CAM

By: Joanna Price, CAM, The Douglas

While completing my CAM designation from 2009-2010, I was fortunate enough to be taught and guided by the finest our industry has to offer. The majority of our classes were divided and taught by Carolyn Emery-Brunk and Becky Way, formerly of Builders Inc.

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During these classes, an open dialogue was encouraged. We were able to ask honest questions and discuss real life issues that we were encountering at our communities. While preparing to complete our final exams and community analysis, we were strongly encouraged to reach out to our instructors. They were our biggest cheerleaders and I felt that they were invested in each and everyone of us and truly wanted us to succeed.

It was during this time that I was able to form a lasting professional relationship with my mentor, friend, and, overall hero: Becky Way. Through the years, she has given me unwavering support and encouragement. The knowledge she has given me has been nothing short of priceless. I owe this to CAM. The course load and time away from the office can be daunting, but the knowledge that you attain and the relationships that you build will be with you forever.

I have been a member of the AAGW since 2008 and I have held my CAM Designation since 2010. To date, completing my Certified Apartment Manager designation has been the best investment that I have made in myself and my career. Holding your designation with the National Apartment Association will also give you access to education updates, marketing resources and current legislation that affects each and everyone of us.

As Property Managers we wear many hats and have a wide range of responsibilities. It is imperative that we have extensive knowledge in all aspects of Fair Housing guidelines, property maintenance, human resources, legal responsibilities, financial management, risk management, resident issues and community marketing. These are all topics covered in the CAM course curriculum. *CAM will be offered again in the Wichita area beginning September 20th, 2017. Visit www.myaagw.com to register today.* 

# Member of the Month

### By: Rhiannon Giffin, Key Management

Jeanie Sikes is our July Member if the Month, and deservingly so. She has been in the industry going on 21 years, beginning in a part time leasing position. Jeanie says her favorite part of the job is, "walking into the same office every day to a different job - you never know what the day will bring!".

Jeanie is still waiting on her biggest challenge, and sees each one as an opportunity to provide excellent customer service. She is an active board member for AAGW and also stays heavily involved in the Wichita chapter of IREM. Both roles allow her to enjoy interacting with other industry professionals to gain and build her personal knowledge.

If there was one item Jeanie would like to see emphasized more in our industry it would be helping our maintenance technicians by providing them with better training opportunities, knowledge, and mentoring programs.



Jeanie Sikes
Stratford West Apartments



## The Grapevine

#### Stephanie Hayden-SunSTONE Apartment Homes

### Preston Fanning-Precision Construction



Congratulations to Stephanie who was promoted to Property Manager at SunSTONE Apartment Homes at Market Place. Way to go, Stephanie!



Preston and fiancée Jessica Summers welcomed a new little girl, Charley, to the world on June 2nd. Congrats, she's beautiful!

### Kim Harper-Osborn SunSTONE Apartment Homes

SunSTONE Apartment Homes at Market Place also welcomed Kim as their new Assistant Property Manager. Welcome to the Association Kim - we know you will do great things!

#### Sabrina Robertson-Case and Associates

Case and Associates would like to introduce Sabrina to everyone who joined their team as a floating leasing agent at the Newport, Crown Chase and Silver Springs properties.
Welcome to the family Sabrina.



Have news you would like to share in The Grapevine? From new hires to goodbyes to personal announcements please submit to admin@myaagw.com.

### June Membership Meeting-Fashion Show

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at June's Dress to Impress Fashion Show. Anya Clifford and Joanna Price from The Douglas hosted the program which gave industry pointers on how to look and what fashion mistakes to avoid in the workplace.



## MONTHLY MEETING July 20



Please join us on **July 20th from 11:30am-1:00pm** for the Apartment Association of Greater Wichita's Monthly Membership Meeting where we will be covering the topic of budgets.

A panel of experts with extensive experience in preparing and following budgets will share their perspectives and valuable advice to help you prepare and follow your next budget. They will be answering questions submitted from those in the Apartment Association followed by a question and answer session.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Pricing: \$45/Non-Member, \$25/Member, Register at www.myaagw.com

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Register Today at myaagw.com!

Thursday, July 13, 11:30 am - 1 pm

**Furniture Options** 

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, Noon - 1 pm

**Furniture Options** 

Suppliers Council Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 11:30 am - 1 pm

Abode Venue, \$25/member

Membership Meeting-Budgets

Thursday, August 10, 11:30 am - 1 pm

**Furniture Options** 

**Board of Directors Meeting** 

Wednesday, August 16, Noon - 1 pm

**Furniture Options** 

Suppliers Council Meeting

Friday, August 18, 7:00 pm - 9 pm

Holiday Inn, \$35/member (Must register before July 31st)

Annual Membership Meeting



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