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The Dallas Chapter of FEI feels like it's back in full swing as attendance continues to increase at our events, and our social networking calendar gets busy. The Northwood Club ballroom felt almost pre-COVID normal at the February meeting with great attendance at both the Professional Development session and the Dinner Program. The Annual Accounting and Tax Update led by KPMG once again hit on the major technical topics facing financial executives. Partners Michael Nesta, Noel Ellison, Michael Fishman, and Andrew Brannon all did an outstanding job of leading the presentation.

The Dinner Program presented by University of Dallas President Jonathan Sanford, PhD, was a very well received message on "virtuous leaders." President Sanford brought us back to a core principle that can often be overlooked in the corporate world: the virtues that make a leader of good character. He delivered a message that was both inspirational and humbling. We were also pleased to announce at this meeting a new program and member benefit with the University of Dallas: members and dependents will be offered a significant discount on graduate program tuition. Now is the time to pursue that MBA you've been thinking about! More details on this educational benefit will be made available in the near future.

February also brought us our first major social networking event of the year, the annual Winter Social. **The Glamorous Era of Travel** dinner party was an event that was... well... glamorous! What an event! The venue, the attire, the food, the refreshments, the music, and the dancing were all amazing

and fun. A huge thanks goes out to the group that put it all together. The committee members and staff led by Alice Elkins (Social), Dana Bickford (Sponsorship) and Jackie Dunn (Administration) did a wonderful job. Special thanks to **Marsh McLennan Agency | Title Sponsor, Holmes Murphy | Special Events Partner, Sewell Automotive Companies | Valet Sponsor**, and to our Contributors of the night, **Devils River Whiskey** and **Integrity AV&P**. This event would not have been the great event it was without your support!

Our spring schedule for FEI Dallas is loaded with CPE and social networking events. Check your calendars and save the dates, registration will open soon! Our CFO series of Special Interest Groups is ramping up with more in-person events. Watch for their emails and register. The next monthly chapter meeting is March 14th and the registration window is about to close so sign up now! And the social calendar gets very busy: April 5th will be the Spring Social Wine Tasting at the Arboretum, followed by our annual Spring Social Golf Tournament on May 2nd at Cowboys Golf Club in Grapevine. Great events and great venues! I hope to see you there.

Welcome to Spring 2022! Get engaged! Register for these upcoming events! Don't meet me there, beat me there!

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