

Bearings

a newsletter for GKAR MEMBERS

June 2014



At A Glance

Committee Meetings

June 2nd

- [Governmental Affairs](#)

June 4th

- [Equal Opportunity](#)

June 5th

- [Broker Exchange Forum](#)

June 6th

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

June 10th

- [MLS/Technology](#)

June 13th

- [Risk Management](#)

June 18th

- [Commercial](#)

June 27th

- [Board of Directors](#)

GKAR News

FREE - First Come, First Served

8 Office Delivery Lockbox metal containers are available free to anyone who would like them. Take however many you would like. They are at GKAR, ready for pick up if you are interested.



GKAR Golf League

By Terry Pingel - League Chairperson
Greetings GKAR Members. The GKAR mixed golf league is in full swing. This year we were fortunate enough to build our roster to 24 golfers. Each week we tee off at Milham Golf Course for a fun, yet competitive round with our fellow associates. Last year's champs were

Kim Bowers-Dow and Julie Foster Walters of Jaqua, REALTORS®. Both are expecting to preserve their championship status. But, as of this week Tony Ely and Russ Cross are in the lead with Richard Miller and Stephanie Stankey close behind. Stay tuned for further reports.



At A Glance

Events

June

- [Birthday Calendar](#)

June 1st - 11th

- [RPAC Online Auction](#)

June 13th

- [RPAC Picnic at GKAR](#)

July 14th

- [Annual GKAR Outing](#)

Classes

June 19th - 27th

- [Real Estate 101](#)

June 27th

- [Course 1500](#)

July 31st

- [Estate Planning
& Asset Protection](#)

August 18th & 18th

- [SRES Designation](#)

August 20th

- [What's Your Brand?](#)

GKAR Events



RPAC Auction is Open Thru June 11th 8:00pm

Samsung Tab3 | fitbit | Father's Day Gifts | Closing Gifts
Tasty Beverage Baskets | Sushi Starter Set | Theatre Tickets

29 fabulous items to choose from online - [BID NOW!](#)

5 additional items will be auctioned live at RPAC Picnic.

RPAC Picnic is June 13th

At GKAR from 11:30pm - 1:00pm

Come enjoy our pig roast cooked low and slow with all you can eat buffet, and fellowship with your fellow GKAR Members.

Let us know you're coming, [RSVP NOW](#).

Annual GKAR Summer Golf Outing is July 14th

We're headed back to the Gull Lake Country Club - sign up today because tees are filling up fast! Not a golfer? Not a problem, we have relaxing boat rides and massages available all day. [Golfer/Non Golfer Form](#)

Sponsorships available: 3 Hole Sponsorships, 1 Boat Sponsorship, and 1 Lunch Sponsorship. [Sponsorship Form](#)

Upcoming Classes



Course 1500

June 27th at GKAR from 9:00am - 2:45pm

6 hours of continuing education credit w/ legal update

Instructor: Jack Miedema

Registration Deadline: June 20th at 5:00pm

Investment: Eligible for Member Benefit Con Ed Program

[Details...](#)

[Online Registration](#)

Senior Real Estate Specialist® (SRES) Designation

August 18th & 19th at GKAR from 9:00am - 2:45pm

13 hours of continuing education credit

Instructor: [Monica Neubauer](#)

Investment: \$200 GKAR Members | \$250 Non-Members

[Details...](#)

[Online Registration](#)

At A Glance

Classes & Events

- [New Member Orientation](#)
[July 22, 23 & 24](#)

Housing Reports

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

Peak Performance

- [A Simple Guide to Understanding Property Taxes.](#)
This is a brief explanation of the assessing and the PRE law.

Professional Standards

Pathways to Professionalism

- [Respect for the Public](#)
- [Respect for the Property](#)
- [Respect for the Peers](#)

Membership News



Welcome New REALTOR® Members

Quinn Benson - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices MI (Stadium)
Catherine McCormick - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices MI (Oakland)
Barbara Sloan - Keller Williams Kalamazoo
Jessica Steele - Keller Williams Kalamazoo
David Thompson - RE/MAX Advantage
Ethan Vallance - Carlson, REALTORS® & Development, LLC
Maxwell Wardlaw - Keller Williams Kalamazoo

Welcome REALTOR® Member Reinstatement

Jill Adamski - Lake to Lake Realty

Welcome New Business Partner Offices

House of Memories Estate Services - Kyle Hansen
616-329-8499 | Kalamazoo | www.HouseOfMemoriesEstateServices.com

Michigan Better Environmental LLC - Peter Kooy
269-303-5044 | Kalamazoo

West Michigan Inspectors - Ryan Burlingham
269-348-0788 | Kalamazoo | www.WestMichiganInspectors.com

Change of REALTOR® Office Address

Keller Williams Kalamazoo - 653 Romence Rd., Portage, MI 49024

[Welcome Business Partner SentiLock Smart Card Users](#)

[Drops & Transfers](#)

Quarter Century Club

Congratulations to Tracy Hageman (RE/MAX Advantage) for 25 years with GKAR on June 1st! Congratulations to Rick DeKam (Midwest Realty Group) for 25 years with GKAR on June 6th!

REALTOR® Emeritus

Congratulations to Judith VanderVeen (Berkshire Hathaway Home Services MI Real Estate) who will achieve her 40 year REALTOR® Emeritus on June 14th! Congratulations to Lonnie Palleschi (RE/MAX of Kalamazoo) who will achieve his 40 year REALTOR® Emeritus on June 15th!

Retiring - REALTORS®

James Decker - NAI Wisinski of West Michigan
Michael Edison - Keller Williams Kalamazoo

Condolences

Condolences to REALTOR® member Linda Lewis, ERA Network Real Estate, for the loss of her daughter Tracey Lynn Butler. Services have taken place. Our thought and prayers are with Linda's family at this difficult time.

Condolences to the Fulton family, No-Frills Realty, for the loss of John Fulton's wife, Karen. Open house visitation is today, Friday, June 6th from 5:30pm - 6:30pm at the Valley Family Church in the Cathedral, 2500 Vincent Road, Portage. A short service is to follow at 6:30pm.

Keybox Corner

Can another agent remove my lockbox? If you want another agent to remove your lockbox from your listing, simply provide them your shackle code. [Details...](#)

MLS News



New GKAR MLS System Training Schedule

Trainers from FBS, our new MLS vendor, will be holding classes at several Associations within SWMRIC between September 8th - 12th, 2014. All the Associations are opening their doors for agents to attend their training sessions, regardless of where an Agent holds their membership. The goal is to provide members with the opportunity to become more knowledgeable in the new system while offering convenience and flexibility.

Monday September 8th	Tuesday September 9th	Wednesday September 10th	Thursday September 11th	Friday September 12th
Coldwater	Coldwater	Benton Harbor	Battle Creek	Benton Harbor
Hillsdale	Grand Haven	Big Rapids	Benton Harbor	Grand Rapids
Kalamazoo	Grand Rapids	Fremont	Grand Rapids	Greenville
Muskegon	Kalamazoo	Grand Rapids	Ludington	
Saugatuck	Sturgis	Ludington		

GKAR has special things planned for the training sessions we'll be hosting!

[Register for September 8th](#)

[Register for September 9th](#)

Get Educated!

Attend the MAR Convention & Expo

October 1st - 3rd at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids

[More...](#)



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Commercial Real Estate News

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