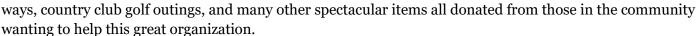


Center of Hope's Annual Benefit Dinner

Members of the AAGW were graciously invited to attend the Center of Hope's Annual Benefit Dinner on April 29th at Newman University. This annual fundraiser, or "friend-raiser" as Executive Director George Dinkel prefers to call it, helps the Center of Hope continue to prevent homelessness in the community by providing financial assistance for families to landlords and utility companies.

The evening included several prizes being raffled off, a silent auction, and a live auction with items including a dinner with the Bishop, a one-hour ride on a Stearman biplane, vacation get-a-





In 2018 alone, the Center of Hope provided over \$1.5 million dollars in assistance to families in the area, which include many who live in AAGW member's properties. Meeting the faces in person behind this great organization and hearing first-hand from those they have helped, further reaffirmed our commitment to helping the Center of Hope as much as we can moving forward.

Our next step in helping them make a difference will be with the Round for Hope golf tournament which will be held June 14th at Terradyne Country Club. If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering for this great cause, please email roundforhope@gmail.com.

Member of the Month

By Stacie Becker, BPO5 Ventures

Let me introduce you to Regan McGee – this month's Member of the Month. She is a little bundle of energy coming out of Hearth Hollow in Derby. Just a year ago, she told a friend that she was thinking about leaving the Aesthetics industry and her friend told her that she heard about an opening at Hearth Hollow. "I honestly thought I bombed my interview, but ended up getting a call back. Here I am a year later – happy as a clam!" said Regan.

Regan loves how many people she gets to interact with working in the industry and the residents she meets on site. She said never knowing who/what is going to walk through the door every day is exciting. She also enjoys going to the AAGW Luncheons because it's fun to network and learn with others in the industry, as well as getting to meet our great vendors who support the local properties.

She said that her biggest challenge in the industry has been learning the Tax Credit process – but Regan is doing big things already in the association by earning NAAEI's National Apartment Leasing Professional (NALP) certification through the AAGW. "If you get the chance, I recommend Katie Rigsby's class to anyone who would like to earn theirs as well!" said Regan.

We are excited for all the new faces in our organization and wish you the best!







Metro Appliances and More would like to introduce you to Todd Laffoon, Todd came to work for Metro in February with a contractor background. He has been getting his feet wet learning appliances. Todd's position is Outside Sales, which covers a lot of ground. He will be calling on builders, doing some inside sales and helping with the Apartment Replacement Division side of the business, as well as new businesses like hotels and more multi-family housing. We are glad to have Todd join our Metro family.

We would like to congratulate Case & Associates's Mary King who has been moved up the ranks to property manager of Huntington Park Apartments. Way to go on the promotion and good luck moving forward!



Eaglerock Village Apartments would like to welcome back a familiar face. Tracy Bryant has been hired as the new property manager. Tracy returns to the position she previously held after spending some time in Florida and on the west side of town. Be sure to stop in and say hello!



Meet Your AAGW Board and Committees

I began my involvement with the AAGW in 2012. My committee involvement has included Round for the Red, Education and Star of Excellence. After 7 years in this amazing organization I have made friendships that will last a lifetime. It has been really amazing to watch my friends grow and excel in their careers. Because of these friendships I was given the opportunity to transition to a new company and continue my career as a Regional Manager with Monarch Investment and Management Group. Volunteering on the different committees, co-chairing events and even serving as AAGW President has all made me a better person and manager to my team.



Sheila Tasker, Regional Manager Monarch Investment & Management Group





When: May 16th, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Where: Abode Venue, 1330 E Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS **Details:** As the temperatures begin to rise and the school season comes to an end, Americans start making their vacation plans. With increased travel comes more exposure with others from around the world and an unwanted souvenir many will share are bedbugs. This summer is predicted to have another high level of bedbug activity which will affect most in this industry in one way or another.

During this membership meeting, Dr. Jason Meyers with BASF will educate on how to handle tenants who have reported bedbug activity, how to protect yourself while entering other's homes, and an overview of different treatment options to eradicate the issue.

Register at www.myaagw.com



AAGW Cornhole Tournament · May 30th · 3:00pm

Join us for a fun, yet competitive, afternoon networking with your AAGW peers playing cornhole at Wichita's new hot spot, Chicken N Pickle. Several prizes and medals will be given away.

All tournament registrations will help us reach our NAAPAC goal which is used to support Congressional candidates and legislation that addresses the concerns of the multi-family housing industry. So come play and be an advocate!

With all proceeds going directly to NAAPAC, only credit card payments from individuals will be accepted. Invoicing will not be available. For more information, email admin@myaagw.com.

UPCOMING

EVENTS

Thursday, May 9th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Metro Appliances & More Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Furniture Options Suppliers Council Meeting

Thursday, May 16th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Abode Venue Monthly Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 30th, 3:00 pm Chicken N Pickle NAAPAC Cornhole Tournament

Thursday, June 13th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Metro Appliances & More Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 14th
Terradyne Country Club
Round for Hope Golf Tournament

Wednesday, June 19th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Furniture Options Suppliers Council Meeting



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