

LPCAR



Monthly Newsletter

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<u>SentriLock System to</u> replace Supra Key System

A major benefit GNIAR proudly provides to MLS members is a lockbox service.

Due to the fact technology is ever-changing, and GNIAR's contract with our current partner Supra is coming to an end, the GNIAR MLS Board of Directors (MLS BOD) did their proper due diligence on behalf of members and explored all options. After months of research, presentations and discussion, the MLS BOD ultimately decided a partnership with SentriLock would be in the best interest of our MLS. We acknowledge this will mean a big change for our membership.

Please mark your calendar for approximately 1 to 1½ hours of your time sometime between March 5th through March 9th, as these are the dates we will be asking members to bring in old Supra lockboxes in exchange for new keycards and lockboxes from SentriLock. SentriLock will be sending an email to each of you in the near future allowing you to schedule a specific time to pick up your new equipment. They will also be providing a training at the time of the exchange, followed up with ongoing learning tools to assist you throughout this process and to make the transition as smooth as possible. We understand there will be a learning curve with this change, and we will do our best to assist members during this time of transition.

Preparations are still underway but at this time, we can confirm that two exchange dates will occur at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City on March 8 & 9, 2018. We anticipate the registration information to be sent by SentriLock soon, and suggest that our La Porte members sign up as quickly as possible as each time slot will be limited. Make sure to watch for your email and if the first email sent by GNIAR was redirected into your spam folder, it would be a good time to add them to your safe sender list.



Letter from Board President

Welcome 2018! It's never to

late to say Happy New Year and Best Wishes for all and a very successful Year.

First I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. We are facing many challenges but feel confident that we will be able to meet them, as REALTORS always do. My personal challenge is to represent LPCAR not only as your board president but also as a state board member for

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the Indiana Association of REALTORS for small associations. At the state level there is an ongoing effort to continue to oppose any proposed legislation that would add a sales tax on services. This issue has not gone away and continues to surface in some form or another. Follow the legislative tracker at: http://www.indianarealtors.com/advocacy/2018-legislative-reports/ (NRDS # and last name re-

quired for log in). Our presence with the legislative bodies is big and carries a strong voice and we will continue to fight harmful legislation that affects homeownership and our industry.

At the local level I want to extend a personal invitation and encourage the membership to step forward and volunteer for any of our committees. Your ideas and participation will

keep us strong and moving forward. Please feel free to contact me if you have an interest in serving your association or with any questions you may have at any time.

I would like to thank our 2017 Board President, Bernie Conners, for his service and dedication during his term as president.

Olga Sanchez-2018 LPCAR Board President

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 ink - 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.

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 9, 2018 4 Hours—REALTOR Safety Course with instructor Tim Reed at the Michigan City Public Library. No cost for LPCAR members. \$30 for non-members—CLASS is FULL

Register online at: www.laportecountyrealtors.com



LPCAR Scholarships

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of **\$600** each to area seniors 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. (3 scholarships available in 2018)

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.

Applications will be available at all area public schools as well as the board office. 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

The deadline for this year is April 15, 2018. Please have your student contact their local high school for this application. The application will also be posted on our website soon.

Students of family members of LPCAR are eligible for this scholarship so we encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

LPCAR members attend Indiana Association of REALTORS 2018 Legislative Conference in Indianapolis

Several members from the board of directors attended the IAR Legislative conferences in January. This conference provided LPCAR members an opportunity to meet with our legislators and stress the importance of protecting private property rights, homeownership, and the real estate industry.





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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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				1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY February 2nd	3
4	5	6 Board of Director Meeting @11:30 a.m. at Board Office	7	8	9 REALTOR Safety Class 10-2 pm Michi- gan City with Tim Reed-Office Closed	10
11	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Oay	15	16	17
18	President's Day Board office closed for Training	20 SentriLock Admin	21	22	23	24
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