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From the President



Erin Brockovich

We are often faced with challenges in both our personal and professional lives. At times, it may seem as though our problems are insurmountable or that we're presented with more than our fair share. Typically, the issues we

experience are not life altering such as the ones suffered by the residents of Hinkley, CA for 3 decades. No matter the magnitude, we can all benefit from the advice of **Erin Brockovich**, who assisted those residents in earning the largest toxic tort injury settlement in U.S. history. Ms. Brockovich will be the featured speaker at our **[Signature Luncheon on May 15th at the Westin.](#)**

I was fortunate to have found a copy of Ms. Brockovich's now out-of-print book, *Take It from*

Events

CREW and other local events



April 26, 2018 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
[Northlake Lunch Ladder \(Members Only\)](#)
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April 26, 2018 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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May 1, 2018 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
[NAWBO's Annual Awards Gala](#)
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May 15, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
[CREW Charlotte Signature Luncheon Featuring Erin Brockovich](#)
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May 17, 2018 8:00 a.m.
[2018 IFMA Charity Golf Tournament](#)
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June 8, 2018 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
[Habitat for Humanity Women's Build](#)
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the gumption to press on in the face of adversity. She further explains that there are some things you just have to do. There is no choice, no decision and no avoidance, because life is filled with obligations and responsibilities, but none are more important than the responsibilities we have to ourselves. Her obligation to herself, instilled by her father, was being truthful. And, her motivation for helping the victims of Hinkley's groundwater contamination was propelled by her journey for self-realization, self-improvement and self-empowerment. She was searching for the truth. Her victory for the town of Hinkley is proof that one person can make a difference.

Join us for Ms. Brockovich's inspiring story of "The Power of One." Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, please reach out to our programs co-chairs, [Stacia Neugent](#) (GreerWalker) and [Wendy Bell](#) (Avison Young). But hurry, this event is sure to be a sell out!

Highlights

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Community Outreach is organizing CREW Charlotte's **Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Day** on Friday, June 8. We will be



partnering with Wells Fargo and Alston & Bird. Come help a local family and meet new people. A total of 40 female volunteers are needed. Don't miss out - reserve your spot now by

emailing [Nichole Kelley](#) (Wells Fargo Bank) to sign up.

Being members of CREW, we ALL have something to say. However, did you know that we keep a list of current CREW member speakers and their topics in addition to our membership directory? The next time you need a speaker, please check out the [CREW Speakers Directory](#). Be sure to list yourself and your lecture expertise and get out there more. [Click here](#) to see the available areas of expertise and

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April Luncheon - The Impact of Tax Reform on the Commercial Real Estate Industry

In December of 2017, Congress passed the first major overhaul of the United States tax code in

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Elliott Davis and Stacia Neugent of GreerWalker discussed with attendees the impacts of tax reform on both businesses and individuals alike.

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