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Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

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When you think about "those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer," what comes to mind? Are your tenants pressuring you to get those AC's up-and-running efficiently, even when it's 95 degrees out? Or is it the client who chooses to contact you in the 11th hour with an issue that just cannot wait as you head out the door on a holiday weekend? All you can do is stay one step ahead of the "crazy." Summer may be a more relaxed time for many industries, but not ours!

I did manage to enjoy a working vacation from June 28-30, when I ventured west to California. Not for the Gold Rush, but for BOMA's International 2015 Every Building Conference and Expo. This year's convention was based in Los Angeles, with a focus on ways to "CREate Your Own Success" via networking with Commercial Real Estate's best minds, participating in CRE courses, and learning about the latest products, resources and equipment.

There were six educational tracks: asset management, building operations and management, high performance buildings, industrial property management, leadership and career development and tenant relations and retention. In my line of work (healthcare), I was particularly interested in building operations and ongoing building performance. I enjoyed the classes and came away with a better understanding of the ongoing challenges for a very high-energy building type.

The vendors' showcase highlighted over 400 exhibits, covering the eco-friendly and energy efficient to telecommunications and software. I was impressed with the depth of knowledge, and spent more than a few minutes speaking to many of the vendor partners about their products.

In between general sessions and networking events, I even managed to participate in some of the evening festivities, enjoy the keynote speaker Jay Leno (still funny) and meet with a potential client. Maybe I'll be going out there for business now; you never know how the next job might present itself. Next, I wanted to thank the many sponsors and golfers for their participation in the Gus Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament, which took place July 7th at the Country Club of Avon. The skies didn't quite cooperate, as a sudden shower halted our afternoon game, so there was a "scramble" for cover! Yet, from the green to the range and all throughout the day, a good time was had by all.

Special recognition and thanks to my golf committee and our Titanium Sponsor EMCOR/ NE Mechanical Services. Gus Johnson loved the game and lived to serve his construction colleagues, so the funds raised will go toward scholarships and educational programs.

This month we tour the 777 Main residential tower. It is nearing completion and leasing up quickly. 285 apartments will house young professionals and empty nesters looking to contribute to the Downtown Hartford scene. Come see the view from the Penthouse, we're moving on up!

A tour of Hartford's vibrant Front St. will be held in September, and you can see the recent additions. It promises to be a can't-miss event!

In the midst of cookouts and camps, don't forget to check out www.bomahartford.org for other upcoming events and please enjoy your summer.

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