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Title: Luncheon Meeting - Dec. 12
Category: Austin Lunch Meeting
Location: The Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Ct.
Start Date: December 12, 2006
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City: Chicago
Description: [New Location – The Standard Club 320 S. Plymouth Ct, Chicago](#)

Time: 11:30am – 1:15 pm

Building A Financial Services Company From Scratch - The Wintrust Story

Speaker:

Speaker

Mr. Edward J. Wehmer
Founder, President & CEO
Wintrust Financial Corporation

From its days as a "bootstrap" start-up in the early 1990's to its current status as a major Chicago area financial institution, Wintrust has been a dynamic organization that has grown rapidly by exploiting niche opportunities. Its initial growth strategy focused on establishing de novo community banks in interesting markets. In recent years, Wintrust has turned to acquisitions to maintain its growth momentum. The firm has grown into an \$9.5 billion bank holding company that owns 15 banks with 72 locations located from Frankfort in Chicago's southern suburbs through Chicago's northern suburbs to Delafield, Wisconsin. Wintrust also owns Wayne Hummer Investments (a 75 year old firm with \$8 billion of client assets under management), two specialty finance companies and a mortgage company. Ed Wehmer has led this effort since the establishment of Wintrust's first community bank in Lake Forest in December 1991.

Mr. Wehmer has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Wintrust Financial Corporation since May 1998. Prior to May 1998, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company since 1996. He served as the President of Lake Forest Bank from 1991 to 1998. He serves as a Director or Advisory Director of each of the Company's main operating subsidiaries. Mr. Wehmer is a certified public accountant and earlier in his career spent seven years with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP specializing in the banking field and particularly in the area of bank mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Wehmer serves on the board of directors of Stepan Company (NYSE), a chemical manufacturing and distribution company, Children's Memorial Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago. He is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois.

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