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## **CT/Western MA SIOR Chapter hold annual meeting**

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Shown (from left) are: Art Ross, outgoing chapter president; Bernadette Blaze, chapter administrator; and Michael Guidicelli, new chapter president

Chapter Members safely enjoying each other's camaraderie at Pine Orchard

Branford, CT Twelve members of the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter of SIOR held their annual September meeting at Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club, with another ten members joining virtually via Zoom connection. The main agenda business item was the election of chapter officers for a new two-year term. Art Ross, outgoing chapter president presided over the

meeting; and he announced the election of Michael Guidicelli, president, Phil Gagnon, vice president, and Bryan Atherton, secretary/treasurer.

Following the business meeting, a few annual sponsors joined the members on Pine Orchard's patio deck for a relaxing late summer evening dinner, overlooking Pine Orchard's marina with the Thimble Islands scattered along the horizon.

### CREate 360 Virtual Fall Conference Scholarship

The CT/Western MA Chapter of SIOR has named its recipient of a student scholarship attending the upcoming CREate 360 Conference, to be held virtually October 21 – 23. Stavros Filippidis, recent University of Connecticut graduate majoring in Real Estate and Urban Studies, will be attending the virtual event along with many other real estate students in the United States and internationally. The scholarship earned by Filippidis is supported by the SIOR Foundation along with the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter.

As a networking think tank with high-profile speakers and strategic discussion, CREate 360 provides a high-level, 30,000-foot view of the industrial and office real estate landscape. It's where ideas transform into opportunities—and it's the must-attend virtual event for CRE professionals at all career stages. Featured speakers include Alan Mulally, former president and CEO of The Ford Motor Company; Condoleezza Rice; and Leslie Odom, Jr, Tony and Grammy award-winning artist and Hamilton's original Aaron Burr.

The CT/Western MA Chapter is one of 48 chapters of the prestigious international organization, the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. Commercial real estate professionals must meet rigorous requirements to earn the SIOR designation. SIOR, founded in 1941, has over 3,200 members in 685 markets located in 36 countries.

SIOR represents today's most knowledgeable, experienced, and successful commercial real estate brokerage specialists. The SIOR designation stands unchallenged for excellence in the performance of real estate services and is universally recognized as the prerequisite in the selection of a commercial real estate broker, agent, or consultant. Please visit the chapter's website ([www.siorct.com](http://www.siorct.com)) to find additional information on the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter, Chapter members, and upcoming events. Should you have questions or interest in the requirements and benefits of becoming an SIOR and joining the chapter, contact John Reed, SIOR.

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