilla anglaise

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Mark Bennie, Chair
Halil Kiyamaz, Co-Chair
Karen Lane, Co-Chair

Scholarships

Look forward this April to our annual **Academic Night** where we have the chance to honor excellence in our local students.

Internships

We will again sponsor a **summer internship program** for students from local universities. This program provides top students to local companies for internships and potential long-term employment.

The program's success will be determined by the amount of participation by the Chapter members and sponsors, so please participate.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Stuart Jones, Chair
John Webb, Newsletter Co-Editor

Personal Member Profiles And Reader Content

We want to help members know each other even better. Look for an email and phone call to help us know you more personally.

Also we'd love to have **you** contribute. Space is available to sponsors and members for information helpful to our readers. Send submissions to:

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CAREER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Eggett, Chair

Networking Conference Call

The FEI Central Florida Career Services Committee provides support and resources for members who are in transition or who would like support in networking and career direction.

Our next networking meeting will be held by **conference call** on **Wednesday, January 16th**, at **noon**. The call in number is (712) 432-1100 and the access code is 797370#.

If you have any questions or would like to become involved with the committee, contact **Mike Eggett, 407-760-5905** or email **eggettm@bellsouth.net**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Bria, Treasurer

Continued thanks to all members who paid their 2007-2008 local & national dues — and thanks as always for the ongoing support of our sponsors.

Finance continues to be in excellent position relative to budget and prior years. Your timely dues and sponsorships allow us to effectively provide member services and give us a strong base for our annual scholarships.

More good news from Finance is the '06-'07 audit report. The report is completed, with another clean opinion. If you would like a copy of the report, contact the Chapter Administrator.

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