



March 2016

### President's Message:

Hello CRC members,

Welcome to Spring - almost! Maybe it was the enthusiasm and energy of our recent CRC Charitable Causes meeting that led me to believe the winter doldrums are behind us.

Speaking of that meeting, I'd like to say a special "thank you" to Serendia Compton, chair of programs, and Laura Henneberry, chair of charitable causes, and their committee members for planning and executing a great meeting. It was CRC's largest meeting since 2012 with 162 registered attendees, and raised \$10,000 for our two local charities, Working Bikes and Hephbizah House.

The start of a new year is exciting for so many reasons. And, it's fun to watch CRC's board prepare for a great 2016. Our membership renewals and new member growth are ahead of goal, as is the sponsorship committee's initiative to support our remaining meetings. Thank you again to our service provider members for their continued financial support of CRC through sponsorships. We couldn't do what we do without you!

As we move into the Spring season, I encourage you to check-in on our website at [www.crcchicago.org](http://www.crcchicago.org) from time to time for valuable

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updates. Our goal is to keep the site up-to-date with upcoming local, regional, national and global events. With that in mind, watch your inboxes for information about April's Midwest Relocation Conference ([www.midwestrelocation.org](http://www.midwestrelocation.org)) and CRP review session to be held at Wells Fargo. Worldwide ERC's Americas Conference in May in Houston will be another chance to gather. Then, it's time for CRC members to get together again for our next general membership meeting and corporate roundtable at the Chicago Botanical Gardens in Glencoe in June.

I invite you to reach out to me, or any members of the board, with any questions, feedback or ideas for future events and activities. After all, we're here to serve you - our members. With the thought of members in mind, CRC can only thrive by engaging our current members and inviting others to join. I encourage you to connect with a committee chair and volunteer some of your time and expertise. And, reach out to someone under 40 in your company and let them know of our YP40 initiative. Or, bring a corporate client or mobility peer to the next meeting as a Reach Out attendee. We'd love to have them see what CRC is all about.

Lastly, thank you to the McDonald's mobility team for helping us coordinate our February meeting at Hamburger University. It's a great location, and it served our needs well.

I'm looking forward to our paths crossing again soon! Drop me a note anytime!



## Upcoming Newsletters

### **Communications Chair: Matt Tobel**

Do you have any news you want to share with CRC in an upcoming newsletter? If so, we want to know! Awards, promotions, new hires, office openings or moves, etc., please send your news to Matt at [MTobel@V-Suites.com](mailto:MTobel@V-Suites.com).



Brian  
Brian Fudenberg, CRP  
President, Corporate Relocation Council of Chicago

## Membership - We Continue to Grow!

**Chair: Jim Rybarczyk, CRP, GMS**

We are very happy to welcome our new members:

- Atlas World Group International
- CF Industries
- Churchill Living
- CME Group
- Cornerstone Relocation Group
- Ernst & Young
- Premier Luxury Suites
- Safe Pet Transport

We are happy to report that 98% of our members renewed for another exciting year of CRC membership! Please encourage your friends in relocation to join the CRC! We provide an opportunity for corporate relocation administrators, human resource professionals, & service providers to share in educational, social, & charitable endeavors. New members are welcome! Any membership questions can be addressed to our Membership Chairperson, Jim Rybarczyk at 630-705-2406 or email [jimr@bergerms.com](mailto:jimr@bergerms.com)

## 2016 Dates

**April 12 - 13th** - [Midwest Relocation Conference](#)

**April 28th** - [CRP Review Class](#), Wells Fargo, Chicago

**June 16th** - June Meeting, Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glencoe, IL

**September 15th** - Joint WERC/CRC - Proposed for Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI

**November 17th** - Proposed for JP Morgan Chase Bank, downtown Chicago, IL



*Exciting details to follow soon!*

## February 2016 Meeting



**Chair: Serendia Compton, CRP**

February eleventh's CRC Meeting & Annual Charitable Auction, hosted at the McDonalds Hamburger

University in Oak Brook, began with the registration table set for one hundred and sixty two attendees, and personal greeting by Jen Breen of Suite Home Chicago. The Corporate Membership attendees began the day with a private luncheon and benchmarking session lead by Susan Zandarski of Whirlpool Corporation. In support of encouraging YP40 attendance at CRC as well as providing an information for our new members, Board President Brian Fudenberg and Board Member Evan Miller developed and hosted a thirty minute "CRC101" session which covered an overview of our regional relocation council, benefits of being involved in CRC, and importance of committee participation. Bidding was lively for the incredible number and variety of Charitable Auction item and kept an aggressive pace throughout the generous breaks day. During the Meeting opening remarks, we heard from our charitable causes

partners. Hannah Weigel and Molly Philosophos shared stories about the Hephizibah House projects and achievements in the past year as well as opportunities and inspiration for the coming year. Our new charitable causes partner WorkingBikes representative Julie Nicewander shared information on the organization, opportunities to get involved and the difference they make in so many lives. The day also held two concurrent CRP educational sessions. Mary Ann Passi CEO of Corporate Housing Providers Association, and Jeffrey Chase Director of Oakwood Global Franchise Group provided an engaging conversation on "Domestic and



International Corporate Housing Trends and Challenges." Simultaneously, Kendra Mirasol President and Co-owner of IOR Global Services, Aaron Dennison Private Mortgage Banker of Wells Fargo Private Bank, and John Panzella Director of Sales, Service and Training for CoreLogic CREDCO provided an intensive workshop on "Credit Management and Service Information for Counseling Transferees/Assignees." The day wrapped up with a reception following final charitable causes raffle and balloon pop activities.

Click [here](#) to see photos from the meeting.

## Calling All Sponsors

### ***Chair: Suzanne Sichz, CRP***

Don't miss the opportunity to support CRC as we visit a fabulous new location for our June meeting - the Chicago Botanic Gardens! Turn out is sure to be great and Gold and Silver sponsorship levels are available, please visit the CRC Sponsorship Page for more information.

We'd like to thank our February meeting sponsors: Quicken Loans, Chase, Fragomen, Coldwell Banker, The Relocation Department, SIVRA, Brook Furniture Rental, NEI Global Relocation, and Wells Fargo. Your

support contributed to an outstanding meeting. Many thanks!

Sponsorship questions can be directed to Suzanne Sichz at (630) 620-0027, or [Suzanne.sichz@wellsfargo.com](mailto:Suzanne.sichz@wellsfargo.com). Interested in sponsorship? Click [here](#).

## Charitable Causes

### ***Chair: Laura Henneberry, SCRP, SGMS-T***

On February 11 at the McDonald's Campus, CRC held its charitable Silent Auction in conjunction with the regular meeting.

With just about 160 attendees, the bidding was fast and furious. Items donated by member companies included a Tiffany bracelet, Amazon Echo, Coopers Hawk gift cards, a pizza and wine tour gift card, and mats from the 5 major Chicago sports teams!

The money raised will be used to support [Working Bikes](#) (located in Chicago) and [Hephzibah Home](#) (located in Oak Park). Hannah Weigel and Molly Philosophos of Hephzibah Home reminded us of the terrific work that they do with children at Hephzibah Home. They work with the children academically as well as giving the children emotional assistance through therapies. This will be the second year that we are partnering with them. Julie Nicewander of Working Bikes shared with the group the mission of Working Bikes. Bicycles are put through their paces and sold in the front of the shop to enable other bicycles to be sent to locally to social services agencies as well as internationally to support local villages.



One of the highlights of the day was the Balloon Pop. Wells Fargo Mortgage and NEI Global Relocation graciously sponsored the two balloon pops. Notwithstanding some balloons went skyward (okay-hit the high ceiling in the general session room!), the winner of the Pandora bracelet, charm, and gift card was found (Stephanie Martin) as well as the winner of the helicopter tour of Chicago (Alex Talbot).

Almost \$10,000 was raised so hats off and applause all around for those who bid on the items, those who bid up the cost on the items, those who ultimately won the items, and all of the companies who so generously donated an item to the Auction itself! A special shout out needs to be given to all the Charitable Causes committee members who worked behind the scenes to solicit the donations and run the auction itself!

Well done!

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