



Congratulations Corner

CREW LV members are often recognized for their business prowess. We congratulate our following members on their accomplishments:

2010

Karen Derr, KNBT Vice President of Commercial Lending and CREW LV Membership Chair, received the **2010 Volunteer of the Year Award** from the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) on June 23, 2010. Karen's KNBT Bank position led to her involvement with the Lehigh Economic Advancement Project (LEAP) Board of Directors, on which she has served since 2003. As current LEAP President, Karen leads the LEAP Board in pre-approving loan applicants for the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, a financing program administered by LVEDC. Karen also serves as Vice Chair of the Regional Loan Pool, also administered by LVEDC, as well as on its Screening and Technical Committees.

KNBT Assistant Vice President Kate Hart, who also serves as CREW LV's Sponsorship Committee Chair and Assistant Treasurer, **received her MBA from Lehigh University** in May of 2010.

CREW LV President Linda L. Dietrick, CCIM, was honored on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at "Crossing Borders," an annual fundraising event recognizing women of superior achievement in real estate and economic development in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Dietrick is the owner and managing partner of the Allentown, Pennsylvania-based Dietrick Group, LLC, a full-service real estate advisory firm specializing in commercial brokerage, appraisal, and property management. Each year, one outstanding woman from Pennsylvania and one from New Jersey receive the prestigious Community Impact Award for their service in the real estate sector. The 2011 New Jersey recipient was Seena Stein, Principal, Newmark Knight Frank. Proceeds benefit the Displaced Homemakers Network of New Jersey and New Choices/New Options of Pennsylvania. The 2009 event raised over \$52,000 for the charities. "Crossing Borders" was developed by Rosalin **Petrucci, a member of I-CREW and a founding member of CREW LV.**

2009

Merry Landis, owner, Fine Art Resources, and Jane Long, Esq., shareholder, Fitzpatrick, Lentz & Bubba P.C., Center Valley were named to **Pennsylvania's 2009 "Best 50 Women in Business,"** which recognizes women who live and work in Pennsylvania and serve as an owner, partner, or other senior executive management-level position, with significant decision-making authority. The contest, which is its 14th year for 2009, is coordinated by the state Department of Community and Economic Development in cooperation with five regional Pennsylvania business journals. Merry Landis is a CREW LV member, and Jane Long, Esq., serves on the CREW LV Board of Directors as Secretary.

CREW LV Secretary Jane Long, Esq., a shareholder with Fitzpatrick, Lentz & Bubba P.C. of Center Valley received a SUITS award for the **"law" category of the Third Annual Lehigh Valley SUITS award program** for business services professionals. The awards ceremony benefits Equi-librium, a program that provides therapeutic riding programs to approximately 120 children, youth, and adults with many types of special needs.



CREW LV President Elect Linda Dietrick was a speaker at **Sovereign Bank's 2009 Economic Outlook Breakfast**, which was presented by the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce on March 4, 2009, in Bethlehem, PA. Linda Dietrick, the Owner/Managing Partner of Dietrick Group LLC, is an expert in the valuation and brokerage of commercial and residential real estate with over 20 years of real estate experience. She was also honored with a 2008 SUITS award for commercial real estate, an awards program for business services professionals.

On February 12, 2009, the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association, a trade association representing growers, garden centers, and landscape companies awarded **Joanne Kostecky Garden Design, Inc.** five "**Excellence in Landscape Awards.**" **Joanne Kostecky is a CREW Lehigh Valley member.** Three of the awards were for commercial projects—Vietnam/Korean War Memorial at the entrance of Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, St. Francis Retreat House Meditation Garden in Easton, and Dr. Samuel Ghosh, Orthodontist in Wescosville. Two of the awards were for residential projects at the Loguidice and Steed residences in Bethlehem and Allentown, respectively.

CREW LV member Pamela Shupp, President of Berks Economic Partnership, was named **Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (PEDA)** on January 22, 2009. PEDA is the statewide association of local, state, corporate, and nonprofit economic development professionals with a mission of promoting sound economic development policies, providing leading edge economic development education, and nurturing an effective statewide economic development network. A native of Berks County, Pamela Shupp joined the Berks Economic Partnership in 2006 and offers more than 20 years of economic and community development experience.

2008

On June 6, 2008, the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce honored **CREW LV members Kate Hart and Merry Landis** with the prestigious **Athena Award**, the Chamber's highest recognition to women in business. Kate Hart, Past President of CREW LV and CREW member Merry Landis each received the prestigious Athena Award at a luncheon held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Breinigsville, PA, before an audience of about 300 business leaders. Athena International developed the program in 1982 to honor women leaders who excel in their profession and give back to the community. The program is organized by the Chamber's Executive Women's Council.

In December 2008, **CREW LV Member Catherine Durso**, an attorney with Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., was again named a **Pennsylvania Rising Star** by Law & Politics, as listed in the December 2008 editions of *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* and *Philadelphia Magazine*. Ms. Durso has been recognized as a Rising Star every year since 2005.