FROM THE PRESIDENT

Full Circle

For those of you who attended our **7th Annual Casino Night** in April, I think you will agree that it was our most successful fundraising event to date. We were pleased to have **over 300 attendees** from the Charlotte real estate community come together for a night of gaming, networking and philanthropy. Our silent auction was front and center this year with over 50 auction items. Through this effort we were able to **raise $12,000 for scholarship endeavors** in association with the CREW Network Foundation and the Belk College of Business at UNC Charlotte.

Just after the event, Dawn Royle (CREW Charlotte immediate past president) and I had the opportunity to attend a reception for philanthropy efforts at the Belk College of Business. During the evening, Kari Parekh, a second semester student in the Masters of Real Estate program, and recipient of a scholarship supported by last year’s Casino Night funds, spoke about her experiences. She acknowledged CREW Charlotte for the financial support and as a resource for networking with women leaders in the industry. At that moment, I don’t think Dawn nor I could have been more proud. To make this personal connection with a CREW Charlotte scholarship recipient allowed us to truly understand and appreciate the impact of what CREW Charlotte accomplishes as an organization. Many thanks to all who participated and supported our fund raising event this year.

**If you are a CREW Charlotte member, you have another opportunity to support outstanding women in fields of commercial real estate.**

We kicked off our annual CREW Network Foundation drive at our May meeting. Funds collected will go directly to the scholarship endowment that CREW Charlotte initiated last year with the Foundation. Please consider donating in one of these three easy ways:

- **Online** at [https://www.crewnetwork.org/content.aspx?id=188](https://www.crewnetwork.org/content.aspx?id=188)
- **When you register for our June meeting** you can find an option for your Foundation Contribution
- **Bring a check** to the next meeting where we will be collecting donations

Together we are accomplishing great things at CREW Charlotte!
DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that CREW Lunch Ladder events are a great way to meet and network with your fellow members? Check out the CREW website for more details.

HIGHLIGHTS

jettagill@gmail.com Komen Charlotte Shows Appreciation to CREW Charlotte Queen City in Pink Committee

Komen Charlotte hosted a lunch for CREW Charlotte Queen City in Pink (QCIP) committee members on May 8, 2013. Komen Charlotte's Executive Director, Lori Vaccaro, expressed her appreciation for the committee’s efforts in raising the awareness for breast cancer. Ms. Vaccaro shared with CREW Charlotte that 75% of Komen Charlotte's net income is awarded to organizations in nine counties that provide breast health information, screening, diagnoses and treatment. The other 25% supports breast cancer research grants across the country and around the world. Statistics show that one in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.

"Thank you, CREW Charlotte, for your hard work and dedication. I will never forget last year when we drove into Charlotte at 5 AM and the city's skyline and buildings were all pink. It was so beautiful and emotional for me!"

Vicki Kaiser - two year cancer survivor.

QCIP is CREW Charlotte's community outreach initiative that promotes breast cancer awareness during Komen Charlotte's Race for the Cure. For the 5th year, CREW Charlotte partners with Komen Charlotte to remind Charlotte and the surrounding areas to stay vigilant in the fight for a breast cancer cure. Owners and tenants of Charlotte properties, buildings and fountains participate in Queen City in Pink by turning them pink, whether by illumination or other pink displays during the Race for the Cure - Saturday, September 28th through Sunday, October 6th. If you would like to participate, please contact co-chairs Nicole Green or Whitney Pelton for more information.

Race for the Cure will be held at Marshall Park on October 5th, 2013. Registration for the race began on April 1, 2013.

CREW Charlotte is looking for a few new Ambassadors. The Ambassador Program is designed to welcome new members to CREW Charlotte and help them navigate a beneficial path through the organization.

Seasoned CREW members are encouraged to share their positive experiences...
and success in CREW by becoming an Ambassador. Ambassadors are matched with new members to first serve as a friendly face, welcoming the new member to the organization, and then continue regular contact, promoting integration, involvement, and business connections. Ambassadors both introduce new members to CREW and introduce CREW to the new members.

If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, please contact Carrie Sharp or Jetta Gill.

CREWbiz. Please log on to CREWbiz and review your profile. You want to make sure you list your specialty correctly—what your company does, not what you do. Think about it this way â€“ Sally lists her specialty as business development and works for construction company ABC. If Ann goes into CREWbiz to find a contractor she will not find Sally when she searches for contractors because her specialty is listed as business development rather than construction. See the value of a correct CREWbiz profile? Also, please make sure all of your contact information is up-to-date as this is how other CREW members will contact you.

MAY LUNCHEON SUMMARY

Who you missed: Jerry Orr, Aviation Director at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport. Orr joined the City of Charlotte in 1975 as a staff engineer after having operated his family-owned land surveying business for several years prior. He received his current position as Aviation Director in 1989. Having received innumerable honors/awards, spearheaded several expansions, and led Charlotte Douglas to a ranking amongst the industries top airports, Orr’s bio is too robust to cover completely.

What you missed: If you missed our last CREW luncheon, you missed an excellent presentation by Jerry Orr entitled “Connecting the Carolinas to the World”.

Orr started by stating his number one priority, to operate the airport by producing the highest quality product at the lowest price. Charlotte’s cost per boarded passenger is less than $1.00, while the industry average is approximately $10 per boarded passenger. Orr continued by joking, “Nothing says I love you like cold hard cash.” Orr then spent most of his time discussing the airports current and future expansions. The airport will expand terminals B, E, and will create an A annex for increased international flights. Also in the works is an expanded roadway, lobby, and a 4th parallel runway. Orr also commented that the new intermodal yard will have 2 Â½ times the capacity of the current yard Uptown.

Why: Passenger traffic for the airline industry is projected to double over the next 20 years, with Â¾ of the growth due to increased international traffic. Charlotte Douglas’ long-term plan will create an airport very similar to Atlanta, which is currently the largest in the world. The difference between the two is that Charlotte has 6,000 acres of land while Atlanta has 2,700.

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CREW Charlotte has eight committees. Three of these committees are directly related to outreach opportunities. We encourage all CREW members to get involved. Click here to learn more about each of our committees.

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