

CREW Past Presidents

2009 Jinny Saad – Jinny Saad is currently the Immediate Past President of CREW Austin. She is the leasing manager for Thomas Properties Group and is responsible for the leasing and marketing efforts for the Austin suburban portfolio consisting of over one million square feet of Class A office space in five assets. Over her career as a leasing representative, predominantly in landlord representation, Jinny has completed over 4 million square feet of leasing transactions for various institutional ownerships. Jinny and her husband, John, reside in Austin with their daughter Sarah and their newest addition, Michael who is 6 months old. Jinny is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

2008 Kathy Carr – Kathy is currently Director of Facilities and CRE at St. Jude Medical. St. Jude Medical develops medical technology and service that focus on putting more control into the hands of those who treat cardiac, neurological and chronic pain patients worldwide. The company is dedicated to advancing the practice of medicine by reducing risk wherever possible and contributing to successful outcomes for every patient. Kathy is responsible for the US and South American Sales Division. When not working she spends as much time as possible with her 2 granddaughters, June and Stella.

2007 Nicki Tyler – Since “taking her break” April of 2008, Nicki decided she didn’t want to go back to the world as she knew it then. She resigned from EIGHT boards in Austin, resigned her position as CEO of Stewart Title of Austin, San Antonio and Midland and resigned her position as Associate Region Manager of Central Texas for Stewart Title Guaranty Co. It was time to give back, literally.

She is serving her third year on the board of SafePlace and is the 2010 Board Chair. The job at SafePlace is to put them all out of jobs by ending sexual abuse and domestic violence. It has been a rewarding three years....She would like to give her thanks to CREW Austin for purchasing TWO TABLES for the Celebration fundraiser held by SafePlace which is happening this Friday.

In addition, you may not know that she & her husband are 100% owners of Travis Tile Sales Inc., a ceramic tile distributorship with offices in Austin and San Antonio. They have been owners since 1972 but five years ago bought out all other partners, brought their son into the business and enjoy a true family run company with 50 employees, some being there for 30 years.

Finally her new love is ranching, horseback riding and enjoying all the wonders of nature. YES, she still has over 300 pairs of shoes but just delivered 279 suits, jackets, dresses and other professional attire to SafePlace! I figured I had not worn them in 3 years so someone else needed them more than me!

2006 Rhonda West – Rhonda West joined KW Commercial in April 2010 as Managing Director of the SW Market Center office in Austin. In October, she received her MRICS designation from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. With around 100,000 qualified members and over 50,000 students and trainees in some 140 countries, RICS provides the world’s leading professional qualification in land, property, construction and the associated environmental issues. Even in parts of the world where the term “chartered surveyor” is unfamiliar, the high standards of its members speak volumes. The members are viewed by major financial institutions and world governments as the “Gold Standard” of excellence and integrity for real estate. Rhonda resides in Austin with her husband, Butch West.

2005 Jane Smith – Jane’s accomplishments are broad and many. Jane is a partner with Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. Her practice focuses on transactional law with a concentration in commercial real estate. She represents clients on a range of complex multi-state and multi-national transactions. Her client counsel includes tax advantage strategies for investment property, the redevelopment of manufacturing sites into commercial uses, in-fill and mixed used development and dispositions of properties needing remedial action plans. Jane went on from her CREW Austin presidency to become the President of CREW National organization. She enjoys spending time with her husband and three children. She is dedicated to causes involving the health and development of young adults and advocacy for people with handicaps.

2003 Sue Gravett – First of all Sue would like to thank CREW members for all the wonderful cards and prayers that were sent her way during her medical crisis a year ago. She is still with Henry S. Miller Commercial in Austin. After taking care of her during her recovery from surgery and the complications that followed, her son Sean, has joined her in working with buyers and tenants in the office and retail markets. She is active with the Chamber on transportation issues which has always been a passion. She is on the Capital Area Crime Stoppers Board and was just elected to the Austin Commercial Real Estate Society Board. She is looking forward to working with CREW members in 2011 making some deals happen!

2002 Cathy Coneway – Cathy is working twice as hard for half the money this year. Her focus is on updating and touching everyone in her network to keep those referrals coming in the door. Outside of that, she and her husband Rick, travel to see any and all of their family. She has a daughter in Honolulu, Hawaii. Rick's son is in Santa Cruz, CA. A mom in Kansas City and step son in Albuquerque so they seem to be on the road all year long!!