



Winter 2017

### President's Message:

Where Does the Time Go?

As I write this letter, January and February are in the rearview mirror. March is in its early stages. So, what will the rest of the year look like?

If January and February are any indication, it is going to be a wild ride. From 78 degree weather to snow showers the next day here in Chicago, the "typical" winter weather hasn't quite come to pass. And, relocation being relocation, you never know what the next day will bring. CRC will be the host organization and Chicago the host city for the Midwest Relocation Conference (April 4-5) as well as Worldwide ERC's Global Symposium in September (27-29). With those conferences added to our schedule, you have yourself a crazier than normal year. The Board is in the early stages of putting together plans for the September Symposium. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

The February meeting was a rousing success with one area for improvement. The sessions were top-notch because of excellent presenters. The Charitable Causes' Silent Auction was tremendous. And, the Jenga tournament added a special spark to the day. All of you who made a donation or bid on an item should be commended for your charitable outreach. I know that Chicago Run and Working Bikes appreciate your generosity. As an organization, we need to do a better job welcoming newcomers to our meetings. We did not do new attendees justice when we failed to introduce them to current members. Our Membership team is working to put a new attendee process in place to ensure that all new attendees feel welcomed and comfortable participating in our organization. So, the next time you see a person sporting a "first time attendee" ribbon, take a moment

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and introduce yourself. New friends become old friends by taking that important first step.

CRC is always looking for new volunteers to join a committee or be a presenter. If you are interested in either, please reach out to any Board member. We would love to have you join the team. Our organization evolves (and becomes better) by members stepping up to serve and give back.

Finally, please help us! Please login to your account and double-check your information as well as your company's. Please update any information that may be out of date (including removing individuals who have left your organization). This will ensure that CRC emails find their way to you.

Thank you. That can never be said enough. This organization is the premier organization because of all of you!

If there is ever anything that I can do, please contact me at 630.942.6893 or [lhenneberry@relocationdept.com](mailto:lhenneberry@relocationdept.com).

See you in April!

Best Regards,  
Laura Henneberry  
The Relocation Department

## Membership - We Continue to Grow!

*Chair: Jim Rybarczyk, CRP, GMS*

We are over 300 members strong representing more than 150 companies made up of both Corporate and Service members. The feedback from our February meeting was phenomenal from those that attended. Spring is upon us and so is the Midwest ERC in a few weeks. Now is the perfect time to reach out to friends and colleagues to encourage the non-members to join the CRC! Any membership questions, please contact Jim Rybarczyk by email at [jimr@bergerrelo.com](mailto:jimr@bergerrelo.com) or by phone at 630-705-2406. Happy recruiting!

## February 2017 Meeting Update

*Chairs: Jennifer Breen and Elizabeth McGrath*

Thank you for a very successful February Charitable Causes & Roundtable Meeting! We had an amazing turnout with 147 guests, and are truly grateful to our speakers: Chicago Run, Working Bikes, Sue Carey, Becky Covelli, Brenda Ford, Michael Marzano, Jane

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## 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).

McGrath and Kate Reisinger.

### ***Upcoming Events Include:***

**April 3, 5-7 pm** - CRC Cocktail Hour, Drake Hotel-International Club - to kickoff MRC

**April 4-5** - Midwest Relocation Conference, Drake Hotel, Chicago ([www.midwestrelocation.org](http://www.midwestrelocation.org))

**May 31**- Corporate Roundtable (corporate attendees only), Chase, 10 S. Dearborn

**August 16** (Wednesday) - CRC/WiERC Joint Meeting - Grand Geneva, WI

**November 16** - CRC Members Only Annual Meeting- Brookfield Zoo

If you are interested in volunteering for the Planning Committee, please contact Jennifer Breen at [jen@suitehomechicago.com](mailto:jen@suitehomechicago.com) or Elizabeth McGrath at [elizabeth.mcgrath@bairdwarner.com](mailto:elizabeth.mcgrath@bairdwarner.com). Committee involvement includes organizing & planning CRC events, developing educational session topics and finding speakers, and running the day of during the event. We welcome all new committee members!

## **Sponsorship: Just Do It!**

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

Thank you to our February meeting sponsors - what a great meeting, with amazing attendance and wonderful visibility for our sponsors! Your support contributes greatly to our success and we can't thank you enough (but we'll try).

There will be two additional opportunities to sponsor CRC this year. In August, we will have our joint meeting with the Wisconsin ERC at the Grand Geneva. Sponsorship for this event will be posted in July. In November, our meeting will be hosted at a fun venue - the Brookfield Zoo. Sponsor the meeting and sponsor an animal! You're going to want your name (and logo) associated with this meeting! Turn out is sure to be great and Gold and Silver sponsorship levels are available, please visit the CRC Sponsorship Page for more information. [View Sponsorship Opportunities Here](#)

Sponsorship questions can be directed to Suzanne Sichz at (630) 620-0027, or [Suzanne.sichz@wellsfargo.com](mailto:Suzanne.sichz@wellsfargo.com).

## **Charitable Causes**

***Chair: Julie Sujack***

The Charitable Causes Committee has been busy so far in 2017. This year the two charities we are

supporting are Working Bikes and Chicago Run. This is the second year with Working Bikes and our first year with Chicago Run.

Our February meeting was a huge success! Jean Khut from Working Bikes and Alicia Gonzelez from Chicago Run spoke to the members to share their mission. We raised over \$10,500 in donations from our silent auction, split the pot and the newest member of the February meeting, Giant Jenga. Thank you to all for your generosity and commitment to our causes! A HUGE shout out to the committee members and volunteers whose hard work made this all possible: Abby Tam, Alex Talbot, Carolyn Selk; Deb Benavides; Kate Reisinger; Kristine Dailey; Mary Stang; Michael Turansick ; Sheryl Nash; Stephanie Martin; Tamara Gilbert; David Struck; Cristina Buening; and Jeanette Tomaselli.

We have many opportunities to support our charities during the year. Keep your eyes open for email blasts and always be sure to check the website.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Julie Sujack

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## Studying for the CRP Exam?

**Chair: Amanda Eirich**



Studying for the CRP Exam?  
Please join us for an  
AMAZING CRP Review  
Class! The class will be held  
on Thursday, April 27th at  
Wells Fargo in Chicago - 10  
S. Wacker Drive. Thank you

to our amazing teachers for sharing their industry  
knowledge: Craig Anderson, Sue Carey, Pam  
Jacknick, Rob Johnson, and Chip Wagner. Please  
register on the CRC Website, [www.crcchicago.org](http://www.crcchicago.org).

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