



## General Membership Meeting

### Meeting and CE Night 2016 Affiliate of the Year Presentation

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

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

Place: Portofino Grill in La Porte

Cost: Dinner: \$14 with reservations/\$16 for walk-ins

Speaker: Tim Smith, Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District: Topic Double Track Plan

Instructor Rita Beaty: 2 CE Hours/Environmental Issues. CE is a free member benefit. \$15 for non-members



**For Reservations: For those attending either "Dinner and CE" or "CE only", please register online at:**

<https://www.laportecountyrealtors.com/march-general-membership-meeting>

**For "Dinner only" reservations please contact the office at 219-324-8120 or via email at [lpicar@frontier.com](mailto:lpicar@frontier.com) no later than Monday, March 13, 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.** 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!*



### Letter from the Board President

Happy March everyone,

As we head toward the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017, the year appears to be off to a good start. Agents I've spoken to say they've been busy. The only complaint has been the lack of new inventory. Hopefully with spring just around the corner it will spark new listings and sales for all.

Our next general membership meeting will be on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 5:30 pm at Portofino Grill. Our Guest speaker will be Tim Smith, Chairman of Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer's Executive Committee with the northern Indiana Commuter

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Transportation District. The Topic will be the Double Track Plan. All are encouraged to attend. CE will directly follow the meeting the course will be on Environmental Issues 2 credit hours with instructor Rita Beaty.

As a reminder to all that our Code of Ethics cycle has now taken effect and is required for all every 2 years. Some members have already begun to take and complete the

course. Great Job!!

The Deserving Children Charity Committee will be having the 1<sup>st</sup> Event coming up March 25<sup>th</sup> look for the details. You can also contact any of the Committee Chairs for details. Rosie Michaelaels, Pam Morgan, or Brooke Christ.

Bernie Conners  
LPCAR President 2017

### 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.



### 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

**March 15, 2017:** CE night immediately following our general membership meeting. Course: Environmental Issues, 2 Credit Hours for all IN Brokers, Instructor Rita Beaty

Registration for both the membership meeting and CE will be available at:

[www.laportecountyrealtors.com](http://www.laportecountyrealtors.com)

## LPCAR Scholarships Available to Area Seniors/College Undergrads

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of \$500 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.

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 soon be available at all area public schools as well as the board office and will also be posted on our website to download.

Our scholarship committee will be meeting to make any updates or changes needed on the application. Once they have updated the form, we will release the application.

The application 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 24, 2017**.

Please have your student contact their local high school for this application or download the form from our website.

Students of family members of LPCAR (**REALTOR and Affiliate Members**) are eligible for this scholarship so we encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

### Did You Know.....

Your State Association provides state and local market reports on a regular basis. These reports provide an insight into market conditions in our county and across the state. LPCAR shares this information, as well as the reports for La Porte County on our website. More information and reports can be viewed by visiting:

<https://www.laportecountyrealtors.com/local-market-reports>

## Membership Update

The following have applied for membership in our Association:

**Jeffrey Dreher ~ Micky Gallas Properties**

**Jennifer Bauer ~ MTM Realty Group**

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

A reminder to all new members of LPCAR, the association invites you to attend your first membership meeting courtesy of the association for your installation. Watch your email inbox for details.

New Member Orientation will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Mark Your Calendars!

# NAR Conference and Expo Returns to Chicago in 2017

Registration Opens May 2017! The theme for the 2017 REALTORS® Conference & Expo is “The Sky’s the Limit.”



# THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

CHICAGO 2017

RISE HIGHER  
THIS FALL





# Day Drinking Party!

IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE



Saturday, March 25th, 2017

LaPorte Moose Lodge #492 • 925 Boyd Blvd, LaPorte

DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM - TILL ??

Join us for a day of Fun, Music, Silent Auction, Food & Drinks

CheeseBurger in Paradise Burger Bar with all the fixin's



CASH BAR with Margarita Specials



Music Provided by: Point'n Fingers



**\$25.00 PER PERSON**  
INCLUDES FOOD, LIVE MUSIC AND 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET

All Proceeds go to LaPorte County Deserving Children's Shopping Tour



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## March 2017

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