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A CREW Houston E-Newsletter

July 2010



Dear Kathrine,

Welcome to CREW Houston's E-Newsletter!

It is our goal to keep you connected and updated on "The Network that Works." Look for updates each month on luncheons, special events and Network happenings.

August Luncheon

August 3, 2010

Harris County

Judge Ed Emmett

Edward M. Emmett became Harris County Judge on March 6, 2007, following Robert Eckels' resignation. Voters later elected Judge Emmett in his own right on Nov. 4, 2008. He was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987, and served for 3 years as a Commissioner at the Interstate Commerce Commission under the administration of President George H.W. Bush. Judge Emmett went on to found The Emmett Company, an international consulting and marketing firm serving the transportation industry. He was also president and chief operating officer of the National Industrial Transportation League, and has a wide breadth of experience in transportation and logistics policy.

As chief executive of the nation's third-largest county, Judge Emmett is also director of Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, a role that took on special significance when Hurricane Ike struck the Gulf Coast in September 2008.

Judge Emmett serves on numerous boards and committees, including the Harris County Juvenile Board and the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Executive Steering Committee; the Tejano Center for Community Concerns; and the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Judge Emmett has received numerous awards during his tenure as county judge, including the 2009 Distinguished Public Service Award from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas; the 2008 Presidential "Call to Service Award" from President George W. Bush; the 2008 Distinguished Leader Award from Leadership Houston; and the 2007 Greater Houston-Galveston Anchor Award for Excellence in Transportation.

Judge Emmett attended Bellaire High School; he graduated from Rice University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974 with a Master of Public Affairs degree. Judge Emmett and his wife, Gwen, have been married for 35 years and have four children and seven grandchildren.

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Get Registered Now!**CREW Star Awards**

If you have a nomination for a CREW Houston member who has demonstrated his/her Star abilities, please e-mail your nomination to kathrine.guest@regions.com.

2010 Awards will be selected very soon! The Awards committee is requesting that you send your suggestions for **Networking Story of the Year** to kathrine.guest@regions.com. The Networking Story of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding networking experience between 2 or more members of CREW Houston. Nominations can include real estate transactions or career development including employment and business referrals. Judging criteria includes 1) the number of members involved, 2) the number of professional disciplines involved, 3) the creativity and complexity of the networking experience, and 4) the resulting impact on the individuals or businesses.

Welcome New Members!

Meet and greet July new members.

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Grandbridge Real Estate Capital
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Haynes Whaley Associates
JE Dunn
Kirksey
Lane Property Tax Advocates
LFC, Inc
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McCoy Workplace Solutions
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Traffic Engineers, Inc.
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Meyer, Stern & Wise, PCZukowski, Bresenhan &
Sinex**Save the Date for these Special Events!**

Please join us for our **3rd Quarter Special Event** on Thursday, **August 26th**. We will be touring the Washington Avenue corridor. Members only. More details to follow.

Mark Dotzour, Chief Economist at the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, will be the featured speaker at the **October 5th Luncheon** located at the Hilton Americas. For further information or table sales, contact Arlis Brodie at arlis.brodie@morrisarchitects.com or Beryl Mazella at bfmazella@mahoney-associates.com.

2010 CREW Network Convention & Marketplace Online Registration Now Open!

October 20 -23, 2010

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Register today to attend the commercial real estate industry's premier business networking event. The 2010 CREW Network Convention & Marketplace is focused on providing current market information to position you as a leader in the industry, translating that information to better understand how you can lead change that will strengthen the industry, and providing important opportunities to develop business networks critical to your success.

In addition to delivering comprehensive economic forecasts and progressive education, CREW Network will announce the findings of its 2010 industry benchmark study - conducted every five years to measure the status and achievements of women in commercial real estate. Find out if women are making progress in the areas of compensation and advancement and what this means for your company's hiring and retention programs.

This year's event will once again feature the CREW Network Marketplace, a dedicated networking event with 40 exhibitors and 1,000 commercial real estate professionals looking to make business connections and implement deals. Plus, you won't want to miss the special Thursday evening "Celebrating the Talent of Women in Commercial Real Estate" event where CREW Network will announce the winners of its Impact Awards, 20 Under 40 program and Achievement of Excellence award.

Don't miss the most important business networking event in commercial real estate!

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Lead to Change!

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Newsorthy Items:**CREWbiz™ | Special Chapter Incentive Deadline Extended to September 1**

The first CREW Network chapter to have 90 percent of its membership complete* their [CREWbiz™ personal profile](#) pages by September 1, will receive One Free Full Registration for the 2010 CREW Network Convention & Marketplace to be awarded to the member of its choice! Complete your profile today!

One free convention registration will be awarded in each category:

- Chapters with 100 or fewer members
- Chapters with 101-250 members
- Chapters with 251-500 members

*A personal profile page is considered to be complete when the member has loaded her/his bio and photograph.

CREW Foundation Raffle Tickets for Paris Trip Now Available - Purchase Yours Today!

Support the Future of Commercial Real Estate and Journey to the heart of Paris and live "La Vie Parisienne," choosing from romantic properties on the Left Bank or magical Ile St. Louis! [DETAILS](#)

\$25 | one ticket

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[Purchase your tickets today!](#) CREW Foundation Raffle Drawing to be held October 21, 2010

CREW Member-Get-A-Member! Make the most of your CREW membership by sharing it with others and bringing in new Members. View the Member-Get-A-Member card located on your luncheon table to see how you can be eligible for wonderful gifts for your efforts and entered into a Grand Prize drawing in December. Recommend qualified individuals and companies to your heart's

content - and share the benefits of CREW membership. Easy. Just drop the completed card in the box at the back of the room. Any questions related to qualifications of new members, please contact: Jeanne Bassetti Jullien at jjullien@ga-inc.net. Also, please contact Jeanne if you are interested in pro-rated membership fees starting June 2010. The gifts are graciously donated by: H2B Engineers and Lane Property Tax Advisors.

As part of its Mission, CREW Houston, in partnership with the CREW Foundation (national level), has established a grant making vehicle allowing us to create opportunities for women and girls to achieve economic self sufficiency through networking, educational and philanthropic initiatives. Through this grant making process, CREW Houston is seeking not-for-profit, local organizations which focus their efforts on building business and employment skills in women and girls, helping them to support choices and careers offering economic self-sufficiency.

CREW Houston is seeking donations of fabulous items for CREW Houston's contribution to the 2010 **CREW Foundation Auction**, which will be held on October 22 at the 2010 CREW Network Convention & Marketplace in San Francisco, California. The auction is the signature fundraising event for the Foundation and supports its many programs that help open doors for women in commercial real estate. The proceeds from this year's auction (up to \$10,000) will be matched by philanthropist Gerry Lenfest, a supporter of CREW Philadelphia. CREW Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law.

If you are interested in donating something for our contribution to this year's auction, please contact Susan Kinkaid, CREW Houston Chapter Champion (skinkaid@firstam.com or 713/850-0455 ext. 1404) as soon as possible so we can put together a wonderful package. Arrangements for all donations must be finalized with Susan by Tuesday, August 31. Susan will coordinate with donors and CREW Foundation regarding the submission of the necessary donation forms and delivery of auction items.

Wish List of Auction Items

- Airline tickets or mileage
- Celebrity chef cooking classes or cooking schools
- Designer handbags & accessories
- Entertainment: TV show tapings, red carpet events
- Fishing/Hunting packages
- Electronic gaming console packages (wii, play station 3)
- Golf/Skiing Packages
- Gift certificates - restaurant, retail, etc. (national chains)
- Hotels & Resorts (US & international)
- Jewelry - precious & semi-precious
- Lunches with high profile real estate executives
- Parade Packages - (Macy's Thanksgiving Day, Rose Bowl Parade)
- Sports Memorabilia (autographed)
- Sports Tickets/Suites - professional & national sporting events
- Trips to private homes/condos/timeshares
- Wine and/or wine dinners & tours in Napa/Sonoma Valleys
- Electronics -- Apple iPod, Apple iPhones, Digital camera, etc.

Please help make the 2010 CREW Foundation auction the most successful ever!

Find out more information about CREW Foundation and its programs [here](#).

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