

Western Maine Board of REALTORS®

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A Message from President Kris Triglione:

As spring comes to the areas of the Western Maine Board, I hope you all find your businesses picking up. Now is the time to stay aware and up to date on the changes that may affect your clients including Homebuyer Tax Credits, FHA-FannieMae-Freddie Mac loan limit increases, Rural Housing funds availability and the Energy Efficient Housing Tax Credits & Grants.

As a Board, we like to believe we add value to your business and hope to help you explore ways to tap into new markets, polish your skills, network and generally focus your business on the possibilities. Our Board of Directors is working on plans, building committees and setting new directions – want to take part? Let us know if you have a brilliant idea or want to be part of a committee to get something done.

Committees Update:

Education Committee – thanks to all who attended the recent Core Course and congratulations for taking advantage of our FREE class! Our next class is on May 14 “Where did you Get that Price?!” a new class available for 3 hours c.e. credit.

PR Committee – is in the process of planning our “Home Financing Seminar” scheduled for May 16. This will be a terrific opportunity for both our clients as well as Board Members to learn about the changes and updates involved with the financing of Real Estate in our area. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this free seminar!

Affordable Housing Committee – has been working hard on the following fund raising projects – Golf Tournament, Craft Fair, Auction – (Casino Night?) and a Yard Sale.

I encourage you all to visit <http://yourpieceofmaine.com> sponsored by the Maine Association of REALTORS®. This site is full of information regarding hot topics and useful information including Maine county statistics.

As the year moves forward, I continue to appreciate the opportunity to lead this great organization! Let us in the real estate industry be a catalyst for recovery. Let us be active, positive and resourceful in promoting this most opportunistic time in real estate to our communities of buyers and sellers.

The month of April is Fair Housing Month and it’s a time when REALTORS® and organizations shine a light on all that’s been done and all that is left to do to make a home purchase equitable for everyone.

If you would like to contact me, with ideas or comments, please do so at kris@4results.us or call me at Anne Plummer & Associates at 693-5200. I hope many of you will attend the upcoming May Membership Meeting taking place on Thursday, May 14 at the Olde Mill Tavern in Harrison.

Upcoming Membership Meeting & Education Course:

The next meeting of the Western Maine Membership is scheduled for Thursday, May 14. Registration: 8:15 a.m.; Breakfast & Membership Meeting: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.; “Where Did You Get That Price?!” (Approved for 3 hours c.e. credit): 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. A registration form is enclosed.

REALTOR® of the Year:

It's that time of year again to nominate who you believe should be the 2009 REALTOR® of the Year. Nominees should be active in their communities and active participants in the Board. State/National activities and educational accomplishments may also be considered. Please e-mail your nominations, along with rationale, to susan@heritagerealtyofmaine.com. Nominations MUST be received by May 8th.

Membership Information:

There are currently 218 REALTORS® and 13 Affiliate Members. Last year at this time, we had 254 REALTORS® and 13 Affiliate members. Members may request a current membership roster by mail or e-mailed in Adobe Acrobat format by contacting tanya@mainerealtors.com.

Meeting Schedule:

May 14	Breakfast	Olde Mill Tavern	"Where Did You Get That Price?!"
June 3	Dinner	Migjs Lodge	REALTOR® of the Year
June 24	TBA	Location TBD	REALTOR® Appreciation Event & Affordable Housing Auction
Sept. 16	Breakfast	Location TBD	Course TBA
Nov. 4	Breakfast	Location TBD	MAR Update & "Legal Update-2009"
Dec. 9	Dinner	Olde Mill Tavern	Holiday Party & Officer Installation

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