

# VALET PARKING

with Valerie Miller

Celebrating winter holidays with commercial real estate events has been a wonderful way to kick off 2008. Celebrations included - Association of Industrial Real Estate Brokers (AIRE) gathered at Beau Jolie in Schiller Park on December 11 and invited members and guests to participate in its annual Toys for Tots fundraiser. AIRE raised \$2,400 and 50 bags of toys were given to Toys for Tots. CoreNet held their holiday festivities on December 4 at River North hot spot Martini Park. Meridian Design Build returned to Wheeling based RAM Restaurant & Brewery on November 28 for their third annual Holiday Celebration that over 250 people in attended. RTKL Architects held an open house at their new office space located at 200 South Michigan. The Bradley

Williams Trio performed as 200 guests viewed the facility on November 8.

January is also one of my favorite months at Illinois Real Estate Journal with our signature annual event, The Commercial Real Estate Forecast Conference on January 22, 2008 at The Hyatt Regency Chicago. Mark this event on your calendar. Over 1,200 Commercial Real Estate industry professionals attend with a roster of over 45 people speaking on panels. It is a networking and educational event not to miss. See you on January 22nd and Happy New Year!

Future Professionals note: On Oct 11-12, over 30 industry experts and 80 future industry professionals gathered for the Harold E. Eisenberg Foundation Career Day for Commercial Real Estate Students.

## Meridian Holiday Celebration



Werner Briske, Partners in Design; Brian McGahan, Jacob & Hefner; Scott Duerkop, Staubach; Chris Kappner, Jacob & Hefner Associates; Jamie Putnam, Jacob and Hefner Associates.



Marty Hanley, Land and Lakes Development; Preston Kendall, Land and Lakes Development; Howard Green, Meridian Design Build.



Mark Bell, Colliers B&K; Mark Jordan, First American Properties; Jamie Juliano, Meridian Design Build; Jeff Kapcheck, Colliers Bennett & Kahnweiler.