December is a time to reflect, be thankful, and to look forward. We had tremendous fall programs and attendance. We are reaching almost-full capacity at our monthly meetings and expect our Tuesday, January 9th program at Northwood Club with Dory Wiley, CEO of Commerce Capital, to be a sellout.

We recently had a happy hour at the Cowboys Club in Frisco to say thank you to FEI Dallas volunteers who are an integral part of the success of our chapter. The happy hour was a rousing success with about 50 of our 100+ volunteers in attendance. I expect another happy hour in the spring to again celebrate our volunteers.

Our Winter Social in February at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science continues to deliver on the Go Big or Go Home mantra that defines this year of exceptional programming and events. This annual dinner party, sponsored by Sunflower Bank, is a themed event – Weird Science (think the 1980s movie), a fitting complement to the eleven remarkable exhibit halls at the Perot Museum. It's open to FEI Dallas members and sponsors, and invitations include a +1 for spouse, partner or date. Invitations will go out in the near future with details posted at the FEI Dallas website.

I continue to encourage you to invite your financial executive peers who qualify for <u>FEI membership</u> to our next monthly meeting or a Special Industry Group (SIG) meeting. The SIGs include groups concentrating on private equity, manufacturing, real estate, healthcare, restaurant & retail, energy, technology, and women in business. All meetings qualify for continuing education credits.

Be sure to watch your email as registrations open for numerous events, or visit the <u>FEI Dallas website</u> to see a listing of upcoming events.

Remember, starting in January 2024, FEI Dallas monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays instead of Mondays. These amazing programs and events are the result of a lot of collaboration. Sponsors, chapter staff, and committees work hard to make this schedule possible. Thank you all for your effort.

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