



General Membership Meeting

**** Special Election to Fill Director Vacancy ****

Guest Speaker: Nancy Smith, Director of the Promise Scholarship Program for Michigan City

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Time: 5:30 p.m. (CST)

Cost: \$14 with reservations/\$16 without reservations

Place: Portofino Grill in La Porte



Please Note: during this membership meeting we will hold a special election to fill a local director vacancy. There are two individuals who have submitted their names as candidate and more information on both can be found in this newsletter. A notification was sent out to all members on Friday, April 21, 2017. Please make sure to add our email address to your safe sender list to prevent our emails from being filtered to junk email or blocked.



For Reservations: Please contact the office at 219-324-8120 or via email at lpcar@frontier.com no later than Monday, May 8, 2017

Please have your check ready for our meeting, made payable to LPCAR. Thank you.

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 2 hours prior to the start of our event will be charged for the cost of the meal.** Please understand that while we may have a few walk-ins at each meeting, those walk-ins cannot "take the place" of a no-show. Since we do not know in advance who may show up, we cannot "assign" a spot for someone who decided not to attend and did not cancel their reservations. 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!*

REALTOR Safety

By now most everyone is aware that on Thursday, April 20, 2017 an agent from the South Bend Area was attacked while at a property. The suspect has yet to be apprehended but fortunately the agent survived a brutal attack.



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SAFETY**

This spring is a good time to make sure your office has a safety program in place. If you do not have any program in place, NAR provides several pre-designed forms that you can customize and use in your office. Visit <https://www.nar.realtor/topics/realtor-safety/resources-for-associations-and-brokerages> to download these forms.

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Special Election Tuesday May 9, 2017: *(during the General Membership Meeting)*

The following two individuals have submitted their candidacy for our special election. Here is a little information on them (we would like to thank both individuals for volunteering to run for this position and sending us their information for the election).

Tracey Cummins - County-Wide Properties



I have been a real estate broker with County-Wide properties for 14 years. As well as being a broker, I work part time in the county assessor's office and I also am a member of the Washington Township advisory board. I volunteer for a non-profit company that raises money for ALS and have been in charge of many local fundraisers. I enjoy reading to pre-schoolers once a week and find the break from adult people to be refreshing! I have been married to my husband Jeff for 22 years and we have two sons in college. I'm finding myself with extra time on my hands with the boys being grown and felt this was a great opportunity to get more involved with my career and board. Thank you, Tracey

Renae Taylor - 1st Choice Realty Group



I have lived in Northwest Indiana for over 25 years. I retired from NIPSCO and am a full-time Real Estate Agent which is what I love doing best. I have been involved with United Way for many years and I love doing volunteer work! My specialties include helping people wherever and whenever possible. Being a full-time Agent with 1st Choice Realty Group now has been one of the best decisions I have ever made! I love my Brokers, as well as all of the Agents I work with. It is such a great feeling to know that we are always there for each other in so many ways! I'm excited to get involved in new endeavors and that is why I'm seeking this Board Position. Please feel free to call me anytime with questions, comments, or even complaints! I'm a very good listener. Oh, and one more thing you should know is that my birth sign is Leo, and we are very good leaders. Thank you for taking the time to read

Sunshine Committee

Sunshine Committee for this association are **Robin Umphrey/REMAX 1st for La Porte** and **Diana Hirsch/Merrion & Associates for Michigan City**.

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



Upcoming CE Opportunities

June 13, 2017: CE night immediately following our general membership meeting. Instructor Tim Reed, course : License Law-2 CE Credit Hours

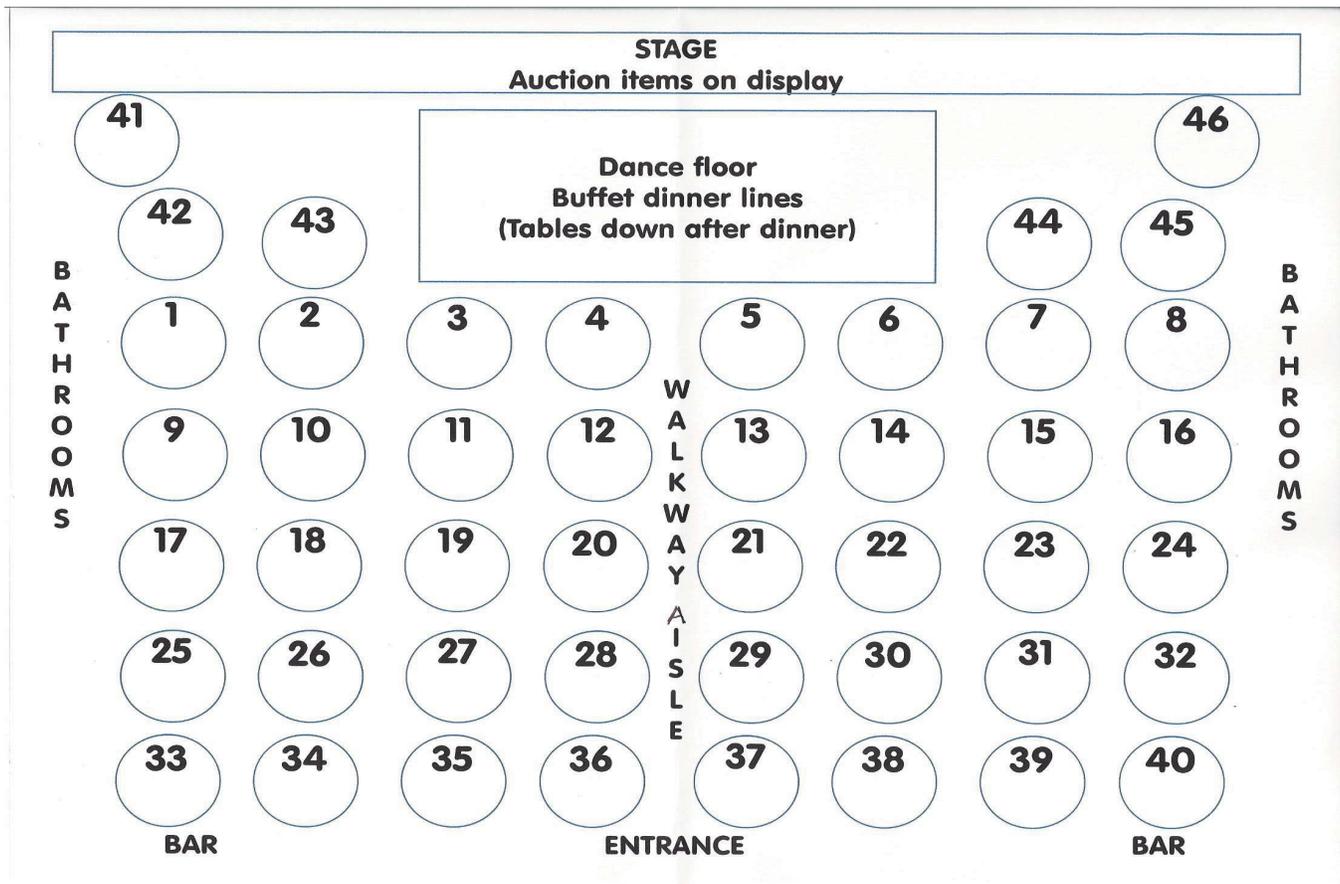
Registration for the CE will be available at the end of May at:

www.laportecountyrealtors.com

Charity Auction Dinner Ticket and Table Reservation Information

The Deserving Children Charity Auction will take place on Friday, November 10, 2017 at the Orak in Michigan City. Dinner and Table Reservations are currently on sale! Tickets are \$50 per person/\$400 per table...Tables of 8 may be reserved with a \$50 deposit - Table must be paid in full by June 30th, after that date you will forfeit your deposit and the table will be available for reservations. Seating chart is shown below.

**To reserve a table or purchase dinner tickets, please contact
Karole Myres at 219-363-8677.**



Membership Update

The following have applied for membership in our Association:

Catherine Underwood—1st Choice Realty Group

Keri Marrs Barron—1st Choice Realty Group

Jennifer Vanderstar—1st Choice Realty Group

Rita Beaty-1st Team U (Affiliate Member)

Please contact the board office if you have any questions or comments.

New Member Orientation will take place on **Saturday, May 20, 2017**. Mark Your Calendars! New members, please make sure to keep May 20th open for your session.

LPCAR Annual Food Drive—May 1 through May 31st!



FOOD DRIVE

May 1st - May 31st
Pick up June 1st

LaPorte County Association of Realtors is hosting a friendly competition amongst all Real Estate offices. The office that gathers the most number of nonperishable food items will win lunch delivered to your office by the LPCAR Board.

All food items will be donated to community food banks.

Canned Tuna or Salmon
Canned Beef, Chicken or Turkey
Peanut Butter
Soups & Stews
Meal-in-Can
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Cake, Muffin or Pancake Mix
Dried Fruit or Nuts

Oatmeal or Breakfast Cereal
Juice or Juice Boxes
Spaghetti Sauce
Rice & Pasta
Shelf-Stable Milk
Toothpaste
Shampoo & Conditioner
Toilet Paper
Paper Towel



Contest Rules: 2 Categories this year Office with 5 agents or less and Offices with 6 or more agents. Each office will have from May 1st until May 31st to collect as many nonperishable food items as possible. Items will be counted at pick up by Board members. Example 1 can of vegetables = 1 point. Winning offices will be announced June 13th at the general membership meeting.

Bowling Night Fundraiser—June 21st!



LAPORTE COUNTY DESERVING CHILDREN



BOWLING NIGHT

THUNDERBIRD LANES

1251 Pine Lake Ave, LaPorte, IN

June 21st ~ 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm

PRIZES

Cash Bar

Food & FUN

LIMITED TO 24 TEAMS

\$100 PER 4 person TEAM or \$25 per person

(\$20 per person goes directly to Deserving Children Fund)

Teams must be registered by June 16th and paid in full

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Team Name _____ PAID _____

Team Contact Information:

Name _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Turn team registration into :

Tommy Sunn - 219-575-0881

tommy@1stchoicerealtygrp.com

1st Choice Realty Group

245 W Johnson Road, LaPorte, IN 46350

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LPCAR DESERVING CHILDREN

2017 Annual Food Drive

LPCAR Food Drive: Helping our Community Battle Hunger

Did you know that in the US today 49 million people face hunger—that is 1 out of every 6 Americans.

Here are some other facts about hunger:

- 1 More than 1 in 5 children are at risk of hunger.
2. For every 100 school lunch programs there are only 87 breakfast sites and just 36 summer food programs
- 3 The number of Americans going to food pantries and soup kitchens has risen by 46% since 2006.
4. More than 20 million children in the US rely on school meal programs to keep from going hungry.



When we think of hunger we often think about countries far away, but the reality is that many people are struggling to get enough to eat right here in our country, our state and even our own community.

The La Porte County Association of REALTORS is sponsoring our 3rd Annual food drive during the month of May to help our own community. Summer is approaching and many children that rely on meals at school may go hungry during the summer months. We are asking each office to collect nonperishable items during the month at your offices. At the end of May we will collect the donated items from your office to give to the local food pantries in our communities. Start collecting your items now to help us fill those pantries. Did you know that when clients move, they tend to throw away a lot of stuff, unfortunately some of that stuff is food items that could be donated. Talk to your clients and offer to collect those non-perishable items when they move. Help us feed our community!



Your board of directors will once again challenge each office to collect food items. The office that collects the most items will receive a free lunch during your office meeting, paid for, delivered and served by your board of directors!! One food item equals one unit. Let's see which office can collect the most items. This challenge takes place during the month of May and items will be counted at the end of the month. We have two categories for our challenge: Offices with more than 5 agents, and offices with 5 or less agents. Our last two food drives were a huge success and we filled a truck full of items that were donated to the Michigan City and La Porte pantries of the Salvation Army. Show La Porte County that our members care about our community and the quality of life. Help ensure that our children have plenty to eat during the summer and beyond.

Good luck to all our offices and thank you for helping our community!



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May 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Board of Director Meeting at board office at 12 noon	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 General Membership Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Portofinos	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 New Member Orientation: 8-4:30 p.m. at 1st Team U
NAR Legislative Meetings in Washington DC—Board Office Closed—5/15-5/19/2017						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Office Closed 	30	31	Our Annual Food Drive runs the entire month of May—please help us help our community!!		