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President's Letter:

Dear FEI Central Ohio Members and Sponsors:

The leaves have fallen (although mine are still in unbagged piles) and the Holiday season is upon us. These next few months will lead us to think about what we are thankful for, and what gifts we will bestow on others and receive.

I'm going to touch on those holiday themes in the context of our FEI networking community.

What I'm Thankful For

Like the last newsletter where we recapped the state of the chapter, late in 2025 I remain very thankful for:

- The existence of our FEI chapter
 - o Which gives us a community of Finance leaders with whom to discuss ideas and build relationships
- Our chapter Sponsors that support and contribute to this community
 - o Sponsor financial support is the juice that makes our chapter meetings run
 - o We continue to have tremendous thought leadership this year from our Sponsors, bringing to the table insights on a variety of topics, including just to mention a few
 - o Columbus Regional Development update (Huntington and OneColumbus)
 - o The Big Bill ... not one but two sessions prior to and since its passage (Crowe)
 - o Artificial Intelligence 101 ... lessons from the front lines (AVAAP and Robert Half)
 - o Basic Wealth Management Principles (Everhart)

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President's Letter Continued:

- Our chapter Members and "Friends of"

Whether you participate routinely and actively, or only sometimes, your presence and engagement is what FEI is all about.

A Season of Giving

Have you ever been given a gift that you didn't think you would use, or didn't need, only to realize later that it was EXACTLY what you needed? Metaphorically, that is networking for me.

Early in my career, when I was part of a large company whose paternalistic culture took care of managing my career, I spent exactly ZERO time networking, even within the company let alone outside of it. I was too busy head down thinking that good execution and the company's good intentions would manage my career for me. When I left that big company, and then later when I relocated to Columbus, and then still later when I was let go from a job for the first time ever during the great recession ... well I quickly realized how insular and short sighted my approach had been. In that moment of need, I launched myself into networking with gusto. And despite some normal ebbs and flows of being too busy, since then, I've remained committed to it haven't looked back. And it paid off! I can say that I landed two or three roles since then either directly or indirectly from Finance networking groups.

So when sponsors, members, and "friends of" show up at an FEI meeting, that is a gift exchange. Sometimes you're giving – experience on a topic, advice, a contact, etc. Others you're getting – those same things, or maybe a connection that lands you your next career stop.

My wish for all of us, still in 2025 and into 2026, is that we take the opportunity to participate actively in this gift exchange that is our FEI community. That engagement may just be the perfect gift that you didn't realize you needed.

Thanks for your participation in our FEI community. All the best to all of you throughout the holidays and into 2026!

Regards,

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thurs August 14, 2025
4:30-7:00 pm
FEI and ACG
"Summer Social"
Scioto Country Club

Wed September 24,
2025 5:30-7:00 pm
Robert Half and Avaap
"AI in the Workplace"
Robert Half Office

Wed October 15, 2025
5:30-7:00 pm
FEI "Happy Hour"
The Little Grand Market

Thurs November 13,
2025 4:00-6:00 pm
Crowe
"Implementing the Big
Beautiful Bill"
Hofbrauhaus

Thurs December 4, 2025
4:30-7:00 pm
FEI and ACG
"Holiday Party"
Columbus Country Club

Tues January 13, 2026
5:00-6:30 pm
Hylant Program
Hylant Office

February 2026
Ice Miller Program
TBD

March 2026
Huntington Program
TBD

Wed, April 22, 2026
Everhart Advisors
Program

May 2026
Social
TBD

June 2026
Social
TBD

Upcoming Events:

"FEI and ACG Holiday Party"
Thursday, December 4, 2025 4:30-7:00 pm
Columbus Country Club



Join FEI and ACG for their annual "Holiday Party" at the beautiful Columbus Country Club. Enjoy networking, cocktails and appetizers while celebrating the season with your fellow financial executives. Register at the link below:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/38qpaxc>

Upcoming Webinars:

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 11:00-3:00 am Eastern Time Zone
[Public Company Readiness Conference CPE-Accredited Replay](#)

Wednesday, December 3, 2025-Friday, December 5, 2025
11:30 am Eastern Time Zone

[2025 Corporate Financial Reporting Insights Conference and CPE-Accredited Session Replays](#)

Past Events:

FEI at X-Golf Columbus
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 5:00-7:00 pm



Past Events Continued:

FEI enjoyed networking, Jet's Pizza and golf at X-Golf Columbus. Located at the Grandview Yard, X-Golf Columbus offers seven cutting-edge simulators for a top-tier golfing experience with a full bar, leagues and open play.



Past Events Continued:

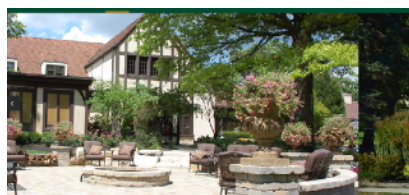


**FEI and Everhart Advisors
“Basic Wealth Management”
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Everhart Office**



FEI toured the new office of Everhart Advisors followed by Phil Parker, Wealth Manager, discussing “Basic Wealth Management.” Attendees enjoyed networking, cocktails and appetizers in their office bar, “The Grizzly.”

**FEI and Crowe
“Tax Hot Topics and Legislative Updates”
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Brookside Golf and Country Club**



Past Events Continued:

Jeremy Zink, Partner, Tax Services Group, Crowe, discussed “Tax Hot Topics and Legislative Updates” including “The Big Beautiful Bill” followed by a question and answer session, networking, cocktails and appetizers.

FEI at Antiques on High Wednesday, June 11, 2025



FEI enjoyed networking and cocktails on the rooftop of Antiques on High with dinner from Local Cantina. Antiques on High is owned by Seventh Son and specializes in sour beers and cocktails.

FEI and ACG “Summer Social” Thursday, August 14, 2025 Scioto Country Club

FEI and ACG enjoyed their annual “Summer Social” at the beautiful Scioto Country Club. The festive evening included networking, cocktails, appetizers and a silent auction benefiting “A Kid Again.” The organization makes a difference for children with life-threatening conditions and their families.



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**Robert Half and Avaap
“AI in the Workplace”
Wednesday, September 24, 2025
Robert Half Office at Bridge Park**



Bill Hodac, Client Solutions Director, Robert Half, and Jeff Brown, Senior Vice President, Avaap USA, led a candid conversation including current examples and trends of “AI in the Workplace at the Robert Half Bridge Park Office.”

**FEI at Little Grand Market
Wednesday, October 15, 2025**



FEI enjoyed a happy hour at the Little Grand Market at Grandview Crossing. The Little Grand spans 23,000 square feet and is a culinary and social hub including ten chef partners, two large bars and a vibrant indoor/outdoor atmosphere.

**FEI and Crowe
“Implementing the Big Beautiful Bill”
Thursday, November 13, 2025 4:00-6:00 pm
Hofbrauhaus**



Jeremy Zink, Partner, Tax Services Group, Crowe, explored “The One Beautiful Bill” at Hofbrauhaus. Jeremy provided a comprehensive look at key changes, impacts, and opportunities in the latest tax legislation. He shared how these updates will be implemented for 2025 and how they may shape future strategies and planning.

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Executive: \$150

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Military: \$150

Retired: \$125 Life Retired: \$125

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