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January 2022



From the President



Dorothy didn't say **THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE WORK.....**

That is a perspective I try to keep at the forefront, but it can certainly be difficult. There are times in our personal life and career life that require a different focus. Times when it seems it all falls one way or the other. Times when work wins, and hopefully times



January 27, 2022 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

when home wins.

Recently, I was listening to a podcast and it mentioned a major news story from nearly 20 years ago. A big news story, embezzling, fraud, crazy stuff and I thought, wow, I have absolutely zero recollection of this... nothing. Now my memory isn't great, but really? It definitely seemed like something that would have piqued my interest, a story that I would have followed. Then I realized my disconnect. At the time this happened I had a teenager, a 9 year-old, and an infant ... plus a job and deadlines and team membersmy focus was elsewhere.

Throughout our lives, I think we find this to be true. Balance isn't really balanced and what we attempt to balance changes.

As we are setting off on the journey of 2022, not knowing what is in store and hoping that the turmoil of the past 20+ months eases, I think we should recognize that we are all different from one another in our focus, our needs, our plans. We need to find a way to support and encourage one another, to help others' successes. BUT... we also need to recognize that we are also different from who we were last year and who we will be five years from now...and we need to find a way to support and encourage ourselves and to embrace and enjoy the NOW.

That is my plan. With this wonderful opportunity you have given me to lead CREW Charlotte through 2022 I plan to work to support and encourage all of you as you have me but also to just embrace and enjoy the experience now.

We have a phenomenal leadership team, thoughtful and engaged members, and Patty to keep us all moving in the right direction.

We hope you can join us at some of our upcoming [CREW Charlotte](#) events:

- [Casino & Gaming Night](#) (in-person - Byron's) - **February 10th**
- [March Luncheon - "March Madness: Women in Sports"](#) (in-person - Byron's) - **March 8th**
- [April Luncheon](#) (in-person - Byron's) - **April 12th**
- [Signature Luncheon with Alison Levine](#), First American Women's Everest Expedition Team Captain (in-person - The Westin) - **May 4th**

Or at some of [CREW Network's](#) events:

- [CREW Network Winter Leadership Summit](#) (Tampa Bay, FL) - **February 3rd/4th**
- [CREW Networking in Paris](#) (yes, Paris, France) - **March 10th**
- [Emerging Leaders Retreat](#) (San Antonio, TX) - Under 35 yrs old - **April 27th**
- [CREW Network Convention](#) (Chicago, IL) - **September 21st**

I hope all of you will take stock of what CREW has to offer you this year that can help you both personally and

[CREW Charlotte January 2022 Lunch Ladder \(Members only/in-person\)](#)
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February 10, 2022 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
[CREW Charlotte's Casino & Gaming Night \(in-person\)](#)
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March 8, 2022 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
[CREW Charlotte March 2022 Luncheon "March Madness: Women in Sports \(in-person\)](#)
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May 4, 2022 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
[CREW Charlotte's Signature Luncheon with Alison Levine "On the Edge: The Art of High-Impact Leadership" \(in-person\)](#)
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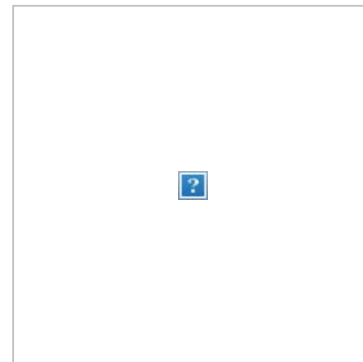


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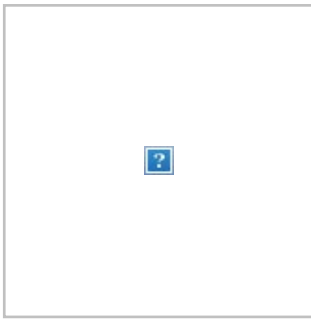
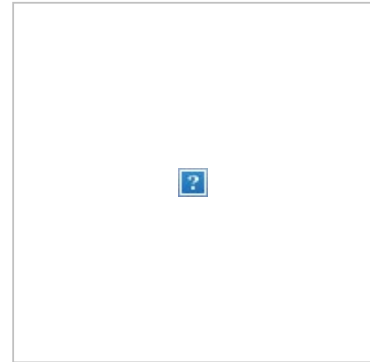
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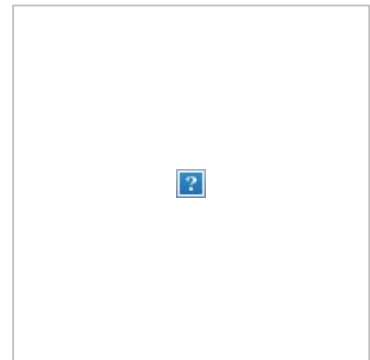
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Zelleka Biermann
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Member News. Do you have any **news** to share with us about you or your company? Have you won an **award**? Would you like us to **nominate** you for one? If so, please contact [Patty Drummond](#) with your information.

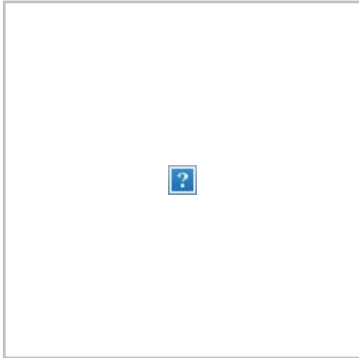


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January 2022 Luncheon “What to Start, Stop, Continue, and Learn in 2022”

Our very own CREW
Charlotte board



member, Victoria Taylor, Esq, Director, Development & Diversity, Womble Bond Dickinson, shared with us an inspiring message based on her recent study “What to Start-

Stop, Continue and Learn in 2022”.

[Click here to read a summary of the luncheon.](#)

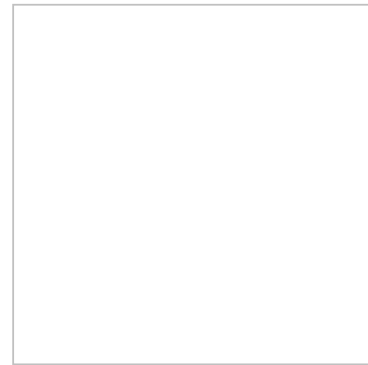
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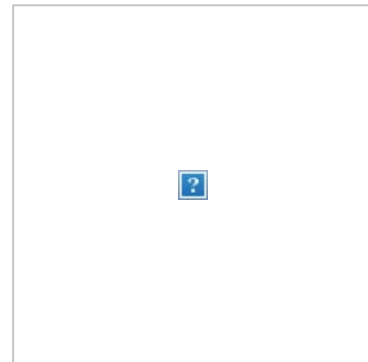


THANK YOU TO OUR POWER CONNECTOR, CARRIE SHARP!

Thank you to Carrie Sharp for once again being the ultimate connector on deals! Carrie referred me to a broker looking to provide AV & Telecomm services for his client, Alternus Energy. I worked with Alternus to design their space and was awarded the contracts for Security, Structured Cabling and Audio Visual this week. Can't wait to see the finished result!

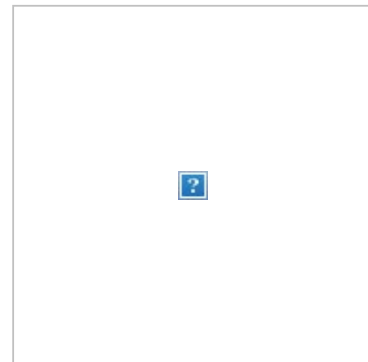
Carrie – you rock!
-Dana McSwain, Solutionz

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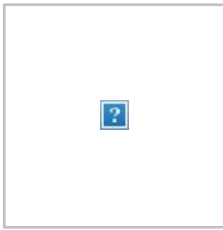
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