

August Newsletter



A s s o c i a t i o n L u n c h e o n

The next luncheon meeting of the Association will be Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at Westlake Country Club at 12:30 PM. Please be sure to make your reservations with the Association Office. We will be recognizing our “Sterling R” members of RPAC. We will also have some committee reports.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

To Kim Bragg who was appointed to the Georgia Structured Pest Control Commission by Gary Black, commissioner!!

CODE OF ETHICS CLASS:

Our next Code of Ethics/Orientation School will be Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the Association Office at 9:00 am. New agents remember this is a mandatory class that you must attend within the first 60 days of you joining the Association.

All members remember you must take this class once every 4 years.

C O M P L A I N T S

We have been receiving a number of complaints lately and usually it is more arbitrations than Code of Ethics, but right now we are receiving more Ethics complaints. Please make sure that you review the articles of the Code of Ethics and that you are giving it your very best to abide by them! The ethics complaints are coming from REALTORS and the public. And remember there could be a fine if you are found in violation of articles of the Code of Ethics.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Association Luncheon
- Message from Public Relations Committee
- Message from MLS Committee
- Orientation Class COE Form
- Luncheon Reservation Form

We want to know about our members!

Please notify the Association Office if you know or hear of a member being ill, in the hospital or might just need a phone call.

CALL US!
(706) 736-0429

Notes from your MLS Committee

A while back, I was asked by a fellow agent “How do I get on the MLS police committee?” At the time I chuckled, but the thought stayed with me. The MLS Committee is simply a committee that works with your Board, to insure we are all working with-in the MLS Rules and Regulations. These are rules that all of our cooperating brokers have signed. In most cases, a listing is “reported” by a fellow agent and the infraction, if there is one, is handled by the listing agent being notified, and the mistake being corrected. This is the extent of probably 75% of our work. Lately however, we have been aggressively addressing the advertising of a participants listing by another agent and not having that listing broker’s written permission. This is a very serious MLS violation!!

The MLS rules(Section 2.7) **Advertising of listings filed with the service:**
A listing shall not be advertised by any participant other than the listing broker, without written consent of that listing broker.

In short, your ads must be your company’s listings, unless the other listing broker has given you permission in writing!

Let’s all work with-in the rules....Together!

Dennis Smith
MLS Committee Chairman



PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

RELAY FOR LIFE...A DIETERS DREAM..I CAN HAVE MY CAKE AND CAN EAT IT TOO!!



What is it they say about best laid plans or planning, planning, planning...**WELL FORGET THAT.**

For months our project chairman, Bronnie Spinks, with Brand Mortgage, chairman and crew worked on the details for our annual “Cake Walk” for the Relay For Life Cancer Drive, spent hours calling our REALTORS for 150-200 cakes and picked up the cakes Thursday and Friday, then as the saying goes “At the stroke of Midnight” they cancelled the event because of weather. Good news, bad news, my first thought was forget the diet of two years, a girl has to do what a girl has to do and EAT CAKE. My lucky day for once I can pick the cakes I would love to eat...hmmm...hmmm!

DARN...then bad luck after a sleepless night our leader comes up with a solution and says “BAKE SALE”. Once again our REALTORS come to the rescue we get on Washington Road and literally stopped traffic, those that didn’t buy a cake gave dollars. It restores our good thoughts about humanity! THANKS TO OUR REALTORS one more step towards the fight against cancer!!

**Connie Harrison, Chairperson
Public Relations Committee**



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\ BLOOD DRIVE



BLOOD....SWEAT....TEARS

GAAR SAYS WE GOT THIS! With project manager Rachel Combs, this was a piece of cake...oh that's the other project...SWEAT we do everyday showing properties in 101 degrees weather. TEARS is what we do daily in this business and BLOOD need is when all the REALTORS come together to save over 100 lives. What a great party with Bronnie Spinks of Brand Bank Mortgage and Jason Redmon of Element Funding furnishing prizes, hotdogs, drinks, chips and BOILED PEANUTS. Thirty minutes of your time and you save three lives, loose a pound and have a full stomach.

AIN'T LIFE GREAT!!! A big thank you to all the REALTORS that became a hero in all our eyes!

**Connie Harrison, Chairperson
Public Relations Committee**



GAAR



GAR IS ON THE MOVE

The Georgia Association of REALTORS will be relocating their headquarters in the fall. The building is a 17,000 square foot building. The Task Force to handle this huge project was Bill Boatman. Thanks Bill for doing such a great job!

GAR COMMITTEES

Sign up for a GAR committee for 2016. Our own Ryan Brashear will be the 2016 President of the Georgia Association of REALTORS and he will be selecting committee members and so get on board and sign up for a GAR committee and get involved. You can go to garealtor.com to get the form.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

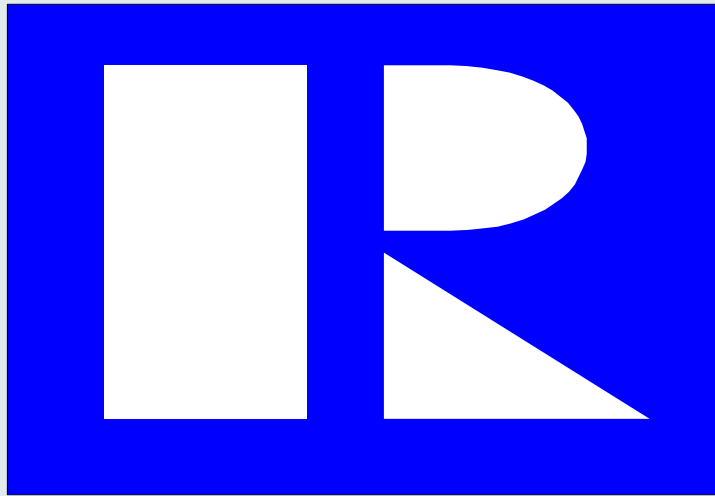
The Nominating Committee will be meeting at the Association Office on Tuesday, August 13, 2015 at 10:00 am to nominate members to serve on the Board of Directors. If you would like to appear before the Committee to make recommendations or to nominate someone please call the Association Office for a time to appear before the committee. The committee members this year are: Teresa Tiller, chairperson; Tom Blanchard, Lili Youngblood, Ira Tindall, and Larry Miller. You can also email them or call them if you would like to recommend

WANT TO HEAR FROM THE BOARD? GET ALL THE CLASS NEWS? EMAIL ADDRESS

Navica is our soul communication tool for our members. This is one of many ways that we communicate with you. Please make sure that there is an accurate email address in Navica, under the Office/Management section. We have recently discovered that agents are not receiving emails. This is the email address that shows on printed documents from the Navica system. This also, applies to when you are transferring from one company to another company, it is important that you verify your Office/Management section to insure that all your new company information is correct.

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REALTOR
CODE OF ETHICS
orientation school

We will be having a CODE OF ETHICS CLASS on
Thursday, August 20, 2015, at the Association Office.

There is no CE and There is no charge.

Class starts promptly at 9:00 AM.

Please Register online through Navica or
email: jsummers@augustarealtors.com

Name _____

Company _____

Phone # _____



AUGUST
LUNCHEON RESERVATION

WHEN: AUGUST 12, 2015

TIME: 12:30 P.M.

WHERE: WEST LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

COMPANY: _____

HOW MANY: _____

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