



SEPTEMBER

09/10/08 – Kick Off Event @ The Gage Restaurant and Tavern. *The Gage* will be providing a wine tasting featuring Fall's newest trends in wine. Wine, light appetizers, and networking is all included! For our past members, we welcome you back. For all those who are new to Chicago Financial Women, we encourage you to attend and discover more about the organization.

OCTOBER

10/15/08 – Why Expectations Set the Experience @ Merrill Lynch. The connection between your customers' expectations and reality is the core of the Customer Experience. Jeannie Walters, President of Vox, Inc., will give you tools to decode what your customers expect and make it work for you. You will learn how to: Listen effectively to your customers; Set the right customer expectations; and Monitor the success of meeting and exceeding those expectations.

NOVEMBER

11/12/08 – Professional Networking Roundtable Event @ Merrill Lynch. The event will consist of 20 minute rotations moderated by a Chicago Financial Women senior member representing the technology, accounting, trading, banking side of finance, and other areas of financial services. Participants will be able to explore each others job roles in detail and give or receive advice on career development through their experiences.

DECEMBER

12/11/08 – Holiday Party for Members Only @ the Hard Rock Hotel, The Base Bar. An evening filled with fine food and drinks, along with a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends of the organization. The first round of drinks and appetizers are on us!

JANUARY

1/29/09 – Hedge Fund Panel Discussion @ Sidley Austin LLP. Since recent market developments leave us at a pivotal moment in the history of the alternative investments industry, this year's event will feature three seasoned veterans, discussing their views on the past, present and future of hedge funds. Panelists will include Devi Koya, Managing Director of Stark Investments; Terri Engelman Rhoads, former President and Managing Member of Denali Investment Group, LLC; Roxanne Martino, President, CEO and Portfolio Manager at Harris Alternatives, LLC

FEBRUARY

02/18/09 – Chocolate & Wine Tasting Members Only. The night will consist of exploring different types of chocolate traditions and specialties. Our "tasting tour" will be guided by Valerie Beck, the self-proclaimed "Chief Executive Chocolate Lover". Valerie has been hosting tours, tastings, and creating chocolate gift baskets for the last three years. Come out and get reacquainted with friends and colleagues. Light hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served.

MARCH

03/11/09 – Leadership Series – Melody Hobson. "Women, Money & the Market" @Northern Trust. Northern Trust and Chicago Financial Women invite you to spend an evening with our featured Women on Top Series speaker, Melody Hobson, as she discusses "Women, Money & the Market". Melody Hobson is president of Ariel Investments and serves as chairman of the board of trustees for the mutual funds. In addition to her role at Ariel, Melody has become a nationally recognized voice on financial literacy and investor education.

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APRIL

04/22/09 – Rediscover Family Intellectual Capital with Dr. Carolyn Friend of Inheriting Wisdom. Economic uncertainty leads to a narrowed perspective focusing on finances. While you cannot control market volatility you can create stability, for your family or for those important to you. Dr. Carolyn Friend will present strategies that will Empower you to open new channels of communication; Fortify family relationships; and Flourish with a renewed focus. Dr. Carolyn Friend is an esteemed Chicago psychologist specializing in life transition and generational issues. She has more than 20 years of experience working with individuals and families on the issues of cross-generational wealth transfer, human behavior and the dynamics of family businesses.

MAY

05/20/09– Finding and Turning Your Passion into Profit @ The Standard Club. With the current environment, many people are asking themselves..."What do I do next"? With this in mind, we encourage you to attend our panel discussion that may get your creative side flowing and give you inspiration to find your passion...and perhaps turn it into profit! These three women have not only found their passion, but turned their passion into a business: Valerie Beck, *Chicago Chocolate Tour*; Denise Maple, *VaVaVroom*; and Katy Casserly, *Olive Events*.

JUNE

06/11/09 Annual Meeting and Board of Director Elections @ Sidley Austin. All members are encouraged to attend and vote for the 2009/2010 Board Members! After the election meeting, we will head to Rosebud Prime (in the same building) to celebrate the end of a great year and toast our new board members. First round of drinks and appetizers are on us!

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