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Upcoming Events

July 10, 2014
Summer Social
(Members Only)

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
The Boarding House
[Register Online](#)

July 27, 2014
Michigan Summer Pot Luck

12:00 pm - 3:00 Eastern
Host: Joan Rockey
South Haven, MI
[Register Online](#)

July 29, 2014
Book Discussion

6:30 pm
Kendall College
[Register Online](#)

September 2, 2014
Book Discussion

7:00 pm
Zapatista Restaurant
Northbrook
[Register Online](#)

September 10, 2014
CFE Dinner Program

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
The Standard Club
[Register Online](#)

September 22, 2014
Social Media Workshop

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Deloitte

A Message from the President...

MyCFE...Adding Member Value



I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you are planning an enjoyable summer vacation. We should all take time out of our busy schedules for rest and rejuvenation. Just a brief note to update you on our summer activities and future events.

Cynthia L. Lafuente Bequest - Many of you received our email on May 7 regarding the generous bequest from our dear member Cyndi Lafuente. A member since 2003, Cyndi participated in a variety of CFE activities but had a special passion for CFE's philanthropic work with The Enterprising Kitchen, an organization whose mission was to empower low income women in Chicago. After much research and consideration, the CFE Board of Directors approved a donation in the amount of \$125,000 to the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago. The YWCA will use the gift to fund an expansion of its Center in Logan Square. The expanded facility will be named the "YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Cynthia L. Lafuente Center," scheduled to open in September 2014. CFE will formally celebrate this exciting partnership and Cyndi's life at our September dinner meeting. Details will be shared with you once finalized.

Continued Partnerships with Peer Organizations - Our Board Access Committee began initial conversations with peer organizations such as The Chicago Network, Women Corporate Directors and International Women's Forum to share resources in the advancement of women on corporate boards. Again this year, CFE is sponsoring nominations for FEI's Chicago CFO of the Year. Please join me in congratulating our nominee Isabelle Goossen, CFO, Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Similar to last year, CFE will arrange for members to sit together should you plan to attend FEI's reception to be held on Thursday, November 20, at the Marriott Magnificent Mile Hotel. We will keep you in the loop on event details as they become available.

Membership Recruitment - The membership committee continues to review various strategies to recruit new members and to build on contacts from the board and broader membership. We are happy to welcome our newest members Kim McGarry, SVP and Chief Accounting Officer, First Midwest Bank and Ellen Caya, Vice President & Chief Audit Executive, Office Depot, Inc. If you know of a financial executive that would enjoy the many benefits CFE offers, please be sure to refer them to us. You can contact me or our Membership Co-chairs at any time and

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Member Value

CFE offers members the opportunity to enhance the value of their membership by getting involved and joining a committee. If you are interested in getting more involved, contact a committee co-chair today!

Committees Include:

- Board Access
- Branding & Communications
- Education (Previously LunchNLearn)
- Member-To-Member
- Membership
- Philanthropy
- Programs

we will gladly help facilitate the nominating process.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our annual summer social on July 10th at The Boarding House. This is the one members-only event of the year and offers a great opportunity to catch-up with your CFE colleagues. We will also extend a special welcome to our new members who have joined in the last twelve months. Other great events planned in July include the CFE Summer Michigan Potluck and Book Discussions. Please log on to our website for further details.

Enjoy your summer,

Donna Moore
President, Chicago Finance Exchange

Welcome New CFE Members

Ellen Caya

Senior Vice President & Chief Accounting Officer
First Midwest Bank

Kim McGarry

Vice President & Chief Audit Executive
Office Depot, Inc.

CFE is strengthened by its membership, if you know of someone who might be interested in joining, please contact a someone on the Membership Committee.

Upcoming CFE Dinners

Annual Summer Social

5:30 pm, The Boarding House

New Member/Sponsor Reception at 5:00 prior to the Summer Social

[Register Now](#)

"A High-Return Investment: At-Risk Kids"

Presented by

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Networking: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:00 pm

Program: 7:00 pm

The Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Ct

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JB Pritzker

Entrepreneur, Investor and Philanthropist
Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Pritzker Group

Board Access Committee News

May was a busy month for the committee as it hosted a Board Readiness workshop led by Jennifer Christensen immediately before the May 8, 2014 dinner meeting which was attended by 19 members and a LinkedIn for Board Positioning Workshop on May 22, 2014 that was attended by 11 members. Both events were well received. We plan on supplementing material already found on the CFE website with items from both sessions. We are also in the process of supplementing the ranks of our board mentors and, for those members who are interested, will be pairing up mentors with potential board candidates.

The BAC is always looking for new board opportunities for CFE members who have an interest in this area. If you are invited to be on a board and want assistance preparing yourself for the opportunity please reach out to the committee. We will do everything we can to help you prepare. Additionally, if you are invited to serve on a board but have to pass on the opportunity please tell them to reach out to CFE or, better yet, pass the "lead" on to one of the BAC chairs and we will follow up on the opportunity.

Philanthropy Committee Partners With The Cara Program for 2014 CFE Clothing Drive

The Philanthropy Committee is pleased to partner again with The Cara Program for the 3rd Annual CFE Clothing Drive on September 10, 2014 (coinciding with the dinner program). The Cara Program is a non-profit organization that helps women break the cycle of poverty by providing job and interview skills training, interview techniques, and ongoing job retention support.

CFE will again be collecting business attire to donate to The Cara Program to help their clients prepare for entering the workforce. The most needed items are gently used, clean, interview-ready business attire, including: **suits, blazers or jackets, dress shirts/ blouses, dress pants, skirts, shoes, and new only socks or hosiery.** Clothing should be laundered/drycleaned; men's clothing will be accepted too.

Help transform a life and plan on bringing your donations September 10. Thank you.

Leslie Hindman Entertains and Educates at May Dinner Program

CFE members enjoyed an evening of Leslie's personal stories about the auction industry, plus tips and trends on how to shop for high quality items at good auction prices.



**Left to right:
Leslie Hindman and CFE members Martha Olson and Chris Rashid**

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Chicago Connections

September 10, 2014: Executives' Club of Chicago Women's Leadership Breakfast

Speaker: Debra L. Lee, Chairman, CEO, BET Network

Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park
Imperial Ballroom
200 N Columbus Drive
Chicago, IL

November 20, 2014:
Chicago CFO of the Year

Honoring the men and women who are Chicago's financial leaders.

Marriott Chicago Downtown
Magnificent Mile
540 N. Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL

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