

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES May 2013

### MAY MEETING

Guest speaker for the meeting was Joe Ernest, Idaho Legal Aid, regarding Fair Housing.

Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. (ILAS) operates the Fair Lending/Fair Housing Legal Advice line. Consumers, housing counselors, and lenders, etc., may contact the Fair Lending/Fair Housing Legal Advice line by calling Idaho Legal Aid Services, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm, MST, (208-345-0106 in Boise, or statewide toll free 1-866-345-0106.

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\$25 Affiliate Prize, courtesy of GIFAR: Kellie Murdock, Ameri-Title

UPCOMING: July 17 will be the annual RPAC Fundraiser at Tautphaus Park. The food will be from Catered Your Way and the annual event always proves to be fun and profitable. Mark your calendar and watch for more information!

Hello Everyone,

Due to the parking lot wars going on at Ammon Office Park, where the REALTORS® Association Board office is located, we are asking our members not to park in front of other businesses during classes, board meetings or other events that may draw a large group of people to the board office.



Parking is available in the back of the lot and the middle of the lot.

Many businesses like to keep their front parking spaces for patrons only.

I appreciate your cooperation regarding this matter.

Jana Merkley, CEO

### DATES TO MARK: (at GIFAR Office, unless noted)

- 6-12: SNRRMLS Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30am
- 6-17, 18, 19: *Finally Home!* class, for first time home buyers.
- 6-19: GIFAR Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30am
- 6-19: GIFAR Membership Meeting/Luncheon, 11:45am, Catered Your Way

### UPCOMING:

- 7-4: Office Closed - Happy 4th of July!
- 7-24: 8:30am-12:30pm; Continuing Ed, Mold Class
- 8-2: 10am - 12:00noon, Tax Class, no ceu, free

## EDUCATION

**July 24:** Mold Class, 8:30am-12:30pm, ServPro, instructor, EO150, 4 ceu, \$10. Registration forms will be available late June.



**August 2:** Bradford and Company, Inc. will be teaching a 2 hour class, 10:00am - 12:00noon, Tax Reduction Solutions for the Self-Employed. The class is free, no ceu available. Registration forms will be available at a later date.



Association Membership - 288  
REALTOR® members (as of date of publication)

*The Association and the MLS would like to express our sorrow at the passing of long-time REALTOR®, and friend, Randy Stoor. We extend best wishes to his family and friends. He will be missed.*



### APPLICATION FOR REALTOR® MEMBERSHIP

Derek Howell	C21 High Desert
Rick Gray	Keller Williams Realty E Idaho
Jason Grider	Keller Williams Realty E Idaho
Annie McMurtrey	Keller Williams Realty E Idaho
Russ Bradley	ReMax Prestige
Sonja Monson	Voigt Davis Realtors

### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

Jordan Anderson	from: Garbett Homes
	to: Kartchner Homes
Tiffany Marez	from: Keller Williams Realty E ID
	to: Edge Real Estate
Doug Peterson	from: Assist 2 Sell HomePointe
	to: C21 High Desert
Jacquie Hopkins	from: Keller Williams Realty E ID
	to: Assist 2 Sell HomePointe
Jeffrey Lynn	from: Taylor Real Estate
	to: Keller Williams Realty E ID
Brandon Longhurst	from: Keller Williams Realty E ID
	to: Coldwell Banker Eagle Rock

The next *Finally Home!* class is June 17-19, 6:30-9:30pm. The class was originally scheduled for the 10th through the 12th. Cost is \$20 per person and interested parties need to come to the Board office to register.



Jeff Metcalf taught the May class. Thanks, Jeff!

Lenders & REALTORS® - Don't let your first time home buyers miss out on the opportunity to discover more about the process for the biggest purchase of their life!

### MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

Beth Turner	from: C21 High Desert
	to: C21 High Desert Referral
Susan Weaver	from: Keller Williams Realty E ID



JUNE 16

FATHERS'  
DAY!

WASHINGTON (May 30, 2013) – Pending home sales improved slightly in April and continue to be well above a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors®. Gains in the Northeast and Midwest were offset largely by declines in the West and South.

The Pending Home Sales Index,\* a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, rose 0.3 percent to 106.0 in April from 105.7 in March, and is 10.3 percent above April 2012 when it was 96.1; the data reflect contracts but not closings.

Home contract activity is at the highest level since the index hit 110.9 in April 2010, immediately before the deadline for the home buyer tax credit. Pending sales have been above year-ago levels for the past 24 months.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said a familiar pattern has developed. “The housing market continues to squeak out gains from already very positive conditions. Pending contracts so far this year easily correspond to higher closed home sales in 2013,” he said. Total existing-home sales are expected to rise just over 7 percent to about 5 million this year.

“Because of inventory shortages, higher home sales will push up home values to the highest level in five years,” Yun said. The national median existing-home price should increase close to 8 percent and exceed \$190,000 in 2013.

The PHSI in the Northeast jumped 11.5 percent to 92.3 in April and is 17.7 percent above a year ago. In the Midwest the index rose 3.2 percent to 107.1 in April and is 15.1 percent higher than April 2012. Pending home sales in the South slipped 1.1 percent to an index of 119.2 in April but are 12.3 percent above a year ago. With pronounced inventory constraints, the index in the West fell 7.6 percent in April to 94.6 and is 2.6 percent below April 2012.

The National Association of Realtors®, “The Voice for Real Estate,” is America’s largest trade association, representing 1 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries. For additional commentary and consumer information, visit [www.houselogic.com](http://www.houselogic.com) and <http://retradio.com>.

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realtor.com	Public website for MLS listings (*realtor.org can be accessed through this site)
snakerivermls.com	MLS public website containing listings, agency information, etc. If you have questions regarding MLS or Association programs, etc. please e-mail a staff member listed above. The 'Contact Us' option is for the public ONLY.
usamls.net	SEI (NAVICA) Public site for listings
**navicamls.net	Agent website for listing entry.
gifar.org	Greater Idaho Falls Association of REALTORS® website.
idahorealtors.com	Website for Idaho Association of REALTORS®. *Legal forms available.
*realtor.org	NAR public & private website with a variety of links, including AE & NRDS.
irec.idaho.gov	Website for Idaho Real Estate Commission. Information regarding Continuing Ed, licensing, etc.

\*Your personal 9 digit NRDS (National Realtor Database System) is required to access realtor.org andidahorealtors.com (just for forms).

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Navica E-mail Support: support@navicamls.net

Navica Live Chat: Located under Help on the left hand side of the Main Welcome menu

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