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#### Message from your Chapter President, Rebecca Nolan



been accomplished.

**Zoom Out – The Power of Perspective** - upon returning from the CoreNet Global North American Summit in Denver, CO., I had time to reflect on the conference theme. As my term as Chapter president comes to an end, I've had time to think back over the past two years and I'm happy to see how the Chapter has grown.

At the start of my term, I had hoped to accelerate our Young Leaders to challenge them and expand their opportunities while being mentored by our esteemed senior leaders. With their personal growth and passion, I believe this has

Our Young Leaders (YL) have stepped into leadership roles across several committees. They are setting new goals for personal growth and adapting to the changes in business and leadership. Our YL are focused on their sense of purpose and the importance of belonging. With diversity in the workplace, leaders are prioritizing a social safety net and a sense of purpose to retain YL. Leaders have shifted from a focus on individual contributors to a more holistic approach that includes retaining and attracting great talent.

Our YL has focused on those who have been marginalized, rather than just focusing on themselves. They have created a culture of kindness and facilitated honest conversations.

To emphasize this point, our co-chair for YL, Miles McDonald was nominated at the Global Summit as Young Leader of the Year. He came in second to another very talented Young Leader. The CT/W Chapter couldn't be prouder! **Congratulations Miles!** 

Over the course of the past six months the Chapter Board of Directors focused on future goals to engage core members. We held two online meetings to listen to end users who shared challenges and opportunities that are keeping them or not engaged. At the 2023 Annual Meeting we plan to share the goals for the future of the Chapter and hope you will join us for that event. (December 13, 2023 – Red Thread, East Hartford)

Next in-person event - staying with the theme to support Young Leaders, the

Green Building Council members, and Construction Institute members will meet at Kinsmen Brewing Company in Milldale, CT. Co-hosted by the Construction Institute's Young Professionals Council, the Connecticut Green Building Council's Emerging Professionals, and *CoreNet Connecticut Westchester Chapter Young Leaders* Nov 15 | 5:00 – 7:30 pm Register here

Get ready for more – on Nov 16 |5:30-7:30 PM *Hartford, CT* join me at the iconic "Boat Building" to hear why the Talcott Team recently moved from a suburban campus environment to the Central Business District in Hartford with a goal to engage their employees. *Reinvesting in the Insurance Capital of the World*. Register <a href="here">here</a>.

Every president wants to add value to the Chapter and I hope that my leadership has left the Chapter in a good place with new possibilities and opportunities.

Until next month ... Make a Difference!



#### **Chapter Events**

CoreNet Global CT/Westchester has been busy planning in person chapter events with valuable content at desirable locations with lots of networking opportunities. Like many other professional member associations, charging for events took a back seat during the pandemic. With events in full swing, we return to the general practice of charging for events. Please remember, if your company is a sponsor you have benefits regarding event registration. If you have questions on these benefits, please reach out to <a href="Megan Parsons">Megan Parsons</a>. We look forward to seeing you in person at our next event!

### **Upcoming Chapter Events:**



#### **COMING SOON:**

**November 15** | CoreNet Young Leaders Joint Event *Kinsmen Brewing* | *Milldale*, *CT* 

**November 16** | Reinvesting in the Insurance Capital of the World *Talcott Headquarters* | *Hartford*, *CT* 

**December 13** | Annual Meeting and Holiday Party Red Thread | East Hartford, CT

**Chapter Events** 

## **Recent Events**

#### **Women's Networking Event**

A great time was had at the 7th Annual Women's Networking Event held November 2nd at PepsiCo Global Headquarters in Purchase, NY.









#### **Featured Article**

# LET THE SUNSHINE IN: BRINGING BIOPHILIA INTO THE OFFICE OF THE FUTURE November 2023

Guest Post by David McCullough, Principal Landscape Architect at McCullough

As employees return to the office, many companies are reimagining what that experience will look like.

While the allure of Class A office spaces remains strong due to their perceived amenities, there's an exciting trend emerging—a creative



reinvention of all types of office spaces. Landscape architecture is playing a pivotal role in transforming these spaces into collaborative, inspiring, and environmentally conscious workplaces.

Across various industries, employees are voicing a strong desire for "creative spaces." These spaces aren't just about aesthetics; they are designed to foster active collaboration, promote well-being, offer abundant natural light and fresh air, and incorporate biophilic elements (natural elements or forms of life). While incorporating these elements into new office designs might seem straightforward, the real challenge lies in revitalizing existing buildings. How can you breathe new life into dated Class B buildings and make them appealing to both employees and environmentally conscious consumers?

#### **Board Member and Leadership Updates!**



CoreNet Global CT/Westchester chapter president Becky Nolan presents The Villages Tammy Freeberg VP Strategy & Planning and Galo Rodriguez, President & CEO, a check for \$3,000. The money was raised during this summer's Annual Golf Outing!"

#### **Welcome New Members!**



Alexis Kardian

Manager

Space & Occupancy Planner, Booking Holdings Inc.

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Our Committee members work hard to retain and recruit members, plan program content and events, govern the chapter, engage new and prospective members, and so much more! A huge THANK YOU to you all!

### **Member Spotlight**



We are celebrating his achievement by featuring Miles as our Member Spotlight this month. Congratulations Miles!

#### What do you wish other people knew about CoreNet?

"If you're going to be involved, be involved. Join a committee and do the work. You'll build relationships with your committee members that will last for your entire career. You'll also develop a broader understanding of CRE and how all the different people and companies work together."

Miles McDonald, CPSM | Linked In

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#### **Get Involved - Join a Committee!**

Our Chapter welcomes members to get involved in a committee! If you are eager to engage with other CRE professionals, and to help our chapter grow and thrive, **get in touch!** We are happy to connect you with committee chairs to explore opportunities to collaborate.

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