

## A Letter from the President



Greetings:

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are planning for a safe and Happy New Year. We have a number of excellent events coming up that you won't want to miss.

- January 15 – Career Management Luncheon. The topic will be “Leveraging Your Executive Brand to Become a Thought Leader” presented by Marianne Gooch of DynaComm, LLC. The event will be sponsored by SenseCorp and will be held at Willie G's.
- January 22 – Dinner Meeting. The Professional Development session will be an update on FASB & SEC actions presented by Mark Zilberman and Billy Tilotta of Moss Adams. Our dinner sponsor is Citi and our dinner speaker will be Brandon Rottinghaus, Professor of Political Science at University of Houston. Brandon will discuss the 2018 election results and what we can expect going forward.
- January 30 – Joint Seminar and Networking Reception with PKF – Texas. We are very excited to add this new event this year. The event will be held at the PKF – Texas offices and will include a reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and a panel discussion on the “State of Capital Markets” including: IPO activity, the outlook and update of private equity activity, and capital flow outlook for key industries. Panelists will include: Michelle Lewis, Principal, CapStreet among others.
- February 2 – Annual Wine Dinner – This year's wine dinner will again be sponsored by our Platinum sponsor, The Siegfried Group, and this year will it be held at the Petroleum Club of Houston. Again this year, attendance by members will be free and guest tickets are only \$75.

More details and registration for all of these events are available at our website [www.feihouston.org](http://www.feihouston.org). As always, at all of our events we encourage you to bring a colleague who will enjoy expanding their executive network and potentially joining our chapter.

Don't forget to connect with our sponsors during our events. Building high-quality relationships with outstanding professional service firms is one of the unique opportunities

provided by membership in our chapter.

And, don't forget to follow the chapter LinkedIn page <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/financial-executives-international-fei-houston-chapter/>. This is an important part of our efforts to extend the FEI brand.

As always, on behalf of your chapter leadership team, we thank you for your support and participation in our chapter. If you have any suggestions or want to participate in a committee don't hesitate to contact me at [robertmschmitz77@gmail.com](mailto:robertmschmitz77@gmail.com). The time investment is minimal and the payoff is well worth it.

Best wishes and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming chapter event.

Rob Schmitz

FEI Houston Chapter President 2018-19

## Evening Meeting

January 22, 2019

### The Junior League of Houston

- 4:00 Beat the Traffic Social**
- 4:30 Professional Development Session**
- 5:30 Social Hour**
- 6:30 Dinner & Presentation**

Register online by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. [feihouston.org](http://feihouston.org)

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Want to win a gift basket?

Attend the Monthly Meeting's Professional Development Session to be entered for our prize drawing. Must be present to WIN!

Look forward to seeing you at the next Professional Development Session!

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## January 22, 2019 Dinner Meeting

### "Interpreting the 2018 Election Results"

DINNER SESSION

#### Jeronimo Cortina, PhD, University of Houston

Jeronimo Cortina is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Associate Director of the Center for Mexican American Studies. He earned a PhD in Political Science from Columbia University where he previously earned a Master's degree in public Administration and Public Policy from the School of International and Public Affairs. Dr. Cortina specializes on Latino politics, survey research and immigration. His work has been published in scholarly and policy journals such as the Journal of Policy Studies, American Politics Research Journal, Foreign Affairs in Spanish, Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy and Migration and Development. His books include "Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do" published by Princeton University Press, "A Quantitative Tour of the Social Sciences" published by Cambridge University Press and "New Perspectives on International Migration and Development" with Columbia University Press.



(ACFE). Mark has been with MossAdams more than 10 years. Mark also recently spent 2 years as a Senior Audit Manager in the Houston's energy practice of Deloitte & Touche.

#### Billy Tilotta, Moss Adams

Billy has over 20 years of public accounting experience and is an Audit Partner in the Houston office of MossAdams. He provides audit and consulting services to both public and private companies in the oil field services and manufacturing/distribution industries, assisting them with due diligence services, consolidations, and private offerings, as well as mergers and acquisitions.



Prior to joining Moss Adams in 2002, Billy was an Audit Manager with Arthur Andersen LLP. He is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA).

### "AFASB & SEC Update"

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION

#### Mark Zilberman, Moss Adams

Mark is CPA and a Certified Fraud Examiner with 15 years of professional experience providing audit and accounting services. His experience includes audits of mid-size public and private enterprises in the upstream energy space. Mark's background also includes assisting both public and private clients with a variety of significant transactions, including public and private offerings of common and preferred stock, and private placements of debt and equity. He has substantial experience with registration statements on Forms S-1, S-3, S-4 and S-8, in addition to reviews of quarterly and annual filings on Forms 10-Q and 10-K, respectively. Mark has substantial experience with integrated audits for small, mid-size and large public exploration and production companies.

#### 2018-2019 Season UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 15 - Career Management

Jan 22 - Dinner Meeting

Jan 30 - Joint Seminar and  
Networking Reception

Feb 2 - Annual Wine Dinner

In addition to his E&P experience, Mark has also developed a focus in the manufacturing and distribution, oilfield service, and construction industries. In addition to his experience with mid-size companies, he also possesses audit experience with large public and private enterprises in the upstream energy space. He is a member of both the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners



The Annual FEI Houston Chapter  
*Wine Dinner*  
Saturday, February 2, 2019

The Petroleum Club  
201 Louisiana Street, 35th Floor  
713.591431

6:30pm - Champagne Reception  
7:30pm - Multiple-Course Dinner  
with Wine Pairings

Free for Members | \$75 for Guests

The Siegfried Group will host a "Wine Pull"  
Donate a Wine Bottle Now!

RSVP by Tuesday, January 29, 2019  
online at [feihouston.org](http://feihouston.org)

Cocktail Attire (Black-Tie Optional)

Proceeds from the Wine Pull Event  
will be donated to the  
FEI Houston Scholarship Foundation

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[Register Now](#)

## Meeting Directions

The Junior League  
of Houston  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane  
Houston, TX 77027

Register online!

Registration closes  
Jan. 18, 2018.





## 2018-2019 FEI Houston Mission Statement & Goals

### MISSION:

FEI's mission is to advance the success of senior-level financial executives, their organizations, and the profession.

### GOALS:

- Maintain and enhance the value of the FEI brand by focusing on quality – quality members, programs and sponsors
- Be relevant to members
- Offer high quality programs and resources that help develop current and future financial officers
- Develop high quality and engaged sponsors to assist the Chapter financially, help identify programs and speakers, and help recruit new members
- Make FEI relevant and known in the community through involvement in Houston financial matters; be the voice of the financial community
- Run an effective, professional, and fiscally sound Chapter operation
- Give back to the community through our own foundation and in other ways in which our members personally choose



## NEW MEMBERS

**Kathryn Epperson**  
Phillips 66

**Hector Gonzalez**

**Sonya Rosenbach**  
Allied Orion Group

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