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a newsletter for GKAR MEMBERS August 2015



### At A Glance

## Committee Meetings

#### August 6th

• Broker Exchange Forum

#### August 7th

- Education
- Community Relations

#### August 11th

MLS/Technology

#### August 14th

Risk Management

#### August 28th

• Board of Directors

# **GKAR News**

## REALTOR® Annual Dues Mailed Out August 10th, 2015

Your annual dues statement will be mailed out on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and payment is due on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 <u>download and complete</u> the <u>Nomination Form</u>. Nominations should be faxed to (269) 382-3462 or emailed to <u>RobinP@gkar.com</u> and must be received by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The award will be presented to the winning member at the upcoming Installation & State of the Association on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

CEO Robin Pompey Editor Angela McMillan

#### At A Glance

# Events

#### August 27th

• GKAR Tigers Game Day

#### September 14th

• GKAR Golf Outing

BBQ Lunch Sponsored By:

PrimeLending

A Plains Capital Company.

#### September 24th

• <u>Top O' The Mornin'</u> - REALTOR® Safety

#### October 17th

• <u>Day of Service</u> <u>for Veterans</u>

### Classes

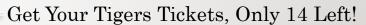
#### October 15th

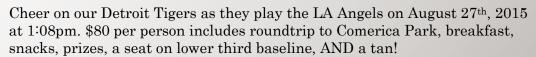
• Blast Off

#### October 30th

• Course 1600

## **GKAR** Events





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; <u>Download Non-Golfer Registration Form</u>

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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  $30^{\text{th}}$  at GKAR from 8:00 am - 1:45 pm

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



You're Invited!

#### At A Glance

## Classes & Events

In a first Little

- <u>August Birthday</u> Calendar
- New Member Orientation Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

## **Housing Reports**

- <u>Cumulative Sales Report</u>
- Mortgage Rates

## **Professional Standards**

• NAR Ethics Training
November 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

#### Welcome New REALTOR® Office

George Wright - Keller Williams Kalamazoo

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

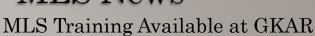
Congratulations to Jennifer Dunlap, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices MI, who will reach 25 years with GKAR on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015!

## **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 <a href="https://www.SentriLock.com">www.SentriLock.com</a>, renewing your SentriCard in

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



Contacts (hands-on) - August 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm - 3:30pm in the Classroom Searches (hands-on) - August 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 11:00am in the Classroom MLS Top 10 Tips - August 25<sup>th</sup> 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.