



## CRC Monthly News & Updates

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### President's Message:

The year 2017 has been a very busy year for CRC. In addition to our regular meetings, CRC has played host to the Midwest Relocation Council's April meeting and will very shortly be welcoming those attending the Worldwide ERC's Global Workforce Symposium at the end of September. Finishing off the year will be the annual member's meeting in November at Brookfield Zoo. Wow!

The hours of planning including meetings, conference calls, and emails cannot be measured. There is a seemingly infinite number of moving parts that need to come together to put on a successful meeting. From first rate speakers to first class meeting venues, no detail is overlooked to ensure CRC's members are getting the most from their dues. Please take a moment and thank the many volunteers (and Board members) for their service. They have a passion for giving back to this organization.

The year may be reaching the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark but the Board still has a lot to accomplish: new Board members for 2018 and beyond, starting the planning for the February meeting (including the Charitable Causes component), vetting a new charity for 2018 and 2019 (Working Bikes will be rolling off next year), and implementing a transition plan from the "old" Board to the new.

I encourage each of you to become involved in some way with CRC. Whether that is putting your name in for Board service or working on a committee, no volunteer is ever turned away.

Enjoy the remainder of the year. Here's hoping to see you at the November meeting!!

Best Regards,  
Laura Henneberry  
President—CRC  
The Relocation Department

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### Membership

**Chair: Jim Rybarczyk**

In nearly 15 years of personal membership with the CRC & over 20 years of our company being a part of the organization, I can't help but reflect on the quality of the organization we are all a part of. Having attended many different business meetings over the years, the CRC is special and stands out as one of the best places for professional development and relationships.

The welcoming spirit of the CRC is alive and well amongst our membership. Our current board is a

testament to the attraction of our great organization at every stage within a relocation career. We have some that are in the infancy of their career while others are considered experts and seasoned in our industry. The professional friendships developed through the organization are priceless. The organization brings out the best of our industry and many from outside the region see the value of our organization.

The giving spirit of the CRC is a hallmark trait of our organization. The charitable nature of our group is very visible throughout each year. Our silent auction that supports local charities, the scholarships awarded to local high school students, and many other ways of charitable support are shown through the dedication and support of our members.

I encourage each of you to reach out to others in our industry and invite them to explore membership in the CRC. Our programming is amongst the best in the industry, our venues allow us to explore Chicagoland & beyond, and our welcoming spirit always encourages the entry of new members. We see many ups and downs in business. What never waivers is the commitment and dedication of our membership to the Relocation Industry. Any membership questions can be directed to Jim Rybarczyk at 630-705-2406 or [jimr@bergerrelo.com](mailto:jimr@bergerrelo.com).

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## Sponsorship: Sponsor our Zoo Day!

**Chair: Suzanne Sichz**

By this point in the newsletter, you've heard that our next event will be held at Brookfield Zoo. The November meeting is a celebration of our membership and is always well attended. So gather up your remaining sponsorship dollars and sign up for a Gold or Silver sponsorship! Remember... Gold sponsorship comes with one free registration for the meeting.

For more information on sponsoring, [click here](#), and follow up with Suzanne Sichz at (630) 620-0027, or [Suzanne.sichz@wellsfargo.com](mailto:Suzanne.sichz@wellsfargo.com), with any questions.

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## Charitable Causes

**Chair: Julie Sujack**

CRC participated in the Chicago Run Summer Event on Thursday, August 10. We sponsored 8 participants to support Chicago Run's fundraising efforts. Thanks to those who participated! We are teaming up with other YP40's from across the country to support Chicago Run during ERC in September. Keep a look out for more information for an event on Wednesday afternoon before the conference starts.

Chicago Run is looking for volunteers to work the 20-mile aid station at the Chicago marathon from 6am-2pm. The 20 mile mark is usually where the runners hit the wall and they can use our support! Watch your emails for more information.

We are working with our other charity, Working Bikes, to find some dates to volunteer to help pack a shipping container of bikes. More information to follow.

Thanks for all of your support – there is a lot more to come in 2017!

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### Chairs: Jennifer Breen and Elizabeth McGrath

Thank you to all those that attended the Joint WiERC/CRC "Grand Event" at the Grand Geneva on August 16. Be sure to check out the CRC website and Facebook page for pictures from this day-long conference when available. Content and slides have been posted to the CRC website for all panels and CRP credit discussions. A special thank you to all of the sponsors made donations and brought items for the raffle, without your patronage these meetings wouldn't come together as the successes they do.

**Save the date:** November 16, 2017- Members Only Annual Meeting- Brookfield Zoo

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### Education: CRC Scholarship

#### Chair: Amanda Elrich

On behalf of the Corporate Relocation Council of Chicago (CRC), I would like to make you aware of a scholarship opportunity for students that have relocated into the Chicagoland area, due to their parent's job relocation, during their high school years.

CRC is a non-profit organization that brings together corporations and relocation service providers in and around Chicago for the primary purpose of providing educational information and current industry updates to our member base. As part of our commitment to Relocation, CRC looks to assist other entities in the Chicago area involved in the process of relocating families. As I am sure you would agree, schools can be a very important part of the relocation process for children and their families moving into the Chicago area.

CRC is sponsoring a scholarship program for current high school seniors who have relocated into the Chicago area sometime between grades 9 (after 8th grade graduation) and 12. CRC would like to encourage students to apply. Two, one-time awards of \$1,000 will be presented to two Chicago-area high school seniors for 2018. The award will be sent to the college that the student will be attending to assist with tuition, etc.

CRC will select scholarship winners based on the strength of their total application package. The students will be evaluated on academic performance, extra-curricular activities, and on their response to an essay addressing the way they handled the challenges associated with relocating to a new area and a new high school. Will you please encourage eligible students to apply? Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Currently a senior in good standing in a Chicago area [Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake (IL), McHenry, Will counties, and city of Chicago] high school; and
- Relocated between grades 9 and 12; and
- Relocated more than 50 miles and changed schools due to their parent's job relocation to the Chicagoland area
- Currently have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent achievement on a different scale)

We must receive all applications, essays, and transcripts by January 1, 2018 so we have time to evaluate them and make a selection. The scholarships will be awarded during a CRC meeting. We will be contacting both the selected scholarship recipient prior to our meeting to invite them to a presentation (read their essay and share their story) during the meeting.

To find out more about CRC and the scholarship criteria, please [click here](#) or send any questions to [scholarship@crcchicago.org](mailto:scholarship@crcchicago.org).

Thank you very much for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to encourage student participation in this scholarship opportunity.



## 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).

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