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CSIFT January 14 Dinner Meeting Kickoff for the New Year - SAVE THIS DATE!

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Rosewood Restaurant

9421 West Higgins Rd, Rosemont, IL. Tel: 847-696-9494

January 14, 2013

Appetizers at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00



About the Speaker:

Dr. Mark Whitacre, COO and President, Cypress Systems.

The movie, *The Informant* was based on his life as a corporate executive and as an undercover agent for FBI price fixing case. (You can rent the movie!) These books have been written about this case: *Rats in the Grain* and *Mark Whitacre Against all Odds*.

"The story of Mark Whitacre's redemption and second chance is one of the most inspirational stories of our time." Douglas Burriss, Chief of US Federal Probation, Eastern District of Missouri.

Education: B.S. and M.S. in Animal Science, Ohio State; Ph.D. in Nutritional Biochemistry, Cornell University; Law degrees, Juris Doctor and L.L.M., from Northwestern California University in Sacramento, California; MBA, Ph.D. in Psychology, and Ph.D. in Economics, Kensington University, Glendale, Ca.

Mark Whitacre, Ph.D has almost two decades of top management experience as CEO, COO & President. Much of Mark's top management experience was obtained at Fortune 500 companies prior to leading entrepreneurial companies, especially in the area of biotechnology and fermentation. He was president of ADM's BioProducts Division from its inception and it became one of the largest fermentation complexes in the world in less than six years. He is now COO of Cypress Systems (www.cypsystems.com) and has worked for companies including Ralston Purina and Degussa.



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Topic 1: “When great leaders lose their way” (Business Ethics)

Mark Whitacre is best known for his whistle-blower role in the Archer Daniels Midland largest price-fixing case in history in the mid-1990’s. He was the FBI informant of this historic case and wore a wire every day for almost three years. He was charged and convicted for several white-collar crimes including fraud that occurred during his tenure as president of ADM’s BioProducts Division.

Dr. Mark Whitacre was released from prison in December, 2006 after almost nine years of incarceration. During incarceration, Mark set the standard on how one should lead his life. His case of redemption has been nothing less than remarkable, and he has certainly made the most of his second chance. Mark has often stated that *"You do not wait until you are released to get your life in order. From day one, you take responsibility for your actions and begin to chart the course of your second chance."* Mark and his wife, Ginger have assisted dozens of couples prepare for prison, and also have assisted dozens of families prepare for the release of their loved one. They continue this service of donating their time to serve others.

In light of staggering divorce rate of 99% for inmates serving over five years in prison, it is indeed a rare occurrence to have a family survive and remain intact during such an ordeal. The Whitacre family not only survived but thrived. His wife (his high-school sweetheart) and children moved to each location that Mark was located and they visited him every weekend. Their commitment to each other and their solid foundational faith are the bed-rock of this amazing overcoming journey. Early in this journey, Mark, his wife (Ginger), and their three children decided to "get BETTER rather than BITTER" and commit every day to build their faith and reach out to others.

Topic 2: “Selenium, Enhancing Immune Activity”

Cypress Systems, Inc, a Fresno CA based biotechnology company, produces and markets nutraceuticals globally. Cypress is established as a major contributor to the field of biotechnology and related life science applications. Its primary field of life science and health research has been established in the area of cancer prevention (colon, lung and prostate) and other various health factors related to selenium supplementation. For example, Cypress has recently expanded the field of research to explore the role that selenium plays as an immune support agent for such immune areas as HIV/AIDS, cancer patients recovering from chemotherapy treatments and general anti-viral support.

Organically bound selenium such as Cypress’ flagship product, SelenoExcell® High Selenium Yeast, has been shown to significantly reduce the incidence in a variety of cancers and also to



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support enhanced immune activity in immune-compromised individuals. Cypress signed an agreement with the National Cancer Institute (NCI) regarding a Clinical Trial Agreement (CTA) on SelenoExcell® in 1998. As a result of this CTA, SelenoExcell® is used as the sole intervention agent in a series of cancer prevention [colon, lung and prostate] and health related trials.

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