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Installation of Officers, Star Awards, Sponsor Expo Highlight ICREW NJ December Luncheon Meeting

Woodbridge, New Jersey – "I decided to put together a powerpoint presentation to show the ICREW NJ 'big picture,' and as I began putting together all of our accomplishments, I was amazed at how much we have achieved," said Silvana Finizio of Carousel Industries. Her remarks kicked off the final act of her term as President of ICREW NJ, with the organization's December luncheon at the Woodbridge Hilton highlighted by the installation of 2011 officers and directors.

"A year ago, I will admit being challenged by the upcoming 2010 and its economic outlook, and how this could impact our organization," she continued. "We were able to overcome any fears and challenges, allowing us to provide you with a good story today."

With those remarks, Finizio turned the President's gavel over to Sheila Nall of KSS Architects. "I want to thank everyone for the vote of confidence by electing me your 2011 President," Nall began. "This is an exciting opportunity, yet daunting at the same time. This is a big challenge, but one I am eager to undertake.

"We know that the nation and our industry are still suffering from the economic downturn," Nall continued. "That is why we must work even harder to develop new ways to support our members through networking, learning and sharing opportunities. To that end, our two most pressing goals for 2011 are to enhance the value of membership in ICREW NJ, and to elevate ICREW NJ in the eyes of the real estate industry as the premiere professional organization."

Nall leads a 2011 slate of officers and directors that includes President-Elect and CREW Network Delegate Cheryl Hardt of CB Richard Ellis; Treasurer Sefi Silverstein, CPA, Wilkin & Guttenplan; and Recording Secretary Patricia Faulkner of NAI Global.

Director of Membership is Nancy Witt, Sweetwater Construction Corp.; Co-Directors of Programming/Philanthropy are Monica Ceres of Giordano Halleran & Ciesla; Co-Directors of Sponsorship are Mary Lynn Kearns of Dancker, Sellew & Douglas, and Patricia Riedel of CB Richard Ellis; Director of Special Projects/Golf is Robin Grossman, Edge Technologies; and Director of Special Projects/Website/PR is Rebecca Machinga of WithumSmith+Brown.

Advisor & CREW Network Delegate is Silvana Finizio, Carousel Industries; Advisor is Annette Murray, Wilkin & Guttenplan; and Advisor & Bylaws is Jennifer Palestri of Normandy Real Estate Partners.

The December luncheon event also featured presentation of the Annual Star Awards for outstanding achievements and contributions of ICREW NJ. The 2010 recipients were Kim Brennan, Cushman & Wakefield, Inc.; Robin Grossman, Edge Technologies; Annamarie Kovacik, WG Project Management; Jennifer Palestri, Normandy Real Estate Partners; Patricia Radziewicz, Carefree Plant Designs; and Carolyn Sica, CB Richard Ellis.

The event was also highlighted by an ICREW NJ Sponsor Expo. Penthouse Sponsors were Real Estate Forum & GlobeSt.com, and Wilkin & Guttenplan. Boardroom Sponsor was CB Richard Ellis. Atrium Sponsors were Farer Fersko; Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla; Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis; The Aztec Corp.; Walder, Hayden & Brogan; and WithumSmith+Brown.

The December philanthropy was ICREW NJ's Annual Toy Drive to benefit the New Jersey Battered Women's Service-Children's Program.

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