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As 2013 comes to a close, looking forward to new opportunities

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It is hard to believe that 2013 is already coming to a close. During this year Southern Connecticut BOMA continued to offer our members a wide range of programs both educational and social to enjoy. We started the year with our Annual State of the Market and Annual Business Meeting and our last event of the year was our Annual Holiday Social. Other educational programs offered throughout the year for our membership included a meet and greet seminar with Bob McClure (BOMA International vice president of association services), informational session on car charging stations (installation options, challenges and benefits), a seminar Digital Workflow Solutions (information on Blue Book systems for finding vendors, pre-qualifying bidders and communicating information on project needs), and a program on C-PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) where information regarding getting financing for energy efficient site upgrades from CEFIA (Clean Energy Finance Investment Association).

While education is important to our membership we also like to offer social events in order to allow everyone time to network with peers. This year, a new event was an appreciation celebration for principal members sponsored by our allied members. During this event a "jeopardy type" game was played by the principal members to see how well they knew our allied members. Other social events included our annual golf tournament (huge success as usual), our softball challenge (against BOMA Westchester) which we unfortunately did not win, our annual summer social held at one of our members newly renovated buildings on the water in Greenwich, and our Annual Fishing Tournament (wonderful fishing and food). To end it all our holiday social was held in mid December and was the final event of the year. It allowed members to socialize and wish each other well and thank each other for service and support in 2013. 2014 will start again with our annual state of the market and annual business meeting where I will relinquish my reigns as president to our current vice president, Victor DeCicco.

I know I am looking forward to 2014 and continuing to work with my BOMA colleagues. I also look forward to what new educational programs will be offered to continue to enhance my building management background. As we know, each year brings new challenges and offers us the opportunity to utilize our ever increasing knowledge to better service our clients and run our building more effectively and efficiently.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a successful, safe and healthy 2014 from Southern Connecticut BOMA.

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