



Spring Newsletter – May 2008



#####“Best in the West” Arizona Relocation Alliance 4th Annual Relocation Summit and Annual Business Meeting

The Fourth Annual ARA Relocation Summit was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 and was a huge success - Just ask those that attended! The feedback from the Surveys collected at the end of the event provided positive responses and great ideas for upcoming meetings and educational sessions. Thanks to all that offered their suggestions and comments.

SAVE THESE DATES!!

SPRING LUNCH N' LEARN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Prudential Building – Scottsdale, AZ

We will be re-capping educational sessions
from the 2008 ERC National Relocation
Conference held May 7th – 9th.

2nd Quarter General Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Prudential Building – Scottsdale, AZ

3rd Quarter General Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008
Location to be Announced

CRP credits will be available!
Watch for more details coming
your way soon!

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The day's events included industry updates with informative speakers sharing knowledge and insight from their perspective fields of expertise. Round Table discussions on the hot topics of today's relocation challenges rounded out the information packed day and offered each participant the opportunity to present their professional experiences and knowledge.

The networking luncheon provided a relaxing atmosphere and great food, including ample time to check in with the office or catch-up with colleagues and other relocation professionals. And the best way to end such a successful day...Cocktail Hour, of course!

A special Thanks to our Sponsors for their support and to everyone who spent their day learning with us.

If you missed this one, be sure to join us for our next event on May 21st.

Official Business

Our annual Business Meeting took place on March 19, 2008 during the Fourth Annual Relocation Summit. Organizational updates from the President were announced and elections for two Board positions took place. The positions of President and Secretary were both available for new two-year terms. Congratulations to Jason Vargas and Linda Shawn who both ran for their perspective positions on the Board of Directors.

We also said good-bye (but not farewell) to Laura Kovacs as President. She has served in this position for the past four years. Laura was presented with a plaque of special thanks and recognition for her "Outstanding Contributions and Leadership to Our Professional Organization". Laura will continue to be a leader and active contributor to the organization.



INTRODUCING... 2008 ARA Board of Directors

President – Jason Vargas
Vice President – Steve Townsend
Treasurer – Cheryl Preston
Secretary – Linda Shawn

2008 Committee Directors

Marketing – Eileen Slowinski
Technology – Laura Kovacs
Education – Cheryl Bilancia
Membership – Therese Delorenzo-Toledo
Community Service – Gus Ruiz

Current Relocation Trends

- ❖ 19% expatriates were women
- ❖ 50% of expatriates were 20 to 39 years old
- ❖ 60% of expatriates were married
- ❖ The percentage of married men was 51%
- ❖ 51% of expatriates had children accompanying them
- ❖ Spouses/partners accompanied 83% of expatriates

Source: Internet (GMAC 2008 Global Relocation Trends Survey)



SPRING CLEANING



✓ Be sure to check the ARA website and update your company and personal information.

✓ Annual membership dues are now due for the current fiscal year. Please submit any unpaid fees to Cheryl Preston, Treasurer.

Mail to:
AZ Relocation Alliance
c/o Cheryl Preston
7931 E. Montebello
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

✓ Join ARA - You can access the application and submit online at:

www.azrelocationalliance.com

~Join an ARA Committee~

Committee Directors are looking for a few good people to support them in their efforts. You can contact them through the ARA website at: www.azrelocationalliance.com

Please note that all positions are accepted on a volunteer basis. Thanks to everyone for their time and commitment to the organization.

JOIN US THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2008 FOR A GLOBAL LEARNING SESSION

David Kolb with Global Tax Network will be speaking at our General Session on June 11th. Global Tax Network is widely known throughout the industry that specializes in short term and long assignments for both domestic and international tax service. The presentation will focus on short term and long term assignments, tax implications and what companies need to consider in creating a global policy. David is very active in the relocation community and has spoken on recent ERC panels.

Therese DeLorenzo-Toledo of Promisor Relocation will also be delivering an educational session on the topic of Developing a Global Assignment Policy. Therese is Vice President of Global Mobility Services and Client Relations at Promisor Relocation. Therese's responsibilities include management of global services, account management, and client services management. She joined Promisor in July of 2003.

Therese has been actively involved in relocation and global mobility issues for over 30 years. Prior to joining Promisor, Therese was Vice President and Manager of Global Assignment Services for Bank of America where she was with the company for 27 years. After leaving the Bank, she did independent relocation consulting before joining Promisor.

GLOBAL MOBILITY SPECIALIST 2008 TEST DATES



San Antonio, Texas
May 5, 6, 7, 2008
Brussels, Belgium
June 13, 16, 17, 2008
Washington, DC
Oct 27, 28, 29, 2008

Send us your ideas!!

Topics for Educational sessions, Newsletter articles or any other thoughts you may have to better our organization are always welcome. Please submit to:

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