

**CFE Newsletter**  
**February/March 2010**

**Member News**

Harry Winston in Chicago hosted and celebrated the official launch on December 9, 2009, of **Lydia Fisher's** book, "Cinderella of Wall Street" (a memoir, solely available through the author's website, [www.cinderellaofwallstreet.com](http://www.cinderellaofwallstreet.com)). Ann Gerber preceded the event with a delightful and astute November 26, 2009 "Skyline" write-up. Shia Kapos of "Crain's Chicago Business" wrote a clever and insightful review (December 11, 2009) on her blog, Taking Names with Shia Kapos.

**Connie Capone** had a successful 2009 continuing to advise early stage companies on fundraising and acquisitions. She assisted Chicago based Inventables, [www.inventables.com](http://www.inventables.com) secure \$2.0 million of venture capital from west coast Tru Ventures. She also assisted PatientImpact, [www.patientimpact.com](http://www.patientimpact.com) secure a term sheet for \$2.5 million and ultimately on the sale to Press Ganey. Ms. Capone is also working at Argonne Laboratory to identify and commercialize technology with considerable market potential.

**Linda Havard** would like CFE members to know that she resigned her position as CFO of Playboy at year end and is initiating a search for a new public-company CFO position. She appreciates everyone's encouragement and support in her transition.

**Kathy Hosty** recently left JPMorgan's Private Wealth Management Group. Her expertise is in providing institutional grade advice to wealthy individuals, on investment, capital and financial strategies. Kathy's clients trust her insight gained from considerable, high level experience in fixed income, real estate, private equity and alternative investment. She is currently seeking a new position and will welcome opportunities to network and explore ideas with CFE members.

**Michelle Moreno** and First Analysis have been retained by a pharmaceutical services firm to pursue a sale of the business which provides pharmacovigilance services to drug manufacturers, researchers and others; enterprise value is anticipated at approximately \$25 million. In addition, we are retained by a corporate training company, which has revenues of over \$40 million, that is pursuing a partial recapitalization of the business and includes a \$5 million subordinated debt refinancing and a likely \$14 million refinancing of other debt in the latter half of the year. Lastly, we are working with a healthcare transportation and related services business, which has revenues of over \$100 million, as it considers entering the public markets to foster aggressive growth.

The American Heart Association has asked **Gail Hasbrouck** to Co-Chair the Heart Walk for Metro Chicago. The three Heart Walks take place in September. If any CFE members are interested in their company getting involved, please let Gail know and she will facilitate a meeting with the American Heart Association leadership. There are wonderful fitness and heart health programs that can help improve the health of the employee population and engage everyone in fund raising for research and education. On a personal note, Gail's daughter Dawn Hasbrouck and her family, have moved to Chicago to be the noon anchor and morning reporter for Fox Chicago News. She was previously an anchor with CBS in Boston. Dawn grew up in Chicago, attended St. Ignatius and after receiving her undergraduate degree at Duke, received her Masters in Broadcast Journalism at Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern. Gail says "We are especially pleased because our one grandchild will now be in the same city."

**Michelle Smead** has made a career change to help lead the Search and Recruitment Group of the Harris Bank in the US. Michelle joined the Bank on February 16th.

**Melissa Kibler Knoll** (Senior Managing Director, Mesirow Financial Consulting, LLC) will be inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy at a ceremony held at the U.S. Supreme Court on March 12, 2010. The College, which now has 734 Fellows, is an honorary professional and educational association of bankruptcy and insolvency professionals. The College plays an important role in sustaining professional excellence. Nominees are extended an invitation to join based on a record of achievement

reflecting the highest standards of professionalism.

**Ruth Farb**, founding CFE member and past president, recently rejoined CFE has a non-resident member. Ruth says "Small world! **Casey Carter Bonar** (another CFE non resident member) and I work in the Jacksonville office of the FDIC. I am the Lead Manager of Claims Function and she is Manager Claims Failed Institution Employee Benefits and Payroll! She was one of the first employees hired in August 2009 and I joined in October.

**Anna Rappaport** was appointed to the ERISA Advisory Council to serve during 2010-2012. The Council advises the Secretary of Labor on matters related to Employee Benefit Plans.

### Committee News

#### Member-To-Member

SAVE THE DATE - SECOND ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD DINNERS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010  
6:30 PM

The Member-To-Member committee is pleased to be sponsoring the neighborhood dinners again this year. This popular event provides a forum for small groups who live and/or work in the same area to gather, socialize and discuss topics of interest. More information will be sent out to members later next week.

#### Lunch-N-Books

Lunch-N-Books is an occasional meeting of CFE members who gather to discuss relevant and FUN books about finance and professional development. We invite you to attend our winter 2010 meeting, where we will discuss *Too Big to Fail*:

Wednesday, March 24, 2010  
12:00 noon - 1:15 pm  
Hosted by Michelle Moreno  
First Analysis Securities Corp.  
One South Wacker Drive - Suite 3900  
Lunch will be provided.  
Please RSVP by March 22 to [katebensen@ameritech.net](mailto:katebensen@ameritech.net)

Note: Because we need to register attendees with building security, registration by the RSVP date is required. You will need a photo ID to enter the building. You need not have read the book to attend.

#### Programs

CFE hosts "The Savage Truth -- What We REALLY Should Worry About in the Financial World" with keynote speaker Terry Savage on Tuesday, March 16 at the Standard Club, 5th floor Ballroom. Cocktails begin at 5:30pm, Program at 6:15pm and Dinner at 7:15pm.

The CFE Program Committee is busy planning our 2010 dinner meetings. Dates will be posted to the CFE calendar of events, once speakers are confirmed.

Did you know that CFE has a calendar of events listed on the members only side of our web site,

[www.chicagofinanceexchange.org](http://www.chicagofinanceexchange.org)? This calendar lists Dinner Meetings, Member-To-Member meetings, Board and Committee meetings and other events hosted by CFE. And, if you click on the calendar date of a particular meeting, additional information about that event will appear.

### **Membership**

Are you interested in proposing a new member? The Membership Committee, co-chaired by Michelle Moreno and Lynn McHugh reminds members that eligibility requirements for prospective members are posted on the CFE web site at [www.chicagofinanceexchange.org](http://www.chicagofinanceexchange.org).

The committee also reminds members that all new member candidates must be pre-qualified before the nomination process can begin. To assist members and the committee in pre-qualifying candidates, the committee has created a new member questionnaire form that is attached to this newsletter. Members looking to pre-qualify new members candidates are asked to complete this form and submit it to the CFE office or a member of the committee for pre-qualification.

The Committee remains focused on the senior-most professional women in Chicago area organizations and encourage every member to consider possible candidates. CFE seeks candidates that bring deep knowledge, experience and expertise to the group. Remember to pre-qualify all potential candidates by using the attached form. Committee members include: Michelle Moreno, co-chair ([mmoreno@firstanalysis.com](mailto:mmoreno@firstanalysis.com)), Lynn McHugh, co-chair ([llmchugh@gmail.com](mailto:llmchugh@gmail.com)), Donna Moore ([dmoore@chicagopublicradio.org](mailto:dmoore@chicagopublicradio.org)), Chris Rashid ([crashid@lotosgroupe.com](mailto:crashid@lotosgroupe.com)), Dorri McWhorter ([dorri.mcwhorter@crowehorwath.com](mailto:dorri.mcwhorter@crowehorwath.com)) and Lori Carlson ([lori.carlson@hospira.com](mailto:lori.carlson@hospira.com)).

### **CFE on LinkedIn**

The Chicago Finance Exchange has a members-only group on LinkedIn. We post open positions and host discussions on the site. If you already have a LinkedIn profile, just search on Groups for "Chicago Finance Exchange" and click on "Join this group." We hope you join us!

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