

Houston Chapter *Newsletter*

March 17 Meeting *Recruiting for Financial Officers in Unsettled Times* Gordon Grand III Russell Reynolds Associates



Gordon Grand III leads the global Financial Officer's Practice for Russell Reynolds Associates. Gordie began his career with Russell Reynolds in Washington, D.C. in 1983. He relocated to New York to become Deputy Manager of the firm's head office, and subsequently the Manager.

Prior to joining Russell Reynolds, Gordie was with the Bank of America in San Francisco as a relationship manager covering Fortune 1000 companies. He moved to Chemical Bank where he served as Area Manager for Northern California, then Deputy Area Head for Chemical's Energy and Minerals Group in Europe and Africa.

The Russell Reynolds firm handles some 300 financial officer searches each year worldwide. Clients include corporations, private equity sponsors, banks and governmental agencies. In addition to heading up the global Financial Officer's practice, Gordie specializes in board and CFO positions for large multinational clients.

Gordie received his A.B. degree cum laude from Harvard University and his M.B.A. from the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia. He is married with three children, and lives in North Salem, New York just outside of New York City.

Joining Gordie at our meeting will be Steve Newton, manager of the Houston office of Russell Reynolds. Steve co-leads the Financial Services Sector in the Americas and assists in the Industrial and Natural Resources Sector. Prior to joining the firm, Steve was with the Energy Group of Bankers Trust Company in London, New York and Paris.

Professional Development Session: *Succeeding in Turbulent Times*

Mark L. Zajac, Audit Partner, KPMG



At the March meeting, Mark Zajac will discuss a perspective on the nation's current economic situation, impact on financial reporting and lessons learned from the 2008 reporting period.

Mark is an Audit Partner in KPMG's Houston office energy practice. He has been serving energy clients since 1994 and has been in public practice for over 15 years. Mark has served a variety of clients in the energy industry including the exploration and production, trading & marketing, and independent power sectors. He has extensive experience with securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and global accounts. These experiences have exposed him to a wide variety of situations including international travel, SOX 404 attestations, emerging accounting and industry issues, comfort letters, security offerings and various rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. He is a member of KPMG's Financial Instruments & Derivatives Resource team and actively consults on derivative and hedging matters.

Mark graduated from Texas Tech University with a BBA in Finance and completed his MBA in accounting in 1994. Mark is a licensed Texas, Pennsylvania and Tennessee CPA and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

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A Letter from the President...



Our March meeting has historically had a Career Development theme, and we intend to continue that tradition this year. Our dinner speaker on March 17 will be Gordie Grand of Russell Reynolds Associates. The firm is one of the world's premier retained executive search firms, and Mr. Grand leads their financial officer recruiting practice from his base in New York. He is reputed to be an excellent speaker and I feel very fortunate that he was willing to travel to Houston to speak to us. I am sure the membership will find his remarks interesting.

Our Platinum sponsor for the March meeting is **KPMG**, a long-term supporter of Houston's FEI chapter, and they will present our Professional Development session. Our Gold sponsor for the March meeting is **Wells Fargo**, also a long-term supporter. Please thank these sponsors for their support when you see them at the March meeting.

Once again, I would like to remind you of the annual FEI Summit, which this year is just up the road in Grapevine (near Dallas) at the Gaylord Texan. You can register on FEI National's website. Several Houston Chapter members are planning to attend and I encourage all of our members to go. The programs are valuable and the socializing is fun!

The March 17 meeting would be a great meeting for you to invite, as your guest, a friend or co-worker who is qualified for FEI membership. Not only could you win a \$100 dinner at Pappas Steak House in Todd's raffle, your guest will enjoy the evening, and hopefully, join the Chapter!

In closing, I'd like to thank Kevin Dartez and his committee for doing such a fine job organizing Academic Honors Day. It takes a lot of time to work with the colleges and universities and to organize the events, and I'm very grateful to Kevin and his team for all their effort. Also, Jim Storfer and a group of past presidents worked hard in January and February to put together the slate of officers and directors for the 2009-10 year that you see below. Jim deserves many thanks for leading this effort.

With best regards,
Chris Brewster, President 2008-2009
cbrewster@cardtronics.com

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Be on the lookout for prospective members! Member Recruitment Luncheon April 2

The next **prospective member recruitment luncheon** is scheduled for **Thursday, April 2nd** and will be held at the Plaza Club on the 49th floor of One Shell Plaza in downtown. Please contact Phil Denning (713-241-9329) or Todd Ruden (832-308-4150) if you know of any prospective members that you would like to have invited.

Any member bringing a prospect is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thanks to Randy Braud for his efforts to gain Shell's sponsorship of this event!

Save the Date - May 2 Derby Day at Sam Houston Race Park

The Spring Social Event this year will be something a little different. Come and watch the Kentucky Derby and live racing on Saturday May 2nd at Sam Houston Race Park. FEI members and their spouses or guests will be treated like VIP's as we watch on big screen TV's the most exciting two minutes in sports. The viewing of the Derby will be combined with live thoroughbred racing at Sam Houston Race Park and a live concert event at the end of the evening.

Watch your mail for fabulous invitation that includes the tentative schedule:

- 1:00 pm Live Thoroughbred Racing at Sam Houston Race Park
- 5:00 pm Televised coverage of Kentucky Derby
- 6:00 pm Live Concert event

Mark your calendars to sip mint juleps and savor the sight of horses, hats and roses on Saturday May 2nd. Stay tuned for more details.



April 30 FEI Houston Chapter Golf Tournament

By Gerry Trostle

The Houston Chapter Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday afternoon, April 30th at Blackhorse Golf Club in northwest Houston. An announcement with more details on the afternoon's activities is located on [page 4](#). Bank of America is the Gold sponsor for this event. The cost is \$50 per member (a \$150 value) and includes lunch, driving range, greens fee, snacks, beverages and dinner with open bar. Your first guest is free; second and third guests are \$50 each. This is a fun event for golfers of all abilities (or no abilities). There are cart goodie bags for all golfers (including the ever popular bottle of wine), a putting contest, awards and raffle prizes. You will receive an email with registration information shortly and can also register at the February meeting. The registration deadline is April 16th. Contact Gerry Trostle at 713-888-8614 or gtrostle@enerfin.com with any questions.

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FEI Houston Chapter Annual Member, Guest and Sponsor Golf Tournament Thursday, April 30



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- Lunch, driving range, green fee, beverages on the course and open bar and dinner after golf
- ½ hour driving range clinic by a Blackhorse teaching pro.
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place teams, closest to the pin, and long drive (four flights, based on handicap)
- Cart goodie bags for all players
- Putting contest - chance to win \$5,000 cash!

FORMAT:

- Scramble – each player tees off. The best tee shot is selected and all players hit second shots from that spot. The best second shot is selected, and all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.
- Mulligans allowed based on handicap – higher handicapped players will get more mulligans than lower handicapped players

SCHEDULE:

11:30 – 12:45 Registration, lunch and practice
12:45 – 1:15 Short game clinic
1:30 – 6:00 Shotgun start
6:00 – 7:00 Open bar, dinner and awards

COST:

\$50 per member (\$150 value), 1st guest is free, additional guests are \$50 each (limit three guests per member)

REGISTRATION:

Watch for an email from the FEI Houston Chapter with registration details, or register at the March 17 Meeting at the Houston Country Club. Registration deadline is April 16th.

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Doug Kehring
Oracle
Art of Persuasion-Oracle's
Acquisition of PeopleSoft
Prof. Development
Sirius Solutions

April 30
Annual Golf
Tournament
Blackhorse Golf Club

May 2
Derby Day Social
Event
Sam Houston Race Park

May 19
Monthly Meeting
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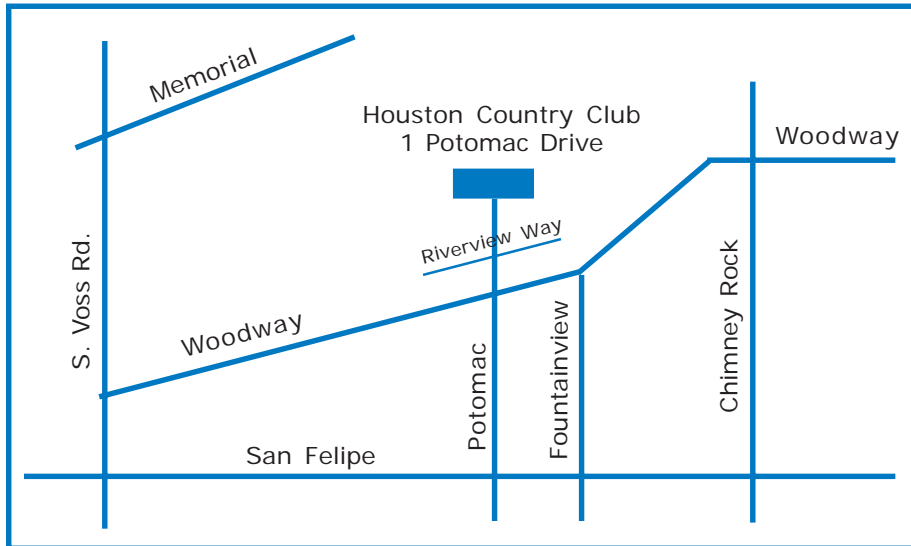
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March 17 Fax/Mail Reservation Form

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Mail to: P.O. Box 631206, Houston, TX 77263-1206 or Fax to: 713.776.1308
One form per registrant please, photocopy as necessary.

Reservations Required by 3:00 pm 2 business days before the meeting.
may be canceled without cost as late as noon the day before the meeting. "No-shows"
will be billed \$90.

Meeting Location: Houston Country Club - 1 Potomac Drive

Meeting Cost: No charge for Chapter Members and 1st time prospective members.
Guests -\$90/person (guests & prospective members must be accompanied by member)

Attendee Name

Organization

Address City/State/Zip

Phone Fax E-Mail

Check One: Chapter Member 1st time Prospective Member

Guest \$90 (guest of member): _____

Attending: Professional Development & Dinner Dinner Meeting Only

Guests please indicate payment via: MasterCard Visa Amex

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