

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
Form DEFA14A  
March 29, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(Rule 14a-101)**

**Information Required In Proxy Statement**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**(Amendment No. \_\_ )**

Filed by the Registrant  Filed by a Party other than the Registrant

Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

**Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))**

Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

.. Soliciting Material Pursuant to §240.14a-12

**ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.**

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

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No fee required.

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***

**IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials  
for the Stockholder Meeting To Be Held on May 11, 2010**

*THE GALLAGHER CENTRE*

*TWO PIERCE PLACE*

*ITASCA, IL 60143-3141*

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**Meeting Information**

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**Meeting Type:** Annual  
**For holders as of:** March 15, 2010  
**Date:** May 11, 2010 **Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** The Gallagher Centre

Two Pierce Place

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Itasca, IL 60143-3141

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You are receiving this communication because you hold shares of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

This notice is being provided to inform you that the proxy materials that you previously received by mail are now available online. You may view the proxy materials and cast your vote at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). If you prefer, you can request a paper copy by mail which will include a

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proxy card you can use to vote (see reverse side).

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet.

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

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## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

#### How to View Online:

Have the 12-Digit Control Number available (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

#### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) *BY INTERNET*: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL*\*: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the 12-Digit Control Number (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 28, 2010 to facilitate timely delivery.

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## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** At the Annual Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now on the Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the 12-Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.



**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends  
you vote FOR the following proposals:**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

1a. William L. Bax

1b. Frank E. English, Jr.

1c. J. Patrick Gallagher, Jr.

1d. Ilene S. Gordon

1e. David S. Johnson

1f. James R. Wimmer

2. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010

3. Approval of the Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Senior Management Incentive Plan

4. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof



