Letter from the President:

ACTS 2017 - Be A Super Hero!

Thank you to the 700 individuals who attended our 2017 Apartment Conference and Trade Show. We had 579 Conference Attendees and 122 Exhibitors, Sponsors, and Volunteers who collectively made this year's conference an exhilarating success. It was a record setting year. Our industry is dynamic and the theme of this year's event, Be A Super Hero, capitalized on how each of us can and do make a difference in our apartment communities.

I can't say enough about Sam Glenn, our Keynote Speaker. His motivational words and attitude were energizing and inspired a renewed attitude and confidence as we headed back to our properties. Congratulations to the four attendees who won Thursday night's raffle and took home an original Sam Glenn painting.

The generosity of our members allows us to proudly give back and help others. At this year's Thursday Night Banquet, we outdid ourselves, raising over $11,500 that went directly to the Veterans Integration Center (VIC). Marc P. Powell, VIC Board Member reports, "We have never had such a large donation from a single event." He went on to say "The VIC team had a great time at the (conference), which was a wonderful event. The people in your association are uniformly warm, supportive, and kind to the VIC. We are humbled and grateful to work with your team on behalf of our most vulnerable veterans." As you know, VIC enables Veterans and their families to achieve stable housing, financial security, and a renewed sense of community.

Over 30 hours of education seminars, led by industry leaders, were well attended and informative. Education was presented to maintenance teams, which included Spanish language interpreters. There were presentations specific to on-site management teams, encompassing both affordable and conventional communities. New this year, was an education track exclusively designed for supervisors and owners. We look forward to continuing to offer quality education for professional development.

We ate great food, played networking games, won prizes, and celebrated in style at Thursday night's ceremony.

A special thanks to the 122 exhibitors and sponsors who graciously donated raffle prizes, and their valuable time to participate in ACTS 2017. Your support is greatly appreciated and is instrumental in the continued success of ACTS.

I am honored to serve as President of the Board of the Apartment Association of New Mexico and encourage all of you to attend the 2018 Apartment Conference and Trade Show which is scheduled for April 11-13, 2018. Thank you for your participation in the Apartment Association of New Mexico.

Bobby Griffith