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Upcoming Events

March 1

**NIRI in Your Neighborhood:
Downtown Informal
Breakfast Roundtable
Exelon Corporation**

10 South Dearborn
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

[Register](#)

March 8

**In Fed We Trust - Part 2: An
Update from David Wessel,
Wall Street Journal
Economics Editor, Capital
Columnist, and Pulitzer
Prize Winner**

The Standard Club
320 S. Plymouth Court
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

**NIRI in Your Neighborhood:
Western Suburbs Informal
Breakfast Roundtable
Corn Products International**

5 Westbrook Corporate
Center, Suite 500
Westchester, IL
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

[Register](#)

From the President



February was a great month with NIRI In Your Neighborhood networking receptions downtown and in the western suburbs, and a superb late afternoon program focusing on the IRO of the Future. With regard to the latter, the sun set on the 66th floor of Willis Tower while pros discussed the rising sun of the IR profession. Out-of-town guest speaker Pepper Binner of the executive search firm Korn Ferry discussed the firm's most recent survey of Fortune 500 IR professionals. Former NIRI National CEO Lou Thompson joined in by phone to opine on trends in IR, and NIRI-Chicago Board member Elizabeth

Higashi discussed how the CFA charter program is a great foundation for what will be an increasingly financial-oriented IRO.

Looking forward, don't miss our March 8th luncheon program at the Standard Club. Our featured guest speaker will be David Wessel, *Wall Street Journal* economics editor and author of the book *In Fed We Trust*. He is expected to update us on what to expect from the Fed and the U.S. and global economies in this election year. I am an avid reader of Wessel's Capital column in the *Wall Street Journal*, which I would commend to you as well.

Above and beyond the opportunity to hear from Wessel, you will have the chance to interact with some of the key leaders in investor relations from around the country as NIRI National's Board of Directors will be in town and joining us for this program, which includes remarks from NIRI National President Jeffrey Morgan. Also, our friends and colleagues from the Chicago Chapter of the Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals will be joining us for this special program.

I'd like to thank Exelon for hosting a breakfast roundtable for NIRI-Chicago downtowners on March 1, and remind everyone that Corn Products will host a breakfast roundtable for members in the western suburbs on March 20th.

Lastly, given expectations for overcrowding and tight security surrounding the G-8 and NATO summits being hosted in Chicago in mid-May, we're reluctantly canceling our May program, which was to have been held in the city. That gave us the opportunity to reschedule our north suburban informal breakfast roundtable from March to Wednesday, May 9 -- and we can promise that driving to Walgreens in Deerfield will be much easier than tripping over the "summitters" downtown.

In the meantime, we hope to see you March 8!

April 5

**NIRI in Your Neighborhood:
Northern Suburbs
Networking Reception
Hyatt Deerfield**

1750 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL

5:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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WSJ Economics Editor to Share Insight

In his book, "In Fed We Trust," David Wessel revealed the machinations of government regulators, Wall Street insiders, and the Bush administration as the U.S. suffered the collapse of Wall Street and the beginning of what has now become one of the most volatile periods for investors in our nation's history. Please join us for an update on what we should expect in 2012, Thursday, March 8 at the Standard Club. [Register Now.](#)



In the News

- Is your company or client running a tight ship? Beware the [whistle blower](#) who could sink it all, says one view.
- The downtrodden: After a crushing 2011, [hedge fund returns](#) fall behind S&P 500.
- Score 'points' for good behavior. Saints beat sinners for [sustainable investing](#).
- What is the meaning of [\(work\) life](#)? How senior executives routinely undermine creativity, productivity, and commitment by damaging the inner work lives of their employees in four avoidable ways.
- The job market appears to be picking up. So, if you're one of the many pounding the pavement, spit out the gum, turn off the cell phone and read up on these most [outrageous job interview mistakes](#).

Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: Elizabeth Allen, Manager, FedEx Corporation.

Congrats to NIRI member **Craig Stroom** of Discover Financial Services (Riverwoods, IL) on his Institutional Investor magazine nods from the buy- and sell-side for best IR professional -- consumer finance sector.

Thanks for reading the MEMBER CONNECTION.

If you have news to share -- promotions, new jobs, awards -- we'd love to tell our membership. Please send your information [here](#).

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