



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

December Newsletter

Association Luncheon

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THE LUNCHEON !

The association luncheon will be Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the First Baptist Church on Walton Way Extension. If you are facing the front of the church you will want to go to the far building on the left. There is parking at that entrance. We will be having our installation of the 2016 officers and directors. Please.....please be sure to make the necessary reservations with the Association. Christmas music will also be presented to us by Mason Barrett, a member of your REALTOR Association.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

So excited this year we will be providing Christmas to Safe Homes of Augusta. At the December Luncheon we ask you to bring toys.....the kids come in all sizes and types, hygiene products, (soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant).

As many of you know these women and children usually just come to the shelter with nothing but what they have on and we want them to have a great Christmas!!

DUES.....DUES.....DUES!!!

Your 2016 dues are due. **You can only pay by check or money order at this time.** Dues Forms available in Navica under Documents.

Invoices will be available on January 4, 2016 in NAVICA under reports/invoices. **No credit card payments can be made until January 4, 2016.**

Georgia members, your GAR dues increased \$25 per year, South Carolina members, your dues increased \$10 per year.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Association Luncheon
- Message from MLS Chairman
- 2016 Committees
- H. Gould Barrett Award form
- Realtor of the Year 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!

FROM THE MLS CORNER

Agents don't do "POCKET LISTINGS" anymore.... We wish this were true, but it does still happen. The MLS rules state that a listing must be entered into the MLS system within 48 hours of getting all signatures on the listing agreement. When we receive a complaint concerning this, we investigate it very thoroughly. We will review the listing agreement, and then compare when it was entered into the MLS system. This is a major violation of our MLS rules, as we all agree to timely enter our listings, and agree to have them shown by all of our participants. While the Greater Augusta Association of REALTORS works to understand the circumstances such as a holiday or weekend, when we find an agent that has intentionally and consistently undermined this rule, the fines have recently been upgraded to: \$100.00 fine for the agent and the broker on a first offense. The second offense is a \$200.00 fine and both the agent and the broker must attend a 3 hour in house class on understanding the rules. A third offense will create a report to the Board of Directors requesting appropriate action.

The Greater Augusta Association of REALTORS is blessed to have some very experienced and conscientious REALTORS as members and the few that don't work with-in the rules make it a challenge for all of us.

Wishing you all a "Safe and Blessed Holiday Season",

Dennis Smith, MLS Chairman



REALTOR POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

As REALTOR Political Action Committee (RPAC) Chairman for 2016 I look forward again to raise money for what I feel is a necessary challenge to our industry. Certainly in this unpredictable economic environment we need to band together to protect our real estate industry and livelihood with in the political arena.

This year the GAAR board of directors has approved a free month MLS dues (\$40 value) for any REALTOR that includes a minimum \$25.00 donation with their annual Association dues. The annual Association dues forms have already been sent out as of today. Please consider this donation to RPAC along with your annual dues.

Secondly as many of you may remember last year we provided a fund raiser in which the RPAC sold Boston Butts for Memorial Day weekend. This is a great way to again raise money and contribute to YOUR national RPAC. We will begin selling tickets the week after Masters so please keep this in mind also.

I appreciate your consideration in advance!

Philip Jones, Chairman RPAC Committee



2016 COMMITTEES

Your 2016 committees have been approved. Please see attached or you can go to augustarealtors.com for your copy.

UPCOMING CE CLASS ON NEW CONTRACT FORMS

JANUARY 19TH

We will have Pat Johnson to instruct the contract forms class. Be on the lookout for information which will be sent out soon.

REALTOR OF THE YEAR

The REALTOR OF THE YEAR forms are being emailed with the newsletter and if you know of someone you would like to nominate for the REALTOR of the Year please just submit their name on the form and we will contact them to complete the other information needed on the form.

H. GOULD BARRETT AWARD

Application form for the H. Gould Barrett Award is included in this newsletter. If you have had a unique sale this year submit your application for the award.

ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Association office will be closed December 24th and 25th for Christmas, and January 1st for New Year's





2016 Committees President: John Chambers

Awards

Barbara Sanders – chairman
Lula Kanardy
Tom Horner
Lloyd DeFoor
Tom Blanchard

Budget & Finance

Dennis Smith – Chairman
Marcene Powell
Mike Polatty
Connie Wilson
Rebecca Swartzmiller

Education

Lidia Harris – chairman
Rebecca Swartzmiller
Laura Boshell
Gilbert Williams
Debra Spencer
Frank Mears
Betty Surrency
Cristie Brawner
Rebecca McGinty
Sheila Spivey
Larry Ramsey
Janet Robinson
Jenny Samuelson

Grievance

Lula Kanardy – 3 yrs.
Lili Youngblood – 3 yrs.
Kim Bragg – 2 yrs. chairman
Brock Hughes – 2 yrs.
Beverly Dye – 1 yr.
Nita Sawyer – 1 yr.

MLS

Larry Miller – 3 yrs.
Kim Bragg – 3 yrs.
Dennis Smith – 2 yrs, chairman
Rebecca McGinty – 2 yrs.
Sherri Melton – 1 yr.
Grey Meybohm – 1 yr.

RPAC

Philip Jones - chairman
Cristie Brawner
Joe Edge
Lula Kanardy
Teresa Tiller
Connie Harrison
Melvis Norman
Julie Brunkow
Brandon Mears
Linda Diebel
Faye Davis
Janet Robinson
Ivan Crawford

Legislative

Ira Tindall – chairman
Louie Hydrick
Charles Bagby
Jamie Long
Joe Edge
Barbara Broome
Gilbert Williams

Public Relations

Connie Harrison - chairman
Debra Spencer
Andy Higgins
Ruby Lowery
Billy Franke
Angela Capps
Cristie Brawner
Sheila Spivey
Laura Boshell
Gilbert Williams
Connie Wilson
Rebecca McGinty
Larry Ramsey
Faye Davis
Kelly Gates
Donatella Armstrong Key
Tonda Booker
Rose Evans

Chaplain

John Chambers

Professional Standards

Ira Tindall – 3 yrs.
Susan Rice – 3 yrs.
Tommy Stephenson – 2 yrs.
Ryan Brashear – 2 yrs.
Frank Mears – 2 yrs.
Terri Thomas – 1 yr.
Ross Trulock – 1 yr.

Constitution & Bylaws

Lili Youngblood - chairman

Program

Andrea Bowles

December
LUNCHEON RESERVATION

WHEN: December 9, 2015

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church Augusta

COMPANY: _____

HOW MANY: _____



H. GOULD BARRETT AWARD ENTRY FORM

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY JANUARY 15, 2016

NAME _____

FIRM _____

1. Give brief synopsis of the uniqueness of the sale.
2. The committee encourages both Residential and Commercial entries.
3. From the entries submitted the committee will make selections for interviews and go into particulars of the sale so the committee can select a winner.
4. Please send all entries to the attention of the **AWARDS COMMITTEE**, Greater Augusta Association of REALTORS®, 1214 Roy Rd., Augusta, Georgia 30909.



NOMINATION FORM FOR REALTOR OF THE YEAR

GREATER AUGUSTA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY JANUARY 15, 2016

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – (1) Nominee must hold REALTOR membership in the local Board, State and National Associations.

This form must be used by all members entering contestants in the competition. Board competition will not be judged on the bases of local publicity, but rather on the basis of the form shown below.

Judging from Items 1 thru 7 will be on the basis of the year's activities from the previous July 1 to June 30 of the current year. Item 7 will cover general accomplishments in business, Board work, and civic accomplishments for the four years preceding the current year's State convention. Overlaps in dates of activities will be counted, such as being President of a local civic club where only part of the time in office is in the contest year.

It is not necessary for you to list the information that is required.

You simply read the criteria for the REALTOR OF THE YEAR and send in the nominee's name, firm name and address and name of the REALTOR submitting entry. This year the nominee will be requested to list the information pertaining to each of the criteria.

NOMINEE'S NAME _____

FIRM NAME _____

FIRM ADDRESS _____

REALTOR Submitting Entry _____

1. **REALTOR SPIRIT** – high principles, faithfulness to laws and regulations of code of Ethics and local Board and furtherance of principles of good real estate practice among other Brokers and general public. (20%)
2. **CIVIC ACTIVITY** – local, state and national level participation in civic and service clubs, charitable activities, political commissions, fraternal or religious groups, etc. (15%)
3. **BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS** – recognized good business conduct, service to clients, imaginative and creative advertising programs, rehabilitation work, land utilization, etc. (15%)
4. **BOARD ACTIVITY** – Board offices and committee work, special assignments, seminar activity and education work, membership and offices held in local chapters of institutes, etc. (20%)
5. **STATE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY** – Offices held and committee work, attendance and participation at State conventions, Director's Meetings, education conferences, etc. (10%)
6. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** – National Offices held and committee work, membership and work in Institutes attendance at National Conventions, etc. (15%)
7. **GENERAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR PREVIOUS 4 YEARS** (15%)





We would like to wish all of you
and your families a Wonderful
Holiday Season and a
Happy New Year!!

Greater Augusta
Association of Realtors

