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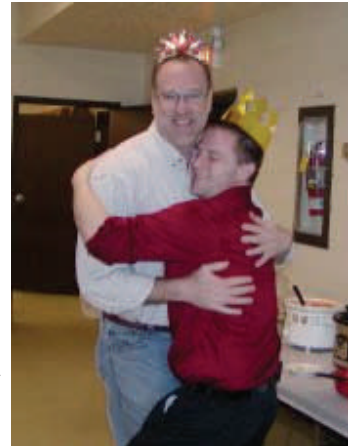
From the Desk of:

Stephen Ferrebee, 2010 President

I just want to thank everyone who came and participated in WABOR's 1st annual Chili Cookoff, held this past month in Lordstown, at the Lordstown Administrative Building. Thanks Karen Jones, our great Executive Officer for setting up that site for our membership. Thanks again to Karen Jones and her assistant Robin Goodwin for all their hard work putting all our events together.

Thanks to Chris Carrillo from CRIS/ NEOHREX for the 1hr of CE he provided our members. As always it was very informative and entertaining.

We had a very good turnout and from the feed back I received after the event , it seems everyone had a really good time.



Congrats to Robin Goodwin of WABOR and Doug Bitner from US Bank being judged the winners as King and Queen , respectively, of the Chili Cookoff. Thank you as always to all our affiliates who come out and support our events. Those in attendance were Ted & Ron Speaker of Affordable Removals, Doug Bitner, US Bank, Joe Miller, Title Professionals and Bob Burkey, Jen Mullen and Jim Scher of The Title Company of Warren.

Thank you to Northwood Realty Services for the donation of the huge Easter baskets used for the silent auction.. All the proceeds of that silent auction went to RPAC-Ohio.. Thanks to Joe Miller of Title Professionals and Andrea Lupton of Northwood Realty Services for being the high bidders and winners of those Easter baskets. A big Thank-You to Beverly Petrosky for decorating and putting those gorgeous baskets together.

This month we will be holding our American Home Week celebration on April 13th at DiLucia's in Warren. Andrea Lupton, Chairperson with John Lacy and Julie V. Co-Chairs of this event and their committees have worked very hard to put this special night together. This is always a great event and I encourage all our members to sign up and attend. This is the time of year that we honor the Best of the Best our membership for their service and dedication to not only real estate but also our community. We also will be honoring home owners, local businesses, essay and poster winners. This is truly a great event and one that all our membership needs to attend. Please check off Tuesday, April 13th on your calendars , sign up at your offices and please come and enjoy a wonderful evening of celebrating "The American Dream".

AMERICAN HOME WEEK: "REALTORS Making Good Neighbors"

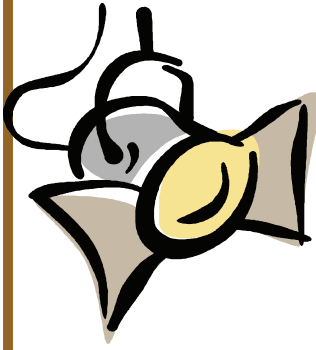


Our American Home Week events will be held as follows:

Poster Contest winners will be honored with a pizza party at ChuckE.Cheese's on Monday April 12.

Other award winners will be honored Tuesday, April 13 at 5:30 PM at DiLucia's during our dinner celebration of AHW.

Open House Weekend has been changed to April 10 & 11, 2010. Balloons and flags are available at the Board Office. Please call to arrange pick up of these items.



AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT—

Doug Bitner with U. S. Bank has been an Affiliate Member of Warren Area Board of REALTORS® for many years. Doug has been with U. S. Bank for 12 years and is Senior Mortgage Loan Officer.

Doug lives in beautiful Mineral Ridge, Ohio with his wife Melanie and children Madalyn and Ian. Doug enjoys hunting, fishing and driving his 1955 Chevrolet.



Warren Area Board of REALTORS® Mission Statement

To enable our members to deliver the highest level of service with the greatest degree of professionalism through:

Education and training

Dedication to Integrity in the workplace and the REALTOR® code of ethics

Effective communication

Impacting public policy

The Warren Area Board of REALTORS® strives to promote the image of the REALTOR® in the community.



REALTOR®...

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to.....

A Realtor in our membership was showing a house and told the interested parties to make sure they check out all the wonderful closet space. As the prospective buyers opened the closet in the master bedroom, several adult toys fell out onto the floor.

Do you have a funny story related to your experience as a Realtor? Well, its time for some humor. Please submit any funny stories you have for publication in this newsletter spot to Karen at karenj@wabor.org.

We look forward to some laughs in 2010, so share with us, won't you?

KEEP OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS .

Specialist Joshua Nutt, son of Janice Nutt of Countrywide Home Mortgage
Specialist David Mickey, son of Trudy Mickey of Stevens & Associates
Sgt. Merle Sullivan, son of Ruth West, *former* WABOR manager
S Sgt. Robb VanDervort, son of Barbara VanDervort of Howard Hanna
SSgt. Bradley DeRubba, grandson of Ethel Latil of Northwood Realty Services
Cpl DeRubba SA, grandson of Ethel Latil of Northwood Realty Services
Lt.Col. Bonnie Rogers, in Iraq. A missionary friend of Karen Jones

If you wish to send a letter to one of our men or women in the service, please call Trudy Mickey at 330-503-6739 or you can e-mail her at tmickeyhouse@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

American Home Week Events with pizza party for poster winners at ChuckE.Cheese's on Monday April 12, and Dinner at DiLucia's on Tuesday April 13.

Fran Cunningham will be inducted into the Warren High Schools' Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on May 1st. Be sure to congratulate her on this great accomplishment.

Annual Charity Golf Outing is in the planning process. Watch your email for further information. Charities this year are Main Street Warren and Trumbull Mobile Meals.

Notes from the WABOR Office

Our Affiliate list is growing so we have decided to keep the format, but make it a separate file to be sent along with the newsletter each month with our new Affiliates listed so you can print it out and insert it in your buyers/sellers folders. We hope this is a help to our REALTOR members in promoting those Companies who partner with us for the year.

Congrats to the following people who's names appeared in the March issue of Ohio Realtor for their significant donations to RPAC Ohio in 2009: **Jerry Altobelli, Christine Belmaggio, Leslie Cornicello, Daniel Crouse, Patricia DeCavitch, Stephen Ferreebe, Robin Goodwin, Pat Helmick, Pauline Kurtz, Andrea Lupton, Adam Matthews, Nancy McPeak, Darlene Mink-Crouse, Marlin Palich, Jacqueline Salvato, Jessie Scott, Cheryl Stevens, Julie Vugrinovich, Calvin Williamson, and William Zamarelli.**

Welcome to new members: Richard Johnston, Jr., Matthew Pugh, David Norris, Jason Nicholas and Jason Law.

Changes have been made to the **policy manual** and adopted by the Board of Directors. Check out the online version for the latest revisions.

Remember to congratulate **Julie Vugrinovich** on being named one of 10 Community Stars for 2010. ease check the online version for all the updates.

Renee Blazek's husband recently had a brain tumor removed and is home recovering. Keep him in your prayers.