



SEPTEMBER

9/15/2010 -Kick-Off Event @ The Artisan Cellar

The evening begins at 5:30pm with Refreshments and Networking. 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

10/20/2010 – Part I—The Culture that Fits @ Amata

How important is the corporate culture of your firm? How can it impact your professional and personal success? Determining which corporate culture - whether big or small - is the right fit for you will certainly provide you with another tool for your belt of success.

While some things are beyond our control – our manager and our colleagues, other aspects are a matter of choice – what role will I apply for and with which company?

Professional success depends on many factors, and we have a better chance of achieving success if we examine the aspects of our career where we can make choices and choose roles and companies that are a great fit.

NOVEMBER

11/18/2010 – Part II—We’re Merging! Now what?! @ Amata

In the aftermath of a merger there is often consolidation, responsibility alterations, not to mention culture shock. An insightful panel joins us to discuss their experiences during the quest for stable ground following a merger announcement, how to stand out (not shake out) in reorganization and add insight to navigating a cultural change when your organization has been turned upside-down.

DECEMBER

12/15/2010 - 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

1/27/2011 – Networking Roundtable @ Pipeline Trading

We will be hosting a Professional Networking Roundtable event. 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.

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FEBRUARY

1/24/2011 – Career Dressing for 2011 @ Ann Taylor

In the 80's women wore 'power' suits so we could be like the boys. We added shoulder pads, decorative buttons, scarves, and big jewelry. Do you remember the movie "Working Girl"? How about the women of "Dynasty"? This was the decade of excess.

Less became more in the 90's. Cleavage was front and center (pun intended) with the new Wonderbra. Fleece and pashmina were all the rage. We wore bright suits ala "Murphy Brown" and "Alley McBeal" made dressing like women acceptable...challenging the notion that dressing stylishly did not hamper ones intelligence. What is appropriate business dressing for 2011? Is Liz Lemon ("30 Rock") our new role model? How short is too short? Do we still wear pantyhose? Are 'club clothes' appropriate on casual work days? What is personal style? What about the working mom? Help....

Ann Taylor and founder of "The STYLE Principle", Susan Mowder will take us through 2 presentations focusing on the 3 tiers of management style: Senior Management, Mid-level management and entry level as well as defining Business Casual and creating a multi functional wardrobe.

MARCH

3/31/2011 – Dodd-Frank Act Panel Discussion @ Sidley Austin

Please join 100 Women in Hedge Funds, Chicago Financial Women and Sidley Austin LLP for our fifth annual hedge fund industry leadership event. This year's event will be a panel discussion of the Dodd-Frank Act and its impact on the financial services industries. Our panel will feature seasoned markets and regulatory professionals. The panelists are: Samara Cohen, Managing Director of Goldman Sachs; Maureen Dempsey, Assistant Regional Director of the Securities and Exchange Commission; Irena Gecas-McCarthy, Principal of Deloitte & Touche; and Christal Lint, Director and Associate General Counsel of the CME Group.

MAY

5/19/2011 – Giving Back to Your Community @ Pipeline Trading

Many of want to give back to our community but how? Volunteer? Join a board? Come listen to our expert panel discuss: How does one get involved in a non-profit/charity to give of one's time as a volunteer? Or as board member? What volunteer opportunities are there if you have limited amount of time to give such as an hour/month? An hour/week? Volunteering based on expertise? How does one get appointed to a board of directors? Does one need to volunteer first to become a member of the board of directors?

Panelists include: Jane McCart, Carla Carstens, LauraJane Hyde, Scot Houghton, and Michelle Sherbun

JUNE

6/22/2011 - Please join us for our Annual Meeting @ South Branch Tavern & Grille

During this meeting, we will be holding open board elections and discussing the year in review. Following the business portion of the meeting, we will move the networking and end of year celebration at Pegasus Restaurant....and the first round of drinks and appetizers are on us!

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