

FEATURE *...kind courtesy Thomas Van Zuiden, Hamilton Chapter member*

History of the Hamilton Chapter

The Hamilton Chapter of what was then known as the Controllers Institute of America was formed December 3, 1948. Chapters in the U.S. had been in existence for a number of years prior to that date but Hamilton was the first Canadian chapter.

Prior to its formation, some of the men who became its founding members would attend meetings of the Buffalo N. Y. chapter. The Chapter grew quickly in numbers, drawing membership not only from Hamilton but also other Southern Ontario communities such as Niagara Region, London, Brantford and Kitchener-Waterloo. The present Southwestern Ontario Chapter was later spun off from Hamilton as a separate chapter. Other chapters were formed in Canada in fairly rapid succession.

In those early years, the chapters in Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal were part of the so called Northeastern Area of FEI comprising Boston, Albany, Buffalo and other cities in the US north-east. The parent organization changed its name to Financial Executives Institute and of course more recently to its present name. FEI Canada was formed in the early 70s with close affiliation to the U.S. organization.

During the early history of our chapter, Hamilton still had a significant manufacturing base and members from companies such as Firestone, Westinghouse, Otis Elevator, Slater Steel, Dofasco, Hamilton Cotton, National Steel Car, Robertson Building Systems, Donald Ropes, International Harvester, Stelco Inc., Studebaker Canada, Canadian Cannery, Pigott Construction, Atlas Steel supported the chapter immensely.

THE PRESIDENT'S CENTER

We have responded to your survey feedback.....

Feedback from the survey conducted earlier this year highlighted the need for communication between the board and members. Accordingly, this is the first of four quarterly updates. Further, the board has resolved that six dinner events will be held in the year rotating in the cities we serve i.e. Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Kitchener, and Niagara. In this sense we will bring the events closer to you for your convenience. To streamline the "administrivia", the \$125 Chapter dues will be replaced by a \$200 annual fee entitling the members to attend all six events at no extra cost. A credit card processing arrangement is being put in place and all credit card information will be held in strict confidence.

Next year will be the 60th Anniversary of the Hamilton Chapter. Let us build energy and momentum to celebrate with good reason. Members are invited to come out to events and participate.

..... Bob Rollwagen

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sept 20, 2007 in Burlington – Chapter AGM and speaker [Mark Gordon from OnCap](#) on Private Equity

Oct 25, 2007 in Oakville – Economic update by Stewart Hall from HSBC entitled "5 Blind men and an elephant"

Nov 29, 2007 in Kitchener – Leadership and Culture - details to follow

Mark your calendars for future events, details to follow

- Feb 28 2008*
- April 3 2008*
- May 8, 2008*

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