



LPCAR Newsletter

Deserving Children's Charity Auction!

This month is our premier charity event—the Deserving Children Charity Auction, taking place on Friday, November 14, 2025 at the Orak Shrine. We would like to thank all of our Charity Committee Volunteers who work all year long to help make this a successful event.



Date: **Friday, November 14, 2025**

Place: **Orak Shrine**
3848 N. Frontage Road
Michigan City, Indiana 46360-9264

Time: **Doors open at 5 p.m. for cocktails -**
arrive early to preview the items
Dinner at 6 p.m.
Auction begins at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$60 per person ~ *At this time all tickets have been sold*



Letter from the Board President

November is just around the corner, and that means our annual *Deserving Children Charity Auction* is coming up soon — November 14th at the Orak in Michigan City!

The event is **sold out of dinner tickets**, now we are in need of more auction items to fill the stage and help make this year's auction successful. If you or someone you know would like to contribute an item, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the Charity Auction Committee Members.

Also, please mark your calendars for our December shopping events:

- December 2nd – LaPorte
- December 3rd – Michigan City

We'll need all the help we can get to make these events a success! If

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Thank you to our 2025 Deserving Children Charity Committee:

Julie Deal (co-chair)	Verna McAlister (co-Chair)	Tommy Sunn (Co-Chair)
Marina Klein	Christina Harber	Laura Robbins
Julie Wagner	Joy Pawlak-Bilek	Mike Bilek
Dee Waggoner	Peggy Loza	Deb Vance
Jeff Miles	Dawn Zigler	Nancy Esqueda
Dennis Galloway	Lyz Lukac	

Shopping Sub-Committee:

Robin Umphrey	Miranda Sebesta	Kim Kemiell
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2025 Charity Auction Committee Co-Chairs

Tommy Sunn
219-575-0881

Verna McAlister
219-380-9584

Julie Deal
219-241-8888

Table & Dinner Ticket

Sales:

Peggy Loza
219-608-7141

Laura Robbins
574-250-3755

Board Office
219-324-8120

2025 Auction Information

Registration Table manned by @Properties Team!



Cashiers: Joy Zigler / Dawn Zigler

Auctioneer: Billy Spence and crew

Security Provided by the Orak



Don't forget to put your name (first and last) on the back of your dinner ticket for a chance to win a \$250 cash prize!

Dinner Menu

Dinner: Carved Prime Rib/Chicken Piccata/Pasta
with Marinara: Olive Oil/Lemon Potato Bake:
Normandy Steamed Vegetables
Tossed Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Carrot Cake

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Cash Bar: Well Liquors, Call Liquors, Domestic Draft Beer,
Wine, Soda/Juice *(in order to expedite the lines at the bar, we ask that you please pay with cash)*

Donation Items Needed/Drop Off Locations

Items are needed and still being accepted for the night of the auction. Some suggestions include: toys, decorative items, liquor, unique and rare items, sport event tickets, electronics, gift certificates and of course cash donations welcomed.

Drop Off Locations: **Meridian Title/All locations, Fidelity Title. REMAX County Wide 1st, McColly, Board Office, or contact any committee member.**

Arrangements may be made to have items picked up at your

location. Please contact one of our committee members to schedule a pick up or you may also contact the board office at 219-324-8120.

Please contact any committee member regarding auction items. If you would like to donate an item but not sure what to donate, visit our Amazon Wish List for ideas:

<https://bit.ly/CharityWishListLPCAR>

We are creating our Auction Item Sheet List for the tables and want to include all items available at the auction! If you

do purchase an item from our wish list, be sure to include your name so we can thank you properly.

Sponsor a child: if you wish to sponsor a child for the shopping event in December you may send a check to the board office, made payable to LPCAR Charity Fund in the amount of \$175, or any amount of your choice. Each child will be allotted \$175 to be used for needed items and toys during the shopping event.

Deserving Children Charity Bingo Photos!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our charity Bingo Fundraiser. Whether you assisted on the planning committee, donated items to the event, worked during the event or just had fun playing bingo—all of you made a difference. We were able to raise funds towards the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour and had a great time doing it!. Here are a few photos from the evening.



Letter from the Board President (Continued)

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you have any questions about the auction, the shopping events, or how to get involved, please feel free to contact us.

The 2026 REALTOR Dues invoices have been sent out! Please make sure to pay your dues before the deadline/grace period to avoid paying a late fee. If you have any questions regarding your bill, please contact the board office for assistance.

Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!
Julie Wagner
2025 LPCAR Board President

Member Benefit



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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.



Other Drawings

There will be 50/50 drawings and tip boards available throughout the evening. Items include Holiday Gift Baskets, Wine Baskets, Liquor Baskets, etc.



REMINDER: Please remember to return your auction paddle at the end of the event, when you check out with the cashiers or head for home! We kindly ask that you **do not write** on the paddles, **tear or rip** them or **spill anything** on them as we reuse them every year. We ordered new paddles last year and some of them were returned with writing on them as well as food spills. Please use them with care as we hope to keep them in use for many years to come

Bucket Auction



Tickets will be sold for \$20.00 for 20 tickets.

Write your paddle number on the ticket and place in the bucket of the basket you hope to win!

IT'S THAT EASY!

A table will be set up in with all of our Bucket Items and Buckets. Drawing will be held at approximately 9:00 pm. Check the table to see if you are a winner. Winning numbers will be posted by each item.

Tickets sold in \$20.00 increments only.

2026 REALTOR Dues Reminder:

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025, all LPCAR REALTOR members were emailed information regarding the 2026 Association dues and payment information. The dues deadline is November 30, 2025 with a grace period that runs through December 15, 2025. **All Dues Payments are paid directly online at <https://ams.navicamls.net/> (login will be required).** Payments may be made via Visa, MasterCard or Electronic Check. Payments will still be processed through the NAR E-Commerce System.

Deserving Children's Charity Auction Sneak Peek!





LA PORTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, INC

2025 REALTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

1. **ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS** (use additional sheets if necessary); ***It is not necessary to complete all sections.***

A. **REALTOR PROFESSIONALISM:** (high principles, faithfulness to laws and regulations, the Code of Ethics, and the furtherance of principles of good real estate practice among other brokers and general public)

B. **REALTOR DESIGNATIONS:** (Designations, advanced education and/ or training)

C. **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (local, state and national level of participation in civic and service clubs, charitable activities, political activities, fraternal or religious groups, etc.)

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2. **LOCAL BOARD ACTIVITY:** (Board offices and committee work, special assignments, seminar activity and education work, membership and offices held in local chapters or institutes, etc.)

3. **STATE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY:** (State offices held and committee work, attendance and participation at IAR Conferences, Board of Directors meetings and educational conferences, etc.)

- 4.. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS ACTIVITY:** (National offices and committee work, membership and work in institutes, attendance at NAR conventions, etc.)

5. **OTHER COMMENTS:**

Submitted By:

Name: _____

Office: _____

Please return completed form and photo of nominee (if available) to:

Iris Muccigrosso, Executive Officer

La Porte County Association of REALTORS

P.O. Box 248, La Porte, IN 46352

Email: lpcar@frontier.com or lpcar@comcastbiz.net

Forms must be submitted no later than February 17, 2026 (no exceptions)



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November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Board Office Notice: The board office is operating remotely. Please schedule an appointment if you need to stop by the board office at 219-324-8120						1
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30 2026 REALTOR Dues Deadline!			Board Office Closed—November 26-28, 2025			