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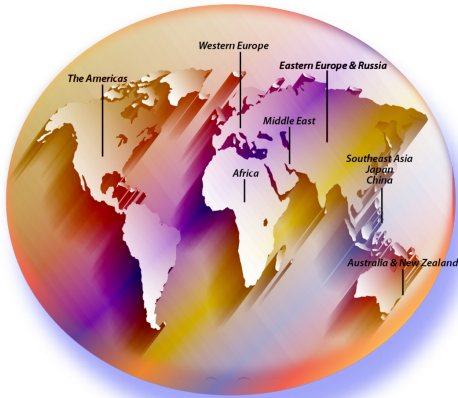
Let me start by saying how proud we are of having serviced our members' needs in financial education for 35-years. Preserving the defined benefit model of guaranteed lifetime retirement benefits has always been at the core of our mission. And we extend those thanks especially to our Associate Members who faithfully guide and support us in that mission.

We hope you are planning to attend the FPPTA 35th Annual Conference later this month. (Register online at www.fppta.org.) Technology is changing the world so fast, it's sometimes helpful to take a step back to gain perspective and that's what we'll do this year.

And please join me in congratulating Ann Thompson and Lexi Smith as recipients of the Raymond T. Edmondson Service Award and the Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship.

FPPTA 35th Annual Conference

Investing in a Global World is our theme and we'll take you on a trip



around the planet to see new markets, new opportunities for investors - and where there may be market disrupters. We highlighted three of our keynote speakers in last month's issue, please see below our spotlight this month on the remaining presenters.

Raymond T. Edmondson Service Award

This year's Raymond T. Edmondson Service Award goes to Ann Thompson. Ann has been a member of the FPPTA Board of Directors since 2007, where she has served tirelessly. She has also served on the Audit Committee (2010 - present), the Education, Executive Oversight, and Relief Committees (2007 - present), and now on the Scholarship Committee (2018 - present). Ann also edited and published **The Voice** magazine for 11-years. But Ann has been serving the FPPTA even longer than that - she was a member of the Advisory Board when she was employed by Sun Trust starting in 1998; after retirement, Ann became a trustee on the Vero Beach Pension Board and earned her CPPT designation. She has been a trustee member of the FPPTA since 2005. Now that's dedication! Congratulations Ann, we are proud to have you as a member of the FPPTA.



Ann Thompson, CPPT, Recipient of the Raymond T. Edmondson Service Award



Lexi Smith

FPPTA Scholarship Award

The first FPPTA scholarship has been awarded to Lexi Smith. Lexi's father serves with the Cooper City Police Department. Lexi is a graduate of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where she earned a grade point average of 4.66. Lexi is planning to attend Nova Southeastern University where she will major in biology and environmental science. Her long-term goal is to become an equine veterinarian.

Administrator's Certificate Program Update

From Peter C. Hapgood, Director of Education

Because of this year's conference theme ... "Investing in a Global Economy" is so topical, the FPPTA Education Committee has decided not to offer the Administrator's Certificate Program at the Annual Conference. The program content should be very interesting and helpful to all FPPTA members!



Peter Hapgood, CPPT

Please complete the Administrators' [Survey](#) to assist the FPPTA Education Committee with the preparation for the next Administrator's Certificate Program offering next year.

See you in Orlando!

Human resources costs may offset savings of benefit cuts.

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College this month issued an issue brief that examined whether cuts to pension benefits caused public employees to leave their jobs.

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PENSION NEWS CLIPS PUBLISHED IN MAY 2019

Prepared by Fred Nesbitt, PhD

In the news last month: The firefighter cancer bill was signed by the governor in May.

LeRoy Collins' most recent Report Card was released and it contained some

good news, "the institute's new study, based on 2017 data, found that the number of plans earning an "A" grade has more than tripled since 2014. Meanwhile, while the number of "F" graded pension plans has dropped from 60 to 4." But it also contained some bad news.

Check out these and more stories that appeared across the state last month.

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Spotlight on Keynote Speakers & Presenters at the 35th Annual Conference



Ron Insana

Meet Ron Insana

A financial journalist who stands alone among his peers in having the experience of working for and running his own hedge fund, Ron Insana offers clear, unvarnished insights on the ever-changing status of the economy.

Currently host of a nationally-syndicated daily radio updates and a senior analyst and commentator for CNBC, Insana has access to all of the top financial players in Washington and on Wall Street. His hands-on experience in the financial industry—through some of the markets' most turbulent times—give an added depth of perspective that few analysts can match.

He also delivers The Market Scoreboard Report to radio stations around the country. He has written for Money magazine and USA Today and has hosted two nationally syndicated radio programs.

Meet Jeff Butler

Jeff Butler helps bridge generational gaps between Millennials and companies looking for their talent and patronage.



Butler is a third-generational Silicon Valley entrepreneur and has founded three companies

Jeff Butler

beginning at the age of 27. As a computer science major at U.C. Berkeley whose program was ranked second in the country, he experienced the ongoing parade of companies and recruiters trying to woo him and his classmates. Within just the past three years, he has spoken at two TEDx events and multiple Fortune 500 companies such as Google, Amazon, and LinkedIn.

Butler is the author of two books *The Authentic Workplace* and *The Key to the New You*.



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