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CHAPTER ADMINISTRATOR

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

MEETING REGISTRATION

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

President's Letter

September 4, 2007

To Our Members, Sponsors and Friends,

Welcome to a new year with Financial Executives International. Our Chapter and membership meetings have planned many exciting programs for 2007/2008. Your local Chapter Board and Committees have been busy over the summer planning an exciting year of events for you. Here is just a sample of what you will experience this year:

- The "**Economic Outlook – 2008**" is scheduled for January 10, 2008.
- Our "**Financial Executive of the Year**" event will be held on March 6, 2008.
- Your Chapter's **Career Services Committee** has planned several interesting events.
- New Sponsors and Speakers have already signed-up for the coming year and will be providing useful information and knowledge throughout the year.

You'll learn more about our plans in this Newsletter.

We had a great **Membership Rally** in August. There were over 70 members, sponsors, and guests in attendance at Ruth's Chris. Thanks to Eric and the membership committee for organizing this event and thanks to Debbie and Tom for the arrangements with Ruth's Chris.

Our first membership meeting this year promises to be just as exciting. Our speakers are David C. Vorhoff and John D. Deering of McColl Partners. They will be speaking on a very timely topic, "**Navigating Financial Transactions in Today's Turbulent Market.**"

Mark your calendar for next month's meeting on **October 4th**, sponsored by Grant Thornton. This promises to be a great evening.

Your Chapter now has 118 members. We have one of the highest new member recruiting percentages of all FEI chapters. 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 Jason Johnson and Merrill Lynch as our Gold sponsor. Thank you to Jason for also sponsoring our cocktail hour. The Central Florida FEI Chapter Board of Directors and Sponsors appreciate your participation in the Chapter's activities and look forward to a successful year together.

With best regards,

Dr. Stuart Michelson

Stuart Michelson
President – FEI Central Florida Chapter 2007/2008

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Eric Morris, Chair

NEW MEMBERS

Be sure and offer a welcoming hand and greeting to:

- **Ray Aguerrevere**
Chief Financial Officer
Custom Metal Design, Inc

- **Sheref Abou-Donia**
Vice President/Assistant Controller
Wyndham Vacation Ownership, Inc

- **Tim Murphy**
Chief Financial Officer
Sonny's Franchise Company

- **Steven Rosenstock**
Vice President of Finance
Celebrity Resorts

KNOW YOUR CHAPTER

As mentioned in the President's Letter, our Central Florida Chapter has experienced some consistent and extraordinary growth the past several years. Here's a snapshot of the backgrounds of the 118 members of your chapter:

Executives	77
Entrepreneurs	7
Honorary	1
Retired	22
Academics	3
In transition	8

And we've got room for more . . .

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Bria, Treasurer

There are still a few days left to take advantage of the early renewal discount. These are summarized in the table below. Local dues may be paid by check or card sent to the address below — or pay at the upcoming meeting!

Make checks payable to:

Central Florida Chapter of Financial Executives International
522 S. Hunt Club Blvd., #216
Apopka, FL 32703

<u>Local Dues</u>	<u>If Paid By</u>	<u>Meetings Available</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Cost If Paid at Each Meeting</u>
\$295	<u>9/7/2007</u>	8 Meetings	\$225	\$520
\$350	10/1/2007	7 Meetings	\$105	\$455
\$350	11/1/2007	6 Meetings	\$ 40	\$390
\$325	12/1/2007	5 Meetings	\$ -	\$325
\$325	1/1/2008	5 Meetings	\$ -	\$325
\$260	2/1/2008	4 Meetings	\$ -	\$260
\$195	3/1/2008	3 Meetings	\$ -	\$195

CAREER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Eggett, Chair

The FEI Central Florida Region Career Services Committee provides support and resources for members who are in transition or who would like support in networking and career direction. In Central Florida we will start monthly networking meetings, Wednesday, **September 19**, at noon by conference call for all interested members. The call will last one hour. The call in number is **(712) 432-1100** and the Access code is **928480**.

The FEI has career services committees in each major city who are available to help members learn of local opportunities and provide introductions to members in their respective areas.

National career services group provides services and resources to members. Some of the resources include a members only job line with national and local positions, partnerships with service providers, discounts to services, access to national recruiter databases, resources for national networking, career coaching, discounts and free professional CPE, and other job search and career development resources. Members in transition are eligible to obtain discounts for national and local FEI dues and fees.

We have had recently a number of senior local positions available that have been posted for local members only on the FEI web site and job board, www.fei.org, career services members only. If you have any questions or would like to become involved with the group, contact Mike Eggett at 407-760-5905 or eggettm@bellsouth.net.

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATOR**Melanie Batcheller****PLEASE DON'T FORGET!!!**

In order to receive your Local Chapter Dues early payment discounted rate of \$295, we must receive your payment by September 7th, 2007. On September 8th, Local Chapter Dues will be \$350. If you have misplaced your Dues Invoice, please email the chapter administrator at melanie@fei-centralflorida.org.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**Stuart Jones, Chair**

This is the second newsletter for the 2007-2008 year, following our first summer edition. Like last year, we will publish a newsletter before each of the eight regular dinner meetings throughout the year.

We need content. Whether you are a member or a sponsor, space is available to provide helpful insights and other information to our readers. Please send your submissions to:

Sjones@ProfMgtCo.com

Unlike prior newsletters, we have a **new co-editor** this edition. John Webb, of Strombeck Consulting, has joined the committee and prepared much of this newsletter.

I want to thank John for all of his work on the newsletter, which has grown from three editions year before last to eight editions last year and nine editions this year.

John and I welcome others to join us on the committee. There is plenty of work for all. If you are interested, contact me at the e-mail address given above.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE**Debbie Adkins, Chair****FALL 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

All Dinner Meetings will be at
the Grand Bohemian Hotel
325 S. Orange Ave., Orlando

- **September 6, 2007**
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Navigating Financial Transactions in Today's Turbulent Markets
David C. Vorhoff—Managing Director and co-founding Partner of McColl Partners
John D. Deering—Managing Director and Partner of McColl Partners
Sponsor - Merrill Lynch
- **October 4, 2007**
Chapter Dinner Meeting
- **November 1, 2007**
Chapter Dinner Meeting
FINANCIAL EXECUTIVES INTERNATIONAL
- **December – TBD**
Holiday Party

MENU SELECTIONS

- **September 6, 2007**
 - Tomato Mozzarella salad with micro greens and balsamic
 - Breast of Chicken Wellington with wild rice, bacon and grape tomato demi
 - White chocolate crème brulee with seasonal berries
- **October 4, 2007**
 - Hearts of butter lettuce with diced apples, grape tomatoes and blue cheese vinaigrette
 - Seared halibut with potato puree
 - Roasted tomatoes and black olive vinaigrette
 - Tiramisu with mocha cream
- **November 1, 2007**
 - Classic Caesar salad with garlic croutons and parmesan cheese
 - Filet mignon with roasted mushrooms and burgundy demi reduction

CFO ROUNDTABLES

Ann Graham, Chair

The Central Florida Chapter of the FEI held its first ever CFO roundtable at the Citrus Club on May 17 during a luncheon meeting, sponsored by KForce.

This well attended informal discussion meeting was an opportunity for many CFO's to get better acquainted with one another, and to hear from both peers and experts on the subject of valuing, selling and acquiring private company stock.

Due to the success of the first meeting, we are planning three more CFO Roundtables this coming year, with the first one scheduled for the **third week in October**. Please look for the announcement in an upcoming newsletter.

If you have any topic of interest you would like discussed, please let us know by e-mailing our Chapter Administrator, Melanie Batcheller, at melanie@fei-centralflorida.org.

Sponsor News

This space – and more – was available for our sponsors to provide us **news** of their organization or their clients. This is an excellent opportunity to reach over 118 of Central Florida's senior financial executives (and our sponsors). Please forward your articles to:

sjones@ProfMgtCo.com.

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CHAPTER IS PROUD TO HAVE
THESE PARTNERS IN 2007-2008**

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Mark Bennie, Chair
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Karen Lane, Co-Chair

Program Update

Building on the success of last year's Academic Night and the evening's speaker, colorful college football analyst Lee Corso, we are again planning for an April 2008 **Academic Night** event featuring another exciting keynote speaker.

This year we will increase the number of scholarships to 11, for a total of \$10,000, to be paid out to deserving students. In addition we will select five medallion award winners who will also receive a Ruth's Chris Steak House gift certificate.

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.

Several interns from our last class have now been hired full-time by their internship employer. This is a great way to create an on-going pipeline of talented young employees in this difficult recruiting market.

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

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