

Waterproofing & Restoration



Valcourt Teams with Associa Cares to Support Communities

Valcourt's D.C./Baltimore Waterproofing and Restoration Branch participated in the second annual Associa Cares vendor fair, held at the Lansdowne National Conference Center in Leesburg, Virginia. Associa Cares is a nonprofit organization created by Associa, one of the nation's leaders in community association management, to assist families and communities in crisis as a result of natural or man-made disasters. Associa serves nearly three million members in associations across the United States.



Property managers from Community Management Corporation (CMC), Select Community Services (SCS), and Legum & Norman were invited to attend the event and spend time with every partnering company. This was a unique approach to fund raising, because it afforded the 93 sponsoring vendors an opportunity to present their services to more than 150 property managers from these three companies. Networking sessions were conducted, with the association managers rotating through the tables while spending a few minutes with each company.

Community Management Corporation, formed in 1971, was the first firm in the nation dedicated to the management of common-interest communities. CMC has been integral in developing policies and practices that are now considered industry standards. It serves the greater Washington, D.C., area.

Select Community Services was created in 2002 as a specialist in the management of small and unstaffed condominiums and homeowner associations. Today SCS manages community associations in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

Legum & Norman has been providing comprehensive real estate services since 1945, with a focus on community association management for 40 years. It serves the Washington metropolitan area through its headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia; supports Maryland and Delaware beach communities through a regional office in Ocean City, Maryland; and has another regional office in Chicago.

According to DC/Baltimore Business Development Managers Alice Goetke and Ben Carver (photo above), the event was productive and rewarding. "It wasn't like any other trade show event," Alice comments, "because it was unique to have every person stop at our table. We were able to see some old friends and meet new ones at the same time." She adds that the opportunity to support communities through Associa Cares was what made the event so worthwhile.

branchNEWS

The 2009 Award of Excellence for Parking Structure Restoration, given by the Pennsylvania Parking Garage Association, was presented to Project Manager Craig Bitten of Valcourt's New Jersey branch, Property Manager Dana Getz of Jones Lang LaSalle, and Robert Wardle of Wardle Engineering Co. The project involved repair of a 20-year-old, 1,200-space garage at Morris Corporate Center III.



Problems included spalling and delaminating concrete of the decks, aging sealants and coatings, tee flange connection failures, and water leaks. Project work included full and partial deck repairs, removal and replacement of sealants, installation of a traffic-bearing deck coating, and removal and replacement of expansion joints. Because the garage had to remain open, it was essential to create new traffic patterns and to work during off hours in areas that could not be closed during the day, while shielding parked cars from debris and dust.

We congratulate the team who made this project a winner.

clientNEWS

On August 2 the Florida Panhandle team of Gary Bodenbender, Brandon Durham, and Mike Vanhoy hosted a group of 50 clients, engi-



neers, and suppliers for an evening of food, fun, and baseball at the third base party deck for the Pensacola Pelican's game. It was great to meet everyone's families at this fantastic local event.

One of our guests was Linda Watson; her son-in-law was invited to throw out the first pitch. We were proud to honor him that day, as he was being deployed to the Middle East that week and was able to spend the day with his family. The event was such a success that we intend to get a larger space next year so we can accommodate an even larger group of friends.