

LPCAR



Monthly Newsletter January 2017



Installation of Officers/Directors

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Portofino Grill in La Porte

Cost: \$12 with reservations/\$14 walk-ins

Program: Installation of 2017 Officers and Directors by

Indiana Association of REALTORS 2017

President-Elect John DeSouza

For Reservations: Please contact the Board office at 219-324-8120, online at www.laportecountyrealtors.com or via email at lpcar@frontier.com no later than Friday, January 6, 2017. Please have your check ready for our meeting,

made payable to LPCAR. Thank you. When making reservations please indicate the following:

Sunshine Drawing Pricing: \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 7 tickets and may be included in your dinner check! Reservation Policy: We strongly suggest you make reservations in advance. Any reservation made and not cancelled <u>2 hours</u> prior to the start of our event will be charged for the cost of the meal. Portofino's is very accommodating 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 cooperation in this matter!

To register forMeeting, please visit our website: www.laportecountyrealtors.com - Registration link is located on the home page.

2017 Residential Form Changes: Be prepared for 2017 by reviewing all of the 2017 revisions and/or updates provided by the Indiana Association of REALTORS. All changes may be viewed <u>HERE</u>.

mobile text alerts

Stay up to date with information and events with our LPCAR text alert system.

This system will allow any member to opt-in by signing up via this link: https://mobile-text-alerts.com/lpcar (members must opt-in/sign up...we will not add members with out their consent). If any member would like the association to add you, please send your name and number to the office.

Any member that has opted in may at any time opt-out by texting the word "Stop". Click on the image above to sign up - Full name and phone number are required fields! Data & Message rates may apply depending on your carrier.

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Upcoming Events in 2017

2017 is off to a great start and several forecasts predict a strong housing market in 2017!

Your association is working to bring plenty of CE to our members, the first one is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 with instructor Tim Reed. Don't miss out on 4 CE hours free of charge as part of your member benefits.

Each year we offer 3 local scholarships to 2 graduating seniors/one college student. The applications for these scholarships will be released by the end of February. Students must be related to one of our REAL-TOR or Affiliate members to be eligible for this scholarship. Watch for details.

Our annual food drive is set for the month of May once again. We encourage all offices to participate and collect non-perishable food items during the month of May, at the end of the month we will take the items collected to the local pantries of the Salvation Army—and don't forget our friendly

office competition to win a free lunch for your office served by your board of directors!

Several additional CE opportunities will be available with our general membership meetings. Tentative dates are March 14th and June 13 for spring sessions.

New Member Orientation is currently being planned: once we have a date set, notices will be sent to new members who need to attend.

The Charity Auction takes place in the fall—last year the auction made over \$36,000 in proceeds that went towards the Deserving Children's Shopping Event in December. The 2017 committee will begin work soon on this year's event. If you would like to participate on this committee, please contact incoming board President Bernie Conners.

We hope that everyone has a great 2017!

Sunshine Committee

Sunshine Committee for this association are Robin Umphrey/ REMAX 1st for La Porte and Judi Donaldson/Micky Gallas Properties for Michigan City.



Please contact them with any news that is relevant to this association.

Upcoming CE Opportunities

February 3, 2017 4 Hours—REALTOR Safety Course with instructor Tim Reed at the Michigan City Public Library. No cost for LPCAR members. \$30 for non-members

Register online at: www.laportecountyrealtors.com

2016 Affiliate of the Year Nominations

Affiliate of the Year

Each year the association recognizes one of our affiliate members who has shown active participation, commitment and support of our association. Our affiliate members are important to this association and we appreciate everything they do for us. Without their support many events and benefits would not be possible and we encourage our REALTOR members to consider using one of our affiliate members first in any stage of the transaction.

At our March 2017 general membership meeting we will honor one of our affiliate members who was nominated. The nomination form may be found on page 5 of this newsletter and can also be found on our home page of our website: www.laportecountyrealtors.com.

The deadline to submit a nomination is January 30, 2017! Please take a moment to recognize your favorite affiliate member!

Removal of Fax Service for Attached Documents in MLS



As a reminder, Rapattoni has phased out the fax service which had been available when submitting listing attachments. Beginning on Sunday, 1/01/2017, the fax service will no longer be available and all attached documents will need to be uploaded as PDF files for new listings.



Indiana Association of REALTORS 2017 Legislative Conference—January 30-31, 2017 Indianapolis

There's a popular saying in politics that if you're not at the table, you're on the menu. Register to attend the 2017 IAR Legislative Conference, and help keep your profession, your clients, and your community off of legislators' plates. Plus, network with REALTORS® from all across Indiana and get a sneak peek at the new Indiana REALTOR® home next door to the capitol. It'll be a day, day-and-a-half well spent.

Register online at: https://indianarealtors.wufoo.com/forms/zfri9lq1orxhwl/

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS \$139 per night plus tax, pending availability Sunday, Jan. 29-Tuesday, Jan. 31 Call 1-317-972-0600 or Book Online

Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites 120 W Market St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

A Year In Pictures



La Porte County Association of REALTORS, Inc.

Affiliate of the Year 2016

| Nominee | |
|------------------------|---|
| Company | |
| Address | |
| Phone | |
| | this affiliate member has demonstrated their support fo ty Association of REALTORS during the 2016 Year. |
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| List any LPCAR Com | amittees and/or other community service involvement |
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| Submitted by (option | al) |
| Please return to the l | Board Office no later than January 30, 2017. |
| Forms may be faxed | to: 219-324-9323 |
| or mailed to: | |
| La Porte Count | y Association of REALTORS, Inc. |
| P.O. Box 247 | |
| La Porte, India | na 46352 |



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stand 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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January 2017

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| 1 | 2 Office closed | Board of Director Meeting @ 11:30 a.m. at Board Office | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 General Membership Meeting @ 11:30 a.m. at Portofinos | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | 31 Conference in Indianap nuary 30-31, 2017 | 31 Office C | 1 losed January 30- | 2 Feb 2, 2017 | 3 Feb. 3, 2017: RI Safety Course w Reed 10-2 p.m. | |