



## From the President



Just a few days ago, I was prepping with the speakers for our December 13 program: End of Year or End of Times: A look at 2013 and Beyond, when I realized my tongue-in-cheek comment last month about the Talking Heads song, Road to Nowhere, appears more true than not. To find out why, come hear our panelists (Jason Dean, Chicago

bureau chief of the *Wall Street Journal*, Paul Nolte, managing director, Dearborn Partners and Chuck Gabriel, managing director, Capital Alpha Partners) share their perspectives on the economic, financial markets and political landscapes for 2013 and beyond. Register.

Now, while it may seem as though we are on a Road to Nowhere, there is still a light somewhere out there. For some of you, that guiding light may be the spirit of the season, your confidence in the future or the inspiration of others. Check out this month's Someone You Should Know to be inspired by Chicago chapter member Elizabeth Allen of Federal Express, who spends her Sundays serving dinner to the homeless and needy in a Memphis neighborhood.

Then again, that guiding light could be as simple as our annual holiday cocktail reception immediately following our December 13 program. Like Mr. Fezziwig at his memorable holiday party in a Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, I look forward to sharing a cup of good cheer with each of you.

Speaking of Mr. Fezziwig, as we close out 2012, I want to leave you with Scrooge's thoughts about him:

*"He has the power to render us happy or unhappy; to make our service light or burdensome; a pleasure or a toil.*

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**End of Year or End of Times? A Look at 2013 and Beyond**  
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**North Suburban Networking Reception**  
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*Say that his power lies in words and looks; in things so slight and insignificant that it is impossible to add and count them up: what then? The happiness he gives is quite as great as if it cost a fortune."*

May others say this about us, and may we be blessed to be able to say that about others. Happy holidays and best wishes for the new year!

Until next month,

**Lisa Ciota**  
President  
NIRI-Chicago

### **In the News**

- Commentary: how much time should a CEO devote to investor meetings?
- Is a powerful CEO good or bad for shareholders?
- Market signals analysis, or what your CEO needs to know about his stock's price.
- You don't want to see your company's stock in this ETF: forensic accounting achieves new visibility.
- The traditional model isn't working anymore for Wall Street investment banks.

### **NIRI-Chicago Member News**

**Share** your news (job changes, awards, interesting articles) -- and thanks for reading the MEMBER CONNECTION.

**Maryellen Thielen**  
Vice President, Communications  
NIRI-Chicago

### **Photo of the Month**



NIRI members listen intently to the November 7 panelists speak about Effective IR in the Changing Capital Markets

### **IR Cliffhangers**

How one company changed perceptions -- and the next year's proxy votes -- after a less-than-favorable outcome at its 2011 annual meeting.

### **Someone You Should Know**

One of NIRI-Chicago's out-of-town members, Elizabeth Allen of FedEx in Memphis talks about CSR, investor days and community volunteering.

### **Job Bank**

Check out our job listings. If you have a job to list send it to [info@niri-chicago.org](mailto:info@niri-chicago.org).