



La Porte County Association of REALTORS®

LPCAR



Monthly Newsletter

March 2023



General Membership Meeting

**Amanda Lahners of the La Porte County Health Department
CE Night with Tim Reed/Indiana License Law—2 CE Hours**

Date: **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

Time: **5:30 p.m. CST**

Place: **Portofino Grill in La Porte**

Program: **Amanda Lahners from the La Porte Co. Health
Department to answer your questions about the
Property Transfer Well/Septic Ordinance!**

**CE Night with Instructor Tim Reed. Indiana
License Law—2 CE Hours for all Indiana Brokers**

Cost: **\$17 with Reservations/\$19 for Walk-ins**

For Reservations: CE Attendees **must** register online at:
www.laportecountyrealtors.com. Please provide COMPLETE information
including Address, City, State and Zip Code. All Indiana License Numbers
begin with **RB** and **MUST be included in the registration**. Please review
your entries prior to submitting the form! CE is free of charge for all
LPCAR members. \$20 for non-members.

Those attending the meeting only may RSVP via email or phone!
Please contact the Board office at 219-324-8120 or via email at
lpcar@lpcar.com no later than **Friday, March 10, 2023**. Please
have your check ready for our meeting, made payable to LPCAR. Thank
you. If you do plan on attending our CE session you will need to register
online at: <https://www.laportecountyrealtors.com/membershipmeetings>

Please review our reservation policy below:

*Reservation Policy: We strongly suggest you make reservations in advance.
Any reservation made and not cancelled 2 hours prior to the start of our
event will be charged for the cost of the meal. Our locations are very accom-
modating with our reservations but we are required to call in a reservation
number ahead of time and pay for that number. Thank you for your coopera-
tion in this matter!*

Never Miss a meeting or CE announcement!
Join our email list at: <http://eepurl.com/cEb4pf>



Letter from the Board President

March Madness is upon us! NAR has announced the national launch of That's Who we "R" 2023. This includes new T.V. and radio commercials that demonstrate to consumers the value, partnership, and professionalism of a Realtor. You can check this out at www.youtube.com if you like. Just search Realtor NAR.

LPCAR scholarships applications are now available online at our website. Be sure to let your family member know

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Give Back To RPAC Virtual Auction—June 20-27, 2023

What is RPAC? RPAC is a voluntary political action committee whose membership consists of REALTORS® interested in actively and effectively protecting the real estate industry and the dream of homeownership by participating in government affairs at the local, state and federal levels.

Launched in 1969 as the Real Estate Political Education Committee (REPEC), RPAC supports candidates of any party who understand and champion real estate issues. It is the most bipartisan major PAC in the country. Political expenditures are divided nearly evenly among Republicans and Democrats based on their support of real estate issues. In 1974, NAR changed REPEC's name to RPAC.

Why Contribute to RPAC?

1. **Advocacy:** RPAC works to advocate for policies and legislation that benefits the real estate industry and property owners. By contributing to RPAC, members help to support candidates who share our values and will work to promote policies that benefit the industry.
2. **Influence:** Members can help ensure that their voice is heard by elected officials, which helps to ensure that these officials are more likely to listen to the concerns of REALTORS and take their views into account when making policy decisions.
3. **Protection:** RPAC helps to protect the rights of property owners and the real estate industry as a whole.

From city hall to the state house to the U.S. Capitol, our elected officials are making decisions that have a huge impact on your bottom line, and that of your clients.

RPAC has been successful on many issues, such as keeping sales tax on services (your income) at bay at the Indiana statehouse, but we know there are still more on the horizon.

We will be hosting our 3rd annual virtual auction this June. In these tough times we know it is never easy parting with funds, but we hope this is a fun way to make your contribution and perhaps win an item or two in return. Auction items will be available for viewing on June 20, 2023 and the auction will go live on June 22, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and run

through June 27, 2023 at 12 noon! We hope you join us and help us raise funds for RPAC!

Open to REALTOR and Affiliate members of LPCAR. Item donations are welcomed—please contact the board office for details!



LA PORTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF REALTORS

give back to
RPAC!

virtual online auction

Opens June 20, 2023

Preview Days: June 20-21, 2023

Auction Days: June 22-27, 2023



Mark Your Calendar!

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming CE Classes !

March 14, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. CST at Portofino Grill (following membership Meeting). Course: **Indiana License Law** for 2 CE Hours approved for all Indiana Brokers.

May 9, 2023—11:30 a.m. (immediately following our membership meeting at Portofino) - **Real Estate, The Internet and Privacy in the Information Age (Land Trusts and How they Protect You)** - 2 CE

Hours for all Indiana Brokers

June 9, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. CST at the Coolspring Branch of the La Porte Library. **Indiana Contracts and Forms** - 4 CE Hours approved for all Indiana Brokers and Managing Brokers.

A Reminder: All REALTOR Members should have completed all required CE Hours prior to renewing your RE license. Renewals will open up sometime in April! Have copies of your CE Certificates handy in case of audit!

Save The Date! Economic and Residential Real Estate Update And Affiliate Expo with Dr. Lawrence Yun—Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at The Blue Chip! Registration will open up this spring!

Letter from Board President—Continued

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that they qualify. The deadline is April 30, 2023.

The Deserving Children's Auction Committee will host a "Give Back" on March 29, 2023 with Fannie May Candies in Michigan City Indiana. Be sure to stop by that day to pick up your little Easter Bunnies some goodies for their baskets. Easter is just

around the corner. You will need a down loaded coupon or a copy of the ad on your phone to get credit for the charity that day. This is a fantastic Give Back. (*Flyer is located in this issue!*) We are very Thankful for our community that gives back to such a worthy cause. I hope you all have a wonderful March.

Tommy Sunn
2023 Board President

Member Benefit



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FOREWARN is a revolutionary application that allows agents to have instant due diligence on prospects. In seconds, with as little information as a phone number or name, LPCAR members can verify a prospect's identity, criminal records, bankruptcies, liens, judgments, address history and property records (state laws vary) all in one place, leading to safer and more productive interactions.



This is not only critical for your personal safety and efficiency, but also a benefit to your listing homeowners, providing an added layer of protection for their homes and families through your vetting of prospective buyers. Haven't set up your account yet? Please contact the board office for more information at 219-324-8120.

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each, to area students who plan on pursuing further education after graduation or are currently attending a college or trade school and who are related to a REALTOR or Affiliate member of LPCAR.

This award will be given to a person demonstrating outstanding community involvement who is planning to pursue further education through an accredited college, university, or trade school or are currently attending college or a trade school.



Scholarship FAQs

1. **What is the eligibility criteria for the Scholarship?** To be eligible the student must be pursuing further education after graduation or must be currently enrolled in a college or trade school. Students must also be related to an LPCAR member—Affiliate of REALTOR—who is in active and in good standing. For our new Board of Director Service Scholarship, the student must be related to a member who has served on the LPCAR board of directors—past or current.
2. **How does my student apply for the scholarship?** Applications are available for download on our website. Please make sure to provide the application to eligible students.
3. **What is the deadline for application submission?** The deadline to submit the application is April 30, 2023.
4. **How much money is awarded through the scholarship?** For 2023 each recipient will receive \$1000 for their further education costs.
5. **How many scholarships are awarded each year?** In 2023 there will be 4 (four) Scholarships available.

The deadline for this year is April 30, 2023. Please make sure your student applies as soon as possible. The application also requires an essay of 200 words or less explaining why the scholarship should be awarded. Any application received without the essay will not be considered during the selection process. It is important for the student to complete all parts of the application.

2023 Annual LPCAR Golf Outing—Save the Date!

Date: Friday, June 2, 2023

Location: Legacy Hills Golf Course in La Porte

Time: Registration at 11:30 a.m. Tee-off at 1 p.m.

Theme: Beach Fun

Registration Information/pricing/sponsorship information will be available next month in our April Newsletter! Stay tuned!

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Shop for a Great Cause

When you bring this flyer in and purchase delicious Fannie May® treats, 30%* of net proceeds will be donated to our organization.

Organization: LaPorte County Association of Realtors
in support of the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Time: 10am-6pm

Fannie May® Location: 102 W Hwy 20
Michigan City, IN 46360



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RPAC: Your Best Investment in Real Estate

Since 1969, the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) has promoted the election of pro-REALTOR® candidates across the United States. The purpose of RPAC is clear: REALTORS® raise and spend money to elect candidates who understand and support their interests. The money to accomplish this comes from voluntary contributions made by REALTORS®. These are not members' dues; this is money given freely by REALTORS® in recognition of how important campaign fundraising is to the political process. RPAC doesn't buy votes. RPAC enables REALTORS® to support candidates that support the issues that are important to their profession and livelihood.



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March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Member Orientation at La Porte County Public Library- Coolspring Branch	2	3	4
5	6	7 Board of Director Meeting at 11:30 a.m.	8	9	10	11
12 	13	14 March Membership Meeting and CE Night. Portofinos @ 5:30 p.m. CST	15	16	17 	18
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