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Record attendance at 2011 REFA Gala held Sept. 22nd

October 18, 2011 - Connecticut

The 2011 Real Estate Finance Association Gala was held on September 22nd at the Great River Country Club in Milford. Over 170 members and guests attended this event which consisted of networking, hors d'oeuvres and a live presentation by comedian John Heffron who is a past winner of the second season of Last Comic Standing.

Below are some comments from some of the attendees of this great evening:

"I had no expectations and was above and beyond surprised upon my arrival. The venue was lovely and everything was extremely well organized. I was greeted in the most welcoming manner, enjoyed the first class selection of hors d'oeuvres, serving stations and raw bars along, with professional entertainment.

"The members and their guests were great company and I was actually introduced to a few new projects for my company.

"Thank you REFA!"

Deborah Laviero, vice president marketing & business development, OFI

"Great job last night. Everything was perfect. Thanks for all you do for us."

Jeffrey Gage CCIM, SIOR, MRICS, managing principal, CresaPartners

"I thought last night's comedian was our best yet!"

Heidi DeWyngaert, president, The Bank of New Canaan

"Last night's gala was a wonderful time, thank you for all of the hard work that went into planning such a fun event."

Kelsey Rath, assistant vice president, Talcott Realty Investors

The REFA Golf Outing, held in June 2011, donated the proceeds to two local charities: Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County and Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity. A thank you note from both of these charities has been received, stating that with REFA's donation they were able to help build a home for a family in the community.

2012 REFA

Membership Renewal

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Click on Membership

Click the link to Pay Membership Dues Online

Enter your Username: Your Email address

Enter your Password: ID that was mailed to you by the executive office.

If your email address has changed, please notify the executive office immediately to make the change.

If you have misplaced your password, simply click on the password recovery link to have your password emailed to you.

Enter your credit card information to complete your renewal.

Once your renewal has been processed you will receive an online and email confirmation for your records.

Should you have any issues please contact Mary Yokose by phone at 860-243-3977 or by email at myokose@ssmgt.com.

Online Program Registration

To register for programs online please visit our web site at www.REFACT.org, click on the event calendar, choose the date of the program you wish to attend. Then follow these simple steps to register:

- * Click the Globe

- * Enter your username and password

- * Your information will automatically be populated. As a member, you can also register non-member guests to attend open programs with you. If you would like to bring a guest, select yes from the drop down menu to fill in their information. Members can not register other members for events.

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