

NIRI – FAIRFIELD/WESTCHESTER CHAPTER

Chapter Leadership Award Selection Announced – Mary Ann Dunnell

Dear Fellow Chapter Members:

I am delighted to announce that Mary Ann Dunnell, Vice President, Corporate and Financial Communications for Chemtura Corporation, has been selected to receive the NIRI Fairfield/Westchester Chapter Leadership Award. Set forth below is what I emailed to Robin Kite, Manager of Chapter Services at NIRI National, regarding her selection:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that I have selected (with the help of my Board and membership) Mary Ann Dunnell for the NIRI Fairfield/Westchester Chapter Leadership Award. Mary Ann has served our Chapter for many years – 10-plus if I have been informed correctly – in various officer roles (five as president, 2 as treasurer, and at least 2 on programs). She exudes professionalism in everything she does, and has an unshakeable calm and witty demeanor that she gracefully applies in her leadership style. Mary Ann has a strong unflappable drive to see that the goals she sets for the Chapter and herself are achieved. She is very encouraging to others, extremely welcoming to new members (including me when I transferred from the Rocky Mountain Chapter), and has become a wonderful colleague, mentor and friend to all. On behalf of my fellow NIRI Fairfield/Westchester Chapter Board and members, I am honored and privileged to present our Chapter Leadership Award selection.

According to the email request from Beth Carty, Senior Vice President of Member Services and Chapter Development at NIRI National, this individual's name was to be kept confidential until the June 10th Leadership Awards Dinner at the Annual Conference, but Robin said the New York Chapter couldn't hold secrets very well so they informed their award recipient. Consequently, I couldn't wait to tell Mary Ann, either. Actually, I asked Pam Styles, outgoing board member (moving to Virginia this summer), to give her the good news. Just two days ago, Mary Ann gave Pam our departing farewell gift at our monthly Chapter program event for May. It is not very often, and in fact this may be the first time I have experienced it in my career, that two professionals have been able to switch honorarium roles in 48 hours.

Mary Ann will be unable to attend the NIRI Annual Conference in San Diego, but I have asked Vicki Garcia to accept the recognition on her behalf. Please join me in congratulating Mary Ann on such a distinguished professional accomplishment!

Steven P. Eschbach, CFA
President, NIRI Fairfield/Westchester Chapter

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