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E-letter
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This is a communication of the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Austin). In this issue you will learn about CREW Austin activities. Our members are encouraged to submit information to our [administrator](#) for the next publication.

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CREW Network Update



IMPACT AWARDS:

We are pleased to announce the CREW Network Awards Program for 2008. This program provides excellent opportunities to showcase the successes of CREW Network members, chapters and industry partners, while providing stronger branding opportunities for CREW Network.

Nominations are now being accepted for the CREW Network Impact Awards awarded in six categories:

- Member-to-Member Business
- Economic Improvement
- Humanitarian
- Career Advancement for Women
- Industry Innovator
- Organization of the Year

We would like to see at least ONE nomination from our chapter!

20TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF:

CREW Network's 20th Anniversary Celebration will kick-off at the 2008 CREW Network Convention & Marketplace in **Houston this fall (October 15th - 18th, 2008)** and

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conclude at the 2009 Convention in Boston. **SAVE THE DATE!**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The CREW Network scholarship program is for women pursuing an education which will lead to a career in commercial real estate industry, and offers an internship in brokerage to encourage women to consider this career choice. This year, up to (10 scholarships will be awarded to junior or senior level undergraduates. The value of each scholarship is up to \$10,000. Deadline 5/23/08.

WINTER COUNCIL REVIEW:

62 delegates from CREW Network Chapters recently attended the Winter Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Items discussed included adding the 66th chapter, CREW Southwest Florida. The new CareerZone was also announced which features a new section of the website focused on providing tools to women considering careers in commercial real estate.

It pays to be a member of CREW Network and provide the support for the wonderful programs offered as noted above.

May 8th Power Lunch



Brought to you by: NAI Austin

For the 8th year, Austin is proud to host the most powerful members of the real estate industry. Join your colleagues and Austin city leaders for a luncheon featuring Admiral Bobby Inman of the United States Navy and Gary Farmer of Heritage Title as emcee.

Presented by: CREW Austin, CCIM Central Texas, RECA, BOMA Austin, CTCAR, CLBA, ABOR, IREM, AAA

Located at the Four Seasons Hotel. Cost is \$35 per person and \$450 for a table. Parking not included

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Get to Know our Members! Darlene Louk

Darlene Louk joined CREW Austin in June 2007. Darlene is a Vice President with Forestar Real Estate Group, a Temple-Inland company, where Darlene specializes in the acquisition, entitlement and development of properties in the Central and Coastal areas of Texas. She has been with Forestar since 2001 with emphasis on



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commercial development and master planned communities. Previous experience was with Lumbermen's Investment Corporation as a commercial investment analyst, followed by Temple Inland Mortgage Corp. as a senior valuation analyst before moving into Forestar. Darlene received her BBA - Finance and MBA from St. Edwards University. She resides in Lockhart.

Associations: RECA, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Daughters of the American Revolution, Secretary of Board of Directors (church).

CREW Committee: Programs

Pictures from Past Events



Pictured above are 3 of our 4 panelists from the **4th Annual Diva Panel** held last week at Sullivan's. Pictured left to right are:

- **Barbara Hobson, SNB Bank of Austin**
- **Adam Hauser, Brown McCarroll LLP**
- **Nicki Tyler, Stewart Title of Austin**
- **Not pictured, Kristin Gardner, CB Richard Ellis**

Special thanks to **Susie Kang, CCIM of JOA Realty** for taking pictures at the CREW Events. Visit our photo gallery to see pictures from the past few events. Are you in these pictures? If not you need to be at more of our events!

[CREW Photo Gallery](#)

Member Updates

Just a quick note to let everyone know Arielle Elizabeth Kaspar arrived February 15th at 4:49 PM. 6 lbs 8 oz, 19.5 inches via c-section. Proud mother is **Mary Alice Kaspar of Columbus Communcations**. Keep them in your prayers as they get through some difficult times.

Welcome back **Tini Nguyen of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, LLP** who recently rejoined CREW Austin.

CREW New Members



The following are new members approved by the board of directors in February & March:

- Eric Cooper of Jamail & Smith Construction
- Georgia Duke of North American Title Company
- Shirley Sheffield of Comerica Bank
- Lisa Stassi of Caughlin Crossing Investor LLC

Get to Know Our Members! Chris Helstrom

Chris Helstrom is Vice President for GE Real Estate (a unit of GE Capital and the General Electric Company) responsible for Equity purchases and Debt financing of single tenant real estate properties in Central & South Texas. Originally from Bryan, Texas, Chris worked for GE Capital both domestically and globally for eight years before moving to Austin in 2005 to establish his division's local office. In his spare time, Chris enjoys hunting and playing golf.



Associations: In addition to being a member of CREW - Austin, Chris is also an active member of CREW - San Antonio and of CCIM in both Austin and San Antonio.

CREW Committee: Special Events

Industry Events

[4/3 - 4/4/08](#)

CREW Connection New Orleans

[4/5/08](#)

Social event on behalf of the **Congress for New Urbanism**, which is holding their 16th Annual Congress in Austin April 3 - April 6. www.cnu.org.

[4/10/08](#)

Join CTCAR for their monthly **Property Information Exchange**. Many property listings are available for review while enjoying a great breakfast!

[4/22 - 4/23/08](#)

CCIM presents a two day course on "**Introduction to Commercial Real Estate**". Earn 9 hours of MCE.

[4/17 - 4/18/08](#)

"**Tax Implications in Real Estate**" two day course presented in Brenham Texas by Texas Association of Realtors.

5/2-5/3/08

[Texas Lures & Leaders](#) in Rock Port Texas Hosted by CREW Houston

[6/17/08](#)

CREW Austin presents the "**BAT Program - Boogie Around Town**" featuring Ted Terkel of Cencor Realty.

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