

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JUNE, 2010

Dear Members,

Our year has been nothing short of amazing, thanks to you! We've grown by leaps and bounds, we've networked with our entire community and overcome all odds to help win battles for our members, such as defeating the Diplomat's attempt to re-define land use. I'm one of Broward's Advisory Board Members for **Donna D. Berger's Community Advocacy Network (CAN)** and we've achieved clout on a statewide level, with more to come. If we stay together and stay focused on the goals, we shall continue to succeed. Get a good rest over the summer, because we're going to come roaring back in the fall!

At this meeting, we'll learn what really happened in Tallahassee this year. As I write this we still don't know if Gov. Crist will sign the "Retrofit Relief" bill. **Senator Jeremy Ring, Rep. Ari Porth** and our own **Donna Berger** were absolutely invaluable in our efforts to get the good bills passed, and we really owe them a debt of gratitude for their exemplary work on our behalf. We're also delighted that **Donna** has agreed to install our officers and board members.

Speaking of the fall, because the High Holydays come right in the middle of September, we **won't be meeting until October**. But we will produce a newsletter for September with lots of information and assistance as we approach the all-important November mid-term elections.

Anyone in business in Florida who hasn't already done it should contact **Donna** to discuss the annual **CAN HURRICANE GUIDE and Affinity Program**. Sponsorship exposes your business to over 1,500 associations, and it's a first class publication chock full of everything we need to know about staying safe in the storm. Associations can get a discount if they join CAN as Broward Coalition members, so please get the details. **CAN** members get discounts on services as well as many other perks. Email [dshick@kgblawfirm.com](mailto:dshick@kgblawfirm.com). Or call **954-315-0372** for the full info.

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**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010.** It's our **Second Annual Share & Learn**. Great news...we're holding it at **Diamante's Banquet Center** this year because we had such an overflow crowd. It's **FREE** to all association officers and board members, as well as unit owners from all over Broward, members and non-members alike. **Richie Harris, Event Chairman**, is doing a wonderful job with our committee, **1<sup>st</sup> V-P Mary Macfie, 2<sup>nd</sup> V-P Robin Moselle, Board Members Patti Lynn, Andy Shaftel, and Toby Feuer**. Thank you so much for working so hard!

Please get absentee ballots for the August elections. It's a very long ballot, and you don't want to be standing in line while people who haven't done their homework take a long time to figure it out. Just call the Supervisor of Elections and request one...**954-357-7055**.

Do you think we need to change the present method of electing judges? Let's brainstorm on possible reforms to a system run too much by lobbyists and powerbrokers. A committee of successful businesspeople not doing business with government, law school deans, and attorneys such as Barbara Peterson of the First Amendment Foundation might be a good start.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on June 11.

Charlotte

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