



FROM THE

PRESIDENT



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As the Dallas Chapter of FEI nears the halfway mark for the 2022-23 program year, I am excited about the great programming we have had thus far. We are starting to get stories about spikes in COVID and will continue to monitor the situation to offer programming while at the same time keeping everyone safe. Please make note that the next meeting is in January; there is no monthly meeting in December in lieu of our annual Technology Breakfast.

The chapter's 13th annual Technology Breakfast, sponsored and presented by Grant Thornton, is our featured event in December. This timely topic – Ransomware and Cyber Security in 2023 and Beyond – on December 6th will be an in-depth discussion about how these events have changed the nature of enterprise risk management, compliance and legal risk management, insurance coverage, and technology investments. Thanks go out to all who planned and coordinated this special event – our Special Events (Education) Committee (Elizabeth Pospick & David Springate), the folks at Grant Thornton, and our administrative staff – and the event sponsors who make this special annual event possible with their financial support: Grant Thornton, Title Sponsor, and Holmes Murphy, Special Events Partner.

FEI is pleased to announce that members now have the convenience and flexibility of enrolling in an AutoPay option to renew membership dues. You can now opt-in to automatically renew your membership in one full payment annually, or be divided into two

(biannual), four (quarterly), or 12 (monthly) payments. Once enrolled, automatic payments will be applied and processed when your membership renewal invoice is created.

Finally, the Special Events (Social) Committee (Bob Walker and Mark Dendle) along with the Winter Social Planning Committee (Kristine Powers, Erik Cooper and Patrick Tam) have been planning a very fun and exciting Winter Social to be held on February 25 at Gilley's Dallas. This is the one event each year that members can bring a significant other or come solo, your choice. You do not want to miss it! Also mark your calendar for our annual Wine Tasting to be held at the Dallas Arboretum on March 30. Lastly, the Golf Tournament will be on May 8 for the second year at Cowboys Golf Club in Grapevine. The social committees have been very busy this year and each of these events should be spectacular. We still have some great sponsorship opportunities for all these events so if you would like more information, please contact Warren Rapert, Sponsorship Chair, warren@jcaseyassociats.com or Jackie Dunn, Chapter Manager, jackie.dunn@feidallas.org.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. And I look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming 2023 event!

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