

commitment to making an impact on the health, welfare, and safety of others and/or for improving a community's quality of life on a national or international basis—to Arpin Group of Rhode Island.

**ABODA WINS SUPERIOR QUALITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



ABODA Corporate Housing won the Superior Quality Achievement Award (Relocation) from Graebel at its 14th Annual Relocation Alliance Conference in Aurora, Colorado.

Each year, Graebel recognizes leading companies that have provided extraordinary service, value, and excellence in performance to its relocation clients. Accepting the award, ABODA President Lee Curtis noted that customer satisfaction surveys completed by corporate employees who were relocating led to the selection of ABODA. "This honor is a great tribute to all the employee

owners of ABODA who take personal pride in setting the bar for superior customer service as they have for over 25 years," he said.

**DEPENDABLE AUTO SHIPPERS MARKS 60 YEARS**

Dependable Auto Shippers (DAS) is celebrating 60 successful years of transporting cars, motorcycles, boats, and recreational vehicles. Founded in 1954 by Sam London, the Dallas-based company now transports nearly 100,000 vehicles within the U.S. and internationally every year for individual consumers as well as corporate customers' relocating employees.

Beginning as a drive-away company and broker, DAS now owns and operates its own private fleet of transports. Last year, DAS carriers traveled 9,887,791 miles, and despite the industry shortage of drivers and high fuel prices, the company experienced growth among corporate relocation clients.

"My dad would be so proud to see the business he started continuing to thrive for more than 60 years," says Rick London, DAS president and CEO. "The outstanding leadership team at DAS has overcome many challenges in the industry, while maintaining a focus on the company's future that has positioned them for continued success." *M*

**IN MEMORIAM**



**ARTHUR H. STODDARD, CRP**

He was "a generous spirit and mentor to all those he touched in our industry," said a close industry colleague. Arthur "Art" Stoddard, widely respected for more than 40 years for his industry expertise and people management skills, passed away on October 29, 2014. Stoddard was a seasoned senior executive, well-versed in client-relations, operations, marketing, and management.

A pioneer of government mobility, during his career he worked with companies including American Can; Coldwell Banker Relocation Management, Inc. (ExecuTrans); Investors Relocation Group; Wells Fargo Relocation Services; ChemExec Relocation Systems, Inc. / Associates Relocation Management

Co.; Household Relocation Management; Suddath Van Lines, Inc.; Pinnacle Group (MRI); Corporate Relocation Services; Interstate Relocation Services; and SIRVA. He was no stranger to physical relocation himself, having moved 18 times!

He was an active and long-esteemed Worldwide ERC® member, a *Mobility* author, one of the first to earn the CRP® designation, and a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. Stoddard also held a Florida real estate license and was a member of the GSA Relocation Advisory Board, the American Marketing Association, the Society of Human Resource Management, and the American Management Association.

His quiet and capable leadership, gentle manner, guidance, and friendship were highly valued and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Stoddard; his daughter, Cassandra; and grandchildren, Hanna and Matty. *M*