



CFALA Names Gary Larsen January Volunteer of the Month



One of CFALA's goals is to be a premier source for professional resources and development and January's volunteer of the month, Gary S. Larsen, CFA, has fulfilled that role for almost a decade.

Larsen, Senior Vice President and Senior Fixed Income Strategist for Wells Fargo Private Bank in Los Angeles, has taught class sessions for almost 10 years in a course on fixed income offered by the society every fall and winter. His students, whose employers usually pay the class fees, are primarily young professionals seeking to expand their knowledge base in fixed income.

"We cover building fixed income portfolios for individuals, where taxes and lifecycle are key issues, as well as key concepts in fixed income investing," said Larsen, who joined CFALA in 1999 and received his charter in 2001.

"I've noticed an increase in attendance this year after a slowdown for the prior couple of years. Although most of the students are not fixed income specialists, it does seem that people are very interested in fixed income."

Larsen has been in the investment industry for 30 years, previously graduating from UC Irvine and then Princeton. He has worked on both the sell side and in investment management, joining Wells after positions at City National Bank and U.S. Trust.

In his spare time, Larsen enjoys hiking and climbing. Last summer he realized a long-time goal when he and a childhood friend spent 18 days hiking the 220-mile length of the John Muir Trail between Mt. Whitney and Yosemite.