

## REFLECTING & LOOKING FORWARD

Wow! It is hard to believe that my year as Chapter President is coming to a close. It has been a privilege to serve in this role. I am so appreciative of all the time and energy volunteered by our board and committee members. It speaks volumes about their commitment to our profession and FPA. Through our combined efforts, a lot has been accomplished.

Reflecting on 2014, we had a terrific year with great meetings and events including some “firsts”! Rachel Fieweger was the driving force behind our **first** NexGen events including happy hours, coffee talks and even a trap shooting event. Nick Maningas took the lead on our **first** National Advocacy Day in Washington, DC where Kevin Coughlin, Scott Kaminsky, Steve Kryzwicki, Sameer Somal and Cathy Seeber joined FPA members from around the nation to meet with legislators. Benjamin Cummings has been successful in establishing our **first** student chapter at St. Joe’s University. Sameer, Benjamin and many of our board members met with the students in October to discuss career paths in Financial Planning.

Pete Gutekunst, Larry Helmick and the education committee did a terrific job in bringing us so many great education programs throughout the year. Steve Kryzwicki organized a terrific member media-training event to create a robust media response team for our chapter.

Dave Hoyer and his team have continued to expand the pro bono outreach efforts in the community. Chris Bertram and the membership committee again, organized our annual New Member breakfast. Bill Love has continued to create relationships with like-minded professional organizations. On December 4<sup>th</sup> we had many of our members gather with members from ASPPA and PEBA at Xfinity Live for a lively holiday networking event. Nick Maningas and Kraig Null worked diligently on enhancing our Sponsor relations and benefits.

This year also brought us some new technology; thank you to Vince Barbera, Chris Stewart and Erik Evans for your dedication in making the transition.

Many thanks and sincere appreciation to Bill Suplee for his years of dedication and support as he finishes his year as Chairman. I’d also like to thank Scott Kaminsky and Scott Bombeck for their service and support on the board.

Rich Durso has been an incredible force and help to me (he is literally everywhere). I know our Chapter will grow and thrive as he assumes the role of President for 2015.

We just held our Strategic Planning meeting for 2015 and there is a lot to look forward to! Check out the upcoming events in this newsletter. Additionally, there are plans in place to have more regional study groups, happy hours and social events throughout 2015. One of our primary goals is to get more members involved in the various committees to make all of this happen. If you get more involved in our chapter, I guarantee you will value your membership even more!

With appreciation, Paula Nangle