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RABE is a 501c3 organization dedicated to economic education.

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## "ECONOMIC ISSUES" LUNCHEON

### Dr. Alan Beckenstein



#### Economic Forecast 2007

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007, 12:00 – 2:00pm

**WHERE:** Omni Hotel, downtown Richmond (Cary Street and 12<sup>th</sup>)

**COST:** \$15 for RABE members, \$25 for guests, \$10 for full-time students. Includes lunch!

**Dr. Alan Beckenstein**, is a Professor of Business Administration at the Darden School at the University of Virginia, where he specializes in Economics and Business-Government Relations.

Please join us for a joint meeting of the CFA Virginia and the Richmond Association for Business Economics (RABE) to see Professor Beckenstein's annual economic forecasting presentation.

As Professor of Business Administration, Alan R. Beckenstein heads Darden's Global Economies and Markets area. His research and teaching include antitrust and regulation issues, and global competition. He serves as a consultant to government agencies and international corporations.

Before joining the Darden faculty in 1972, Professor Beckenstein worked as a research associate at The Brookings Institution, and as a management consultant. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

## LUNCHEON DETAILS

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations are required! **The deadline is Monday, January 8 at noon.** We ask that everyone please register online at our website, [www.RABEva.org](http://www.RABEva.org). Simply go to the website and click the "Register" link that appears with speaker's photo and information. You may also e-mail your reservation to Adam Haller at [adam.haller@rich.frb.org](mailto:adam.haller@rich.frb.org).

**PAYMENT:** Use your credit card at [www.RABEva.org](http://www.RABEva.org). Members may pay in advance or at the door using on-line, check or cash. Non-members are requested to always pay in advance. Advance payments may be sent by check in postal mail or using the on-line system. All advance payments should be received by RABE at least 2 business days before the meeting.

**PARKING:** The Omni Hotel offers parking. Also, you may find street parking nearby.

## MEMBER NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!

Congratulations to **My Lan Tran**, RABE Vice President, on being nominated for the Minority Small Business Champion of the Year Award! The U.S. Small Business Administration, Richmond District Office, gives out this award annually to an individual who has fulfilled a commitment to support minority entrepreneurship.

Submit news to Jackie Hudson, immediate-past-president, at [jackie.hudson@vec.virginia.gov](mailto:jackie.hudson@vec.virginia.gov).

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear RABE members,

Happy Holidays! What's an economist to do with a whole year of uncertainty ahead? How about attend a lecture from another economist and have some good food while you're at it! Please make every effort to attend the January 10 event at the Omni.

One of my 2006 new year's resolutions was to contribute to RABE, in order to make a contribution to my community. I had no idea just how much of a success it would be, and how fulfilling it would be. I set these goals for RABE, all of which were achieved:

- 1. Earn 501c non-profit status.** Done. Let's use our status for scholarships, paid speakers, etc.
- 2. Attract nationally recognized speakers and informative local speakers who speak to our interests in business, economics, and public policy.** Done, with solid attendance.
- 3. Increase the Association's membership.** Done. We need more still. Invite a colleague!
- 4. Be a trusted source for those who wish to network with economists. Demonstrate the value that economists offer in Richmond.** Done. Seven economic issues luncheons held.
- 5. Continue to be recognized by NABE as a leading chapter.** Done. RABE members attended NABE events and the NABE president visited our chapter.

Now that 2007 is approaching, it is time to achieve new goals. Step up with suggestions.

I am deeply grateful for all of the support I have received in 2006 from the wonderful and dedicated executive committee and board of directors of RABE. I started to write all of the accomplishments that each had made this year and realized that the list was going to be too long to fit in the newsletter! Instead, I offer a global thank you to each contributor, and remind the membership that all RABE activities are on a volunteer basis, with each person working for only a "Thank You" in remuneration.

So, Thank you again for making RABE a strong and active organization. ■

Yours truly,

*Adam*

Adam J. Haller  
President, RABE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

NABE sessions at the 2007 ASSA meeting

- Current Issues and Trends in the American Labor Market
- International Capital Flows: Measurement, Implications, and Policy Analysis

January 5-7, 2007

Chicago

See [www.NABE.com](http://www.NABE.com) for details.

## CO-SPONSORSHIP

### With CFA Virginia

RABE is proud to join with CFA Virginia in presenting Dr. Beckenstein.

CFA Virginia is the local society of Chartered Financial Analysts. CFA charterholders are investment professionals who also share interests in economics, finance and public policy. In fact, at few RABE members have earned the designation.

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