



## General Membership Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Place: Portofino Grill in La Porte  
Cost: \$14 with reservations/\$16 walk-ins



Program: **2018 Scholarship Award Presentations**  
CE Night with Tim Reed-Credit Scoring



**For Reservations:** Please contact the Board office at 219-324-8120, online at [www.laportecountyrealtors.com](http://www.laportecountyrealtors.com) or via email at [lpcar@frontier.com](mailto:lpcar@frontier.com) no later than Friday, June 8, 2018. Please have your check ready for our meeting, made payable to LPCAR. Thank you.

When making reservations please indicate the following:

1. Dinner and CE
2. Dinner Only
3. CE Only (*we would like to request that those attending CE only arrive no sooner than 6:20 p.m. or if you plan on attending the meeting, please let your server know that you are not having lunch*)

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!*

To register for our Meeting, please visit our website: [www.laportecountyrealtors.com](http://www.laportecountyrealtors.com) - Registration link is located on the home page. All those attending CE MUST register online to receive CE credit. Failure to do so may result in delayed processing of CE credit.



## Letter from the Board President

June is National Homeownership

Month, a time to celebrate and promote the American Dream of owning a home. I hope everyone keeps busy this month, but also remembers to take a little time out of those hectic schedules to enjoy our families.

I had the privilege to attend the legislative meetings in Washington DC. last month. Despite the bad weather, and many who had their flights delayed and/or cancelled, the records show that it was the largest attendance yet. It was an honor to be part of the REALTOR family, and voice our concerns to representatives of both Congress and Senate. Some key issues discussed were the Na-

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tional Flood Insurance Program and equal access to housing opportunities. We learned that NAR is working on improvements to raise the bar of professionalism with two amendments to the Code of Ethics and those changes can be found in this newsletter. A modest increase in national dues was presented and approved to help achieve this goal as well as ensure the role of the REALTOR is essential to the consumer.

One of the highlights during the sessions was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act! I would also like to thank our local members who were able to attend and share the experience.

At the local level – it's time to start thinking

### Membership Update

#### Membership Update

The following have applied for membership in our Association:

**Mary Walsh ~ @Properties Michigan City**  
**Nicole Argorichas ~ Century 21 Affiliated Michigan City**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the board office at 219-324-8120.

### Sunshine Committee

Sunshine Committee for this association are **Robin Umphrey/REMAX 1st for La Porte** and **Dianna Hirsch/Merrion & Associates for Michigan City**. Please contact them with any news that is relevant to this association.



about our fall elections and serving your association. It is a rewarding challenge and your participation keeps us strong. Candidates may submit their name to the board office no later than August 15, 2018. Please consider serving on the board either as a local director or an officer.

I am looking forward to the results of our annual Food drive. There is still time to donate to this drive, either by sending in a check or visiting our GoFundMe page. Our food drive helps the Salvation Army pantries stay stocked and full just in time for the summer. Please help us in this worthy cause that benefits the entire community.

Finally, just a reminder that we have one more CE class on **Tuesday, June 12, 2018** at 5:30 p.m. before the end of the current cycle for the IPLA which ends June 30, 2018. This class will be held immediately after our general membership meeting. At this meeting we will also announce the recipients of our 2018 LPCAR Scholarships and present those awards. Come see your dues dollars in action.

Have a great Summer Season.

Olga Sanchez , 2018 LPCAR President

### Upcoming CE Opportunities

**June 12, 2018: Course—Credit Scoring with instructor Tim Reed.**

**Register online at:**  
[www.laportecountyrealtors.com](http://www.laportecountyrealtors.com)

*Reminder: All Indiana Brokers need to complete 12 hours between July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. For Managing Brokers 4 of those hours must be managing broker eligible courses.!*

## NAR Board OKs Stepped-up Ethics Enforcement, Dues Increase

The NAR Board of Directors at its meeting in Washington May 19 took a major step toward increasing professionalism in real estate by giving associations new teeth for enforcing Code of Ethics violations, and it also positioned REALTORS® for the future by adopting the association's first dues increase in eight years.

Under changes to Sections 23(j) and (n) of the NAR Code of Ethics and Arbitration Manual, local associations that choose to adopt the policy can publicize the names of members and the nature of their violations after a second violation of the Code of Ethics. They can also release a photograph of the member as part of that public disclosure.

“This is a huge shift that members have been asking for,” said Colin Mullane, broker-owner of Full Circle Real Estate in Ashland, Ore. Mullane is an NAR regional vice president. “Up to this point we’ve been reluctant to point the finger at people who really violate the Code of Ethics. Now there are real consequences if you’re a repeat offender.” The stepped-up enforcement option is based on a pilot program of the California Association of REALTORS®.

In another big change, to Standard of Practice 1-7, a listing broker or agent is required to respond in writing that an offer was submitted to the seller if the cooperating broker who submitted the offer so requests. The listing broker or agent must respond in the affirmative unless the seller has provided written notification waiving the obligation to have the offer presented. “There’s been real frustration by a lot of brokers, especially in busy markets, that they’re not sure if their offers were even looked at,” said Mullane. “That kind of thing breaks down the spirit of cooperation. This is a way to restore that.” Another change, to Section 13(d) of the Code of Ethics and Arbitration Manual, clarifies the rights and role of REALTOR® principals in an ethics hearing. “We have heard from members about strengthening professionalism, and today we took an important step forward,” said NAR President Elizabeth Mendenhall. “The changes will bring invaluable benefit to consumers and allow Realtors® to serve them to the best of our abilities.”

**S.M.A.R.T. Budget approved:** In a major move to keep REALTORS® positioned for success into the future while ensuring NAR no longer needs to use reserves to cover expenses, the board approved a budget that sets national association dues at \$150 per year per member beginning in 2019. That’s a \$30 increase. Seventeen dollars of the increase is for REALTOR® Party advocacy programming. A key element of the financial blueprint involves replenishing NAR’s reserves, which have fallen 45 percent since 2015. In recent years, NAR used savings to fund activities such as a popular forms and transaction management platform benefit and for creation of Upstream, an innovative data management platform for brokers. The increase also funds needed upgrades and repairs to the association’s Washington and Chicago office buildings. In addition, the board voted to establish a reserve fund to cover maintenance costs for the buildings in the future

Source: <http://www.nar.realtor>

# 2018 Habitat for Humanity REALTOR Build Day

June is homeownership month and to celebrate the dream of owning a home, the La Porte County REALTORS will participate in a build day for our local Habitat for Humanity.



This day will take place on **Saturday, July 14, 2018**. The build is taking place at 314 Roosevelt Street in La Porte. If you have never had the opportunity to join a Habitat Build, this is a great time to participate. All levels of crew/volunteers are needed including painters, skilled carpenters as well as those with no experience! Work gloves and eye protection will be provided on site.

Please complete the waiver form provided and send back to the board office no later than June 25, 2018. Your completed form received by the board office will indicate your participation on this day. Click link below to access waiver form:

[http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8fadcc\\_b8aa56f810c443c4af72be8e4d676d3d.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8fadcc_b8aa56f810c443c4af72be8e4d676d3d.pdf)

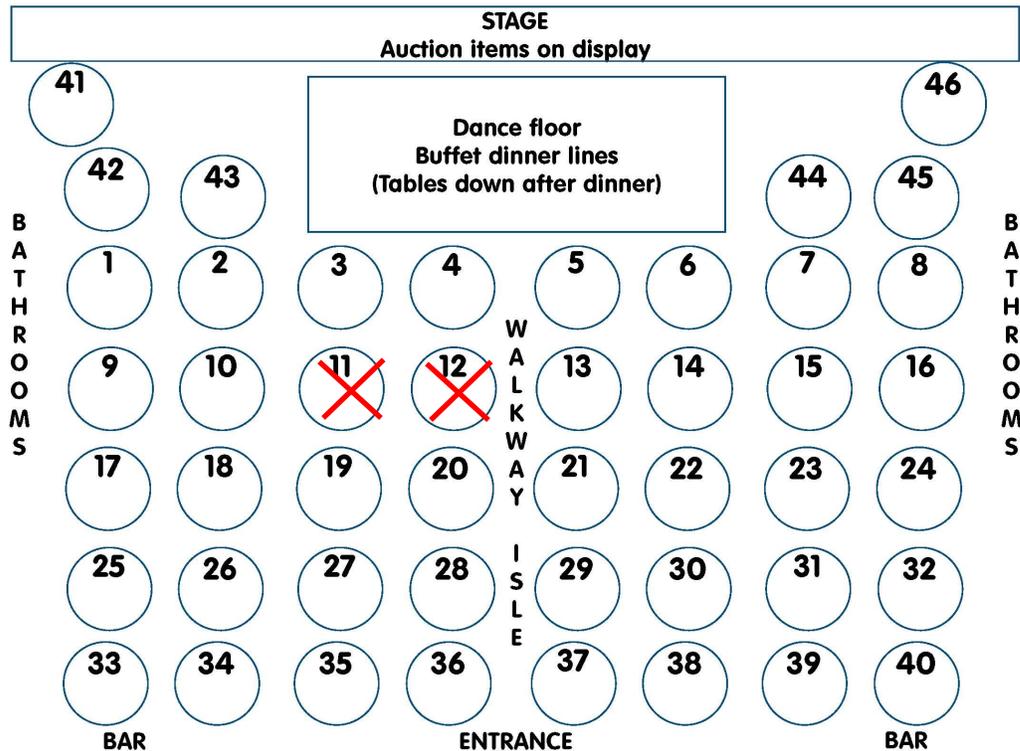
## Membership Update

The Deserving Children Charity Auction will take place on **Friday, November 9, 2018** at the Orak in Michigan City. Dinner and Table Reservations are currently on sale! Tickets are \$50 per person/\$400 per table...Tables of 8 may be reserved with a \$50 deposit - Table must be paid in full by July 1st, after that date you will forfeit your deposit and the table will be available for reservations. Seating chart is shown below. (tables marked in red have already been reserved).

**To reserve a table or purchase dinner tickets, please contact Karole Myres at 219-363-8677**

Table Sponsors are needed! If you know of any interested parties, please provide them with a copy of the donated form located on page 5 of this newsletter!

Donation items for the auction are being accepted by any committee member or may be dropped off at the board office.





# LAPORTE COUNTY DESERVING CHILDREN DONATION FORM

*Deserving Children Shopping Tour is a local charity where money is raised to take children of LaPorte County shopping. 100% of the money raised stays here in LaPorte County. The children begin their shopping night with a meal provided by McDonald's and then get their picture taken with Santa. The shopping experience begins with the children purchasing items that they need, such as hats, coats, boots, clothes and 1 toy for Christmas. Last year over 700 children in LaPorte County were able to take advantage of this program.*

*Together the Jaycees and LPCAR raise money throughout the year to fund this charity. LaPorte County Association of Realtors hold a charity auction event every year.*

### **CHARITY AUCTION**

*This year's auction will be held at Orak Shrine Center on Friday, Nov. 9th, 2018. Tickets are \$50.00 each or Table Reservation \$400.00 for 8 people. Ticket includes Prime Rib dinner, live auction and door prize drawings. Call Karole Myres at 219-363-8677 or Robin Umphrey 219-363-9330 for table reservations. To donate an item(s) for the charity auction, items can be dropped off at any title company in LaPorte and Michigan City or call any Jaycees or LPCAR committee member and they will pick it up!*

### **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP TIERS:**

- PLATINUM \$1500 DONATION.... 8 auction tickets to auction, centerpiece on table night of auction
- GOLD \$1000 DONATION..... 8 auction tickets to auction, centerpiece on table night of auction
- SILVER \$750 DONATION..... 4 auction tickets to auction
- BRONZE \$500 DONATION..... 2 auction tickets to auction

***Please help us make this year a success in helping our LOCAL CHILDREN have a better Christmas.***

***To make a donation please contact a committee member or any Jaycee***

Rosie Michiaels 219-363-9435	Dawn Zigler 219-608-4799	Joy Zigler 219-608-5719
Carrie Campbell 219-851-1864	Brooke Christ 219-608-5173	Pam Morgan 219-363-3354

**Company** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to: Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Inc. with Jaycees in the margin or go to <http://uflc.net/deserving-children-shopping-tour-donation-form/> to make an on-line gift. Receipt with Tax ID will be issued.

LA PORTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, INC  
2018 REALTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Achievements and contributions (use additional sheets if necessary);

***It is not necessary to complete all sections.***

A. **REALTOR PROFESSIONALISM:** (high principles, faithfulness to laws and regulations, the Code of Ethics, and the furtherance of principles of good real estate practice among other brokers and general public)

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B. **REALTOR DESIGNATIONS:** (Designations, advanced education and/ or training)

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C. **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (local, state and national level of participation in civic and service clubs, charitable activities, political activities, fraternal or religious groups, etc.)

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2. **LOCAL BOARD ACTIVITY:** Board offices and committee work, special assignments, seminar activity and education work, membership and offices held in local chapters or institutes, etc.

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3. **STATE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY:** State offices held and committee work, attendance and participation at IAR Conferences, Board of Directors meetings and educational conferences, etc.

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4.. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS ACTIVITY:** National offices and committee work, membership and work in institutes, attendance at NAR conventions, etc.

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5. **OTHER COMMENTS:**

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Submitted By:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form and photo of nominee (if available) to:

Iris Muccigrosso, Executive Officer  
La Porte County Association of REALTORS  
P.O. Box 248, La Porte, IN 46352  
Fax:219-324-9323 Email: lpcar@frontier.com

**Forms must be submitted no later than August 1, 2018 (no exceptions)**



## RPAC: Your Best Investment in Real Estate

Since 1969, the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) has promoted the election of pro-REALTOR® candidates across the United States. The purpose of RPAC is clear: REALTORS® raise and spend money to elect candidates who understand 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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# June 2018

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