



FROM THE

# PRESIDENT



NOVEMBER 2020

## Chapter Meetings

October's chapter meeting was a success with many attending in person and many others attending virtually while enjoying a free meal at home provided by the chapter. Our speakers were impressive and entertaining.

Those at Northwood Club enjoyed outside networking downstairs in the grass lawn area while those attending virtually did their networking via Zoom breakout rooms. It was great to see and talk to people again. Thanks for helping keep things safe.

We want you to pick the format that is right for you so we will again be offering in person and virtual program and networking options for November's chapter meeting. The free meal via Grubhub was such a success that we are going to repeat it for November.

We ask that those with underlying conditions, temperatures or feeling ill attend virtually instead of in person. Those attending in person will be required to sign a waiver and may be subject to temperature checks and/or health screening questions at the door.

The dinner program will be "Economic Issues for Women in Texas 2020". The PD session will be "The Votes Are In: What the November 2020 Results Mean for economic Policy, Healthcare, and Politics".

For most October virtual attendees everything went smoothly. But for those who had issues, I want to express my apology and to pass on that we have made changes to make sure this month goes better for you. Also, please read the instructions for ordering food carefully and order food within the specified window of time.

## Member News

Long-time member Dave Palmlund is suffering from Parkinson's and related dementia and his wife Suzanne has placed him in full time care in Plano. Dave has been a member since 1975, was Dallas Chapter President for 1992-93,

and was active on the national level as well. Suzanne suggests cards or letters for those wishing him well. We have contact information for Suzanne if you would like to visit Dave in person. Dave has always been an amazing member, friend, and mentor.

Gina Norris, Chapter President in 2006-2007 and a member since 2002, called me to let me know that she is retiring from FEI this year. She said that she has really enjoyed being part of this great organization but that it was her time to leave. She has been a source of great council to me and I will miss having her as part of the group. She is still around for us if we need her.

Congratulations to Dinesh Parbhoo, Director of Finance for Great Wolf Lodge on obtaining his Certified Treasury Professional certification.

Congratulations to Evelyn H. Miller, CFO of TD Industries for being named a 2020 Top 50 CFO by the National Diversity Council.

## DCEO will honor its Financial Executive Awards Finalists for 2020

On November 11th DCEO will honor finalists for 2020. FEI members can attend virtually at no charge.

Dallas Chapter Members Are:

- Shane Arledge-Learfield IMG College
- Jeff Chesnut-Alliance Data Systems
- Ron Herbert-Fastsigns International
- Joseph Loner-GridLiance
- Larry McCoy-Klyde Warren Park
- Brian Miller-Tyler Technologies
- Lance Phillips-Capstead Mortgage Corporation

Select Other DCEO finalists Who Are Friends of the Chapter:

- Carol Stuckley-Healthcare Payment Specialists (FEI Fort Worth)
- Tom Walker-Dallas Cowboys
- George Purefoy-City of Frisco



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## Sponsorship

Please remember to thank our sponsors who support our chapter both monetarily and with their service. Give them a chance to earn your business when opportunities arise.

## Committee Leaders

Our committees do great work to make our chapter work. While I am listing only chairs and vice-chairs below, I realize it is the entire committee doing the work.

- Arrangements-Elizabeth Reich and Shawn Riely
- Career Management-Bob Walker and Cliff Edwards
- Diversity/Financial Executive Experience-Scott Smaistrila and Dinesh Parbhoo
- External Relations-Miguel Molina, Terry Philen, Ron Herbert
- Membership-Shayne Rutherford and John Casey
- Professional Development-Tom Beitel and Meg O'Malley
- Programs-Jens Mielke and Loren McCutchen
- Socials-Darin Patrizi, Jennifer Norris, May Lee Harris
- Special Events-Elizabeth Pospick and Mark Brown
- Special Interest Groups/Peer Groups-Eric Holleman

- Sponsorship-Dana Bickford and Christy Philen
- Recent Guests
- Gillea Allison-President of D Magazine
- Willie Hornberger-Partner, Jackson Walker
- Meg Campbell-Executive Director, TXCPAs-Dallas
- Keith Warshawsky-Owner, Premier Clothiers
- Brenton Van Breda-Potential Member
- Brad Welcher-Potential Member

## Quotes

"There are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there." — Indira Gandhi, former prime minister of India

"You hear about how many fourth-quarter comebacks that a guy has, and I think it means a guy screwed up in the first three quarters." — Peyton Manning, former NFL quarterback

"Alexa, homeschool the children." — Unknown

Ron Rushing  
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