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President's Piece

Dear SBOC Members, Friends and Colleagues,

My year as President is nearly over, this will be my last newsletter of 2017. It has been a great year for the organization. I thank you for the opportunity to lead this Organization, it was an honor.

Being that the Holiday Season is upon us, I would like to take a moment to list several things I am truly grateful for:

- ✚ For those who are closest to me on a daily basis – family, especially my wife, & my coworkers – for their ongoing support to assure that I could focus on this organization. Volunteering is a great give back, but it takes the support of those around you as well.
- ✚ For a great 2017 Board, together as a collective team we have accomplished much this year.
- ✚ For the incoming 2018 Board, for their continued support of this organization.
- ✚ For the entire Membership, especially for their ongoing support in attending our training events.
- ✚ For all the organizations that offered their time & resources to provide our membership the quality training we receive.

I would like to thank last month's Monthly Luncheon Seminar presenter, Richard Wilke of UL, on his Commercial Cooking Fire Safety Seminar. It seems like every time we think we have a topic mastered, we see there are many more moving parts that we need to know & learn about.

Also included with this newsletter, you will find your invitation to this year's SBOC Holiday Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Friday, December 15th. The location is the same as the last few years, Bobak's Signature Events in Woodridge. If you have not done so yet, please RSVP as soon as possible as we will need to have the final count by Monday, December 11th. We will be voting on the 2018 Proposed Slate of Officers (attached) on that day, so we especially look forward to seeing you there for this.

"SBOC Holiday Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting" RSVP Link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/1tq1b7>

As we did last January, we are again partnering with the CRCA at their Annual Seminars & Trade Show on January 18th & 19th of 2018. The event location will again be at the Drury Lane Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. The SBOC Board will hold its meeting there on Thursday, January 18. Over the two-day period the CRCA is offering several seminars/topics to choose from (attached). Here is a link to the CRCA website: <http://www.crca.org/>. This event is posted there on the CRCA website & registering for it is only 1-click away. Note that there is **no** fee for Building Officials & CEU's will be made available. Lastly, please note that if you want to attend this event, you will be required to RSVP, as there will be no walk-ins to this CRCA event.

As the 2018 calendar year is approaching, it is about the time we ask you to renew your SBOC Membership. As your membership is valued to this organization, we appreciate your renewal. Your 2018 SBOC Membership Renewal Form is also attached to this Newsletter. If you are not a member, please consider doing so as there are many benefits to being a member of the SBOC organization.

As always you can keep up-to-date by visiting our website, www.sbo-7.com, where you can obtain a plethora of information including membership meeting information, training opportunities and other important announcements.

Lastly, "Volunteerism" is a vital part of the SBOC organization. If you have ever considered serving on the SBOC Board of Directors, right now is a perfect time to reach out to a current Board Member & let them know. We are always looking for additional input, and we can always use a bit more help with various events & issues throughout the year. Many past Board Members have stated that it is a very rewarding experience. Keep in mind that your voice & your thoughts can be heard! Who else would like to pitch in? Just give us a call.

Sincerely,

Roy Giuntoli

SBOC President 2017