

Summer is a great time to relax, re-energize, and refocus our efforts in preparation for the opportunities the second half of the year will bring. And whether you are just starting out in the commercial real estate industry, or are a seasoned professional, BOMA Southern Connecticut supports its members in their roles through education on current issues and trends affecting our region, networking and social events where important connections are made, and advocacy on behalf of building owners and managers. As we strive to grow principal membership, I hope you will continue to spread the word on the benefits of participation in our local BOMA association.

At the January Winter Business Meeting in Washington, DC, BOMA Southern Connecticut visited state representatives on Capitol Hill to advocate on the topics of ADA lawsuit reform, increased infrastructure spending to support business, and preservation of the ENERGY STAR buildings program. We attended the BOMA International Annual Conference & Expo in San Antonio for four days in June, where legislative victories were announced indicating that ENERGY STAR has been preserved, and the ADA reform bill passed in the House and will be reviewed by the Senate after mid-year elections.

Closer to home, BOMA Southern Connecticut's activities during the first half of the year included the informative State of the Market program, and luncheon with Aquarion Water Company and Eversource on conservation and savings incentives. Building tours and socials took place at newly-renovated 750 East Main Street in Stamford, and at Assa Abloy for the Red Carpet Tour and networking with our BOMA Greater Hartford colleagues. As is tradition, the Annual Scholarship Golf Outing (our 30<sup>th</sup>!) took place in June, and this year's venue was the spectacular Rockrimmon Country Club in Stamford.

The remainder of the year promises to bring more interesting and fun events, including an awards and networking event this fall. And mark your calendars now for the Holiday Social on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to check out the BOMA Southern Connecticut website for the calendar of future events at: <http://www.soctboma.org/>

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I wish to thank our members, Annual and Event Sponsors, and committee and board volunteers of BOMA Southern Connecticut for your continued support throughout the year. And many thanks to Sharon Moran and Audrey Sutton for all that they do to make things run smoothly.

Sincerely,

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President of BOMA Southern Connecticut