

Bearings

a newsletter for GKAR MEMBERS
August 2015



At A Glance

Committee Meetings

August 6th

- [Broker Exchange Forum](#)

August 7th

- [Education](#)
- [Community Relations](#)

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- [MLS/Technology](#)

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- [Risk Management](#)

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GKAR News

REALTOR® Annual Dues Mailed Out August 10th, 2015

Your annual dues statement will be mailed out on August 10th, 2015, and payment is due on September 10th, 2015. The annual renewal amount is \$621.00, the annual advocacy contribution amount is \$50.00, and you will have an opportunity to support the Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan in the amount of \$29.00. We look forward to your continued membership with GKAR!

Announcing Office - RPAC Participation Competition!

Announcing the GKAR Office - RPAC Participation Competition for RPAC contributions received in 2015. To win, your office must have the most members who invest in RPAC. There are 3 categories based on the number of REALTORS® per office. The small office is 5 or more REALTORS®; medium office is 9 or more REALTORS®; and large office is 14 or more REALTORS®. A minimum investment is \$15 per member, and the winning office in each category will be presented with an award at the GKAR Installation and Holiday Luncheon on December 10th, 2015. All investments must be received by November 25th, 2015. Good luck!

[See where your office ranks: view the Office RPAC Participation Report](#)

Philip P. Perry Humanitarian Award

Nominations Are Open Now - September 1st, 2015

The Philip P. Perry Humanitarian Award was conceived upon the passing of distinguished GKAR Member, Philip P. Perry, in 2004. This award is intended to honor the legacy of a member who devoted his lifetime to selfless humanitarian efforts. The award will be given to the member who best embodies this spirit of selfless giving that was so important to Mr. Perry throughout his life.

To nominate a GKAR Member for this Award, please [download and complete the Nomination Form](#). Nominations should be faxed to (269) 382-3462 or emailed to RobinP@gkar.com and must be received by September 1st, 2015. The award will be presented to the winning member at the upcoming Installation & State of the Association on December 10th, 2015.

At A Glance

Events

August 27th

- [GKAR Tigers Game Day](#)

September 14th

- [GKAR Golf Outing](#)
BBQ Lunch Sponsored By:



September 24th

- [Top O' The Mornin'](#) -
REALTOR® Safety

October 17th

- [Day of Service](#)
for Veterans

Classes

October 15th

- [Blast Off](#)

October 30th

- [Course 1600](#)

GKAR Events



Get Your Tigers Tickets, Only 14 Left!

Cheer on our Detroit Tigers as they play the LA Angels on August 27th, 2015 at 1:08pm. \$80 per person includes roundtrip to Comerica Park, breakfast, snacks, prizes, a seat on lower third baseline, AND a tan!

[Download Ticket Order Form](#)

GKAR Golf Outing Take 2 is September 14th, 2015

- 10:00am Shotgun Start for Golf Scramble
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm NON-GOLFER BINGO w/ Margaritas & Appetizers
- 4:30pm Dinner, Awards & Prizes

Only \$20 per non-golfer includes unlimited BINGO games, margaritas, appetizers, and dinner; [Download Non-Golfer Registration Form](#)

New! Help GKAR Help Local Veterans

[A Day of Service for Veterans](#)

Who We're Serving: Any veteran in the greater Kalamazoo area

Who Can Serve: Any GKAR Member or non-member

What: GKAR's [Community Relations Committee](#) is coordinating a volunteer Day of Service to do home repairs and maintenance for veterans in the greater Kalamazoo area at no cost to the veteran

When: Saturday, October 17th, 2015 from 8:00am - 12:00pm

Why: We Are Michigan REALTORS® Who Care

How: [Download Nomination and Volunteer Forms](#)



Upcoming Classes

Blast Off Educational Conference Registration Now Open

October 15th at GKAR from 8:15am - 3:20pm

Investment: \$55 for GKAR Members | \$65 for non-members

Breakfast, lunch, and materials included with tuition

Local and national speakers, with all courses qualifying for CE credit

[Learn more about the instructors and topics covered.](#)

Course 1600 - 6 hour CE Course w/ 2015 Legal Update

October 30th at GKAR from 8:00am - 1:45pm

Instructor: Jack Miedema

Investment: \$55 for GKAR Members | \$65 for non-members

Breakfast, lunch, and materials included with tuition

[Register Now](#)

[Learn More About the Topics Covered](#)

At A Glance

Classes & Events

- [August Birthday Calendar](#)
- [New Member Orientation Sept. 23rd, 24th & 25th](#)

Housing Reports

- [Cumulative Sales Report](#)
- [Mortgage Rates](#)

Professional Standards

- [NAR Ethics Training November 4th at GKAR](#)

Membership News



Welcome New REALTOR® Members

Chris Adrian - O'Brien Real Estate
Bruce Arnsman - Betten Real Estate
Jared Buchino - Keller Williams Kalamazoo
Rick Counterman - Preferred Real Estate Professionals
Justin Ferrell - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices MI (Stadium)
Mary Foley-Wilson - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices MI (Stadium)
Tori Hall - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices MI (Stadium)
Tania Kazanjian - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices MI (Stadium)
Scott McGraw - RE/MAX Advantage
Jamin Olds - Bellabay Realty
Jason Robinson - Keller Williams Kalamazoo
Steven Sielatycki - Omni Brokerage Inc.
Omar Shariff - Keller Williams Kalamazoo
Edward Solis - Century 21 Advanced Realty
Doris Thurmond - RE/MAX Advantage
Jessica Ward - Carlson, REALTORS® & Development
Kyle Weener - Omni Brokerage, LLC
John Wilson - Jaqua, REALTORS® (Milham)
George Wright - Keller Williams Kalamazoo

Welcome New REALTOR® Office

Omni Brokerage Inc. - Steven Sielatycki

Welcome REALTOR® Member Reinstatement

Denny Bowersox - New Path Homes, Inc.

Welcome REALTOR® Office Reinstatement

New Path Homes, Inc. - Denny Bowersox

Welcome New Business Partner Offices

Student Haulers
Tim Galovan | 269-345-4285 | www.StudentHaulers.com

Change of REALTOR® Office Name

Carle Watts and Associates is now Lifestyles Real Estate and Staging, LLC.

Change of REALTOR® Office Address

Michigan RE Services, Inc. - 3719 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Quarter Century Club

Congratulations to Jennifer Dunlap, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices MI, who will reach 25 years with GKAR on August 10th, 2015!

[View Membership Drops and Transfers](#)

Keybox Corner

SentriLock ID's have been changed to your flexmls login. This change means one less username to remember. Passwords did not change. Your SentriLock ID is used when logging into www.SentriLock.com, renewing your SentriCard in a card reader, and using the SentriSmart app. Please call GKAR at (269) 382-1985 for assistance or SentriLock Support at 1-877-736-8745.

MLS News

MLS Training Available at GKAR

Contacts (hands-on) - August 18th 2:00pm - 3:30pm in the Classroom
Searches (hands-on) - August 19th 9:00am - 11:00am in the Classroom
MLS Top 10 Tips - August 25th 9:00am - 10:30am in the Classroom
Class sizes are limited. Reservations are required. Call (269) 382-1985.



MLS Fines

A GKAR REALTOR® Member was fined \$500 for sharing access to zipForm with another person.

A GKAR Broker Member was fined \$500 for their agent sharing access to zipForm with another person.

RPR is NOW Available to GKAR Members!

RPR is ready for GKAR REALTOR® Members to start taking advantage of having public record information, demographics, school district information, and listing data conveniently located in one site with handsome reporting options.

Learn more about how RPR can help you and your clients:

[What is RPR?](#)

[What is RPR Mobile?](#)

RPR Webinar - Tuesday, August 11th at 10:00am

GKAR REALTOR® Members can sign up to attend a 1-hour webinar to learn the basics on how to make the most of RPR. The classroom at GKAR will be open with the webinar playing for anyone in need of a quiet place to watch.

[Sign up to watch the RPR Webinar in GKAR's classroom](#)

[Sign up to watch the RPR Webinar online](#)

Peak Performance

A Simple Guide to Understanding Property Taxes

This is a brief explanation of assessing and PRE law. For further clarification on any particular property, you should contact the Assessor's Office in the municipality where the property is located to receive a full explanation for your particular situation.

Brought to you by the [Risk Management Committee](#).