

## REALTOR® of the Year Award



The La Porte County Association of REALTOR®s is proud to announce Rosie Michiaels of 1st Choice Realty Group, La Porte IN as the 2017 REALTOR® of the Year. The announcement and award presentation was made during the August 29th General Membership Meeting at Portofino Grill in La Porte.

The REALTOR® of the Year is an annual tradition recognized throughout the REALTOR® community. The recipient of REALTOR® of the Year demonstrates true REALTOR® spirit, is involved with their local, state and/or national associa-

tions, volunteers in the community, has significant business accomplishments, and lives by the REALTOR Code of Ethics. Members submit nominations for REALTOR of the Year, nominations are reviewed and a recipient is selected.

Rosie will be honored at the State Association during the Fall Stakeholders Meeting in Indianapolis in September. The Indiana Association of REALTORS holds a recognition ceremony to honor those recipients selected by the local associations throughout the State.

## CONGRATULATIONS Rosie!

### Election of Officers/Directors-Absentee Voting

The election of Officers/Directors will take place during our October General Membership Meeting. Absentee Voting will be available as follows:

**Monday, September 25, 2017** 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017** 10 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 28, 2017** 10 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



**Please note the dates and times that absentee voting will be conducted.**

*(Absentee Voting will only be available during the dates and times listed)*

Only one ballot per person. Ballots will only be available at the board office—they will not be mailed, faxed or emailed. The Slate of Candidates along with their bio appears in this newsletter and the information regarding the election and voting will be emailed to all members in September. The proposed 2018 Budget will also be sent at the end of September. Please make sure you add [lpcar@lpcar.com](mailto:lpcar@lpcar.com) and [lpcar@frontier.com](mailto:lpcar@frontier.com) to your safe senders list to receive information and updates.



**Letter from  
The Board  
President**

Hopefully everyone has had a great Summer. Signs of our fall season are upon us. Some of our Board members will be heading down to Indianapolis for the first Indiana REALTOR® Stakeholder Meeting on September 11 & 12, 2017. This is a new event—which replaces the annual IAR Conferences—and invites everyone with a stake in raising the bar for REALTOR® associations to gather and talk about how to ensure high-quality service for our members.

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**Call For Action - #SupportNFIP**

## **Call For Action - Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**

The National Association of REALTORS (NAR) needs your help to send messages to Members of Congress urging them to support a comprehensive reauthorization of the NFIP.

Reauthorization will make a number of critical improvements to the NFIP including increased funds for mitigation activities, caps on overall premium increases, improved claim and mapping processes, as well as removing hurdles for more private market participation in the flood insurance market.

Reauthorization of the NFIP will help over 5 million homeowners in 22,000 communities around the country, so it is critical Congress acts now.

**If Congress fails to take action to reauthorize the NFIP, it will expire by September 30, 2017.**

Take Action Today to help homeowners across the nation!

**TAKE ACTION**

## **Help Texas Flooding Victims**

The REALTORS® Relief Foundation is accepting contributions to help victims of flooding in Houston, Corpus Christi, and other Texas areas submerged by flood waters from Hurricane Harvey. NAR covers administrative costs of the foundation so 100 percent of contributions go to help victims..

To learn more or to make a donation please visit:

<http://bit.ly/2esLHp2>

## **Letter from Board President—Continued**

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My Congratulations go out to **Rosie Michiels** for receiving the 2017 REALTOR® of the Year Award and for Graduating from the Leadership Academy at this year's Stakeholder meeting in Indianapolis. Rosie has served on the board, serves on the Deserving Children's Charity Auction and is a strong supporter of our Association. Congratulations Rosie!

Remember to respond to the National Association of REALTORS® Call For Action to Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program. It's simple, easy to do and will help over 5 million homeowners in 22,000 communities around the country. You can download the REALTOR® Action Center Mobile App for iPhone or Android and take action with one click. If you have any questions on how to do it. Contact the board office.

I would like to remind everyone that NAR's Fall Trade Expo will be in Chicago this year, it will allow a lot of us the opportunity to attend even if it's just for the day.

Bernie Connors  
2017 LPCAR President

## **Upcoming CE Opportunities**

**December 13, 2017:** CE immediately following our general membership meeting. Instructor Tim Reed/ course TBD - watch for Details!

**Coming in 2018** - 4-Hour REALTOR Safety Course with Tim Reed  
4-Hour Code of Ethics with Tim Reed

Details will be available at:  
[www.laportecountyrealtors.com](http://www.laportecountyrealtors.com)



## La Porte County Association of REALTORS 2017 Affiliate of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe how this affiliate member has demonstrated their support for the La Porte County Association of REALTORS during the 2017 Year.

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List any LPCAR Committees and/or other community service involvement

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(Please include a photo if available)

Submitted by (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Board Office no later than **November 13, 2017!**

Forms may be faxed to: 219-324-9323

or mailed to:

La Porte County Association of REALTORS, Inc.

P.O. Box 248 La Porte, Indiana 46352

Or Via Email: [lpicar@frontier.com](mailto:lpicar@frontier.com)



# Election of Officers and Directors

Our election of Officers and Directors will take place during our October General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. All REALTOR and Affiliate members in good standing are eligible to vote (Affiliate members receive one vote per paid affiliate member). Here are the candidates for the election and a little something about each of them. We would like to thank the candidates for taking the time to send us some information for our newsletter. Our current president-elect, Olga Sanchez automatically ascends to the position of President in 2018 and therefore does not appear on the ballot.

*On behalf of the association, I would like to thank each and everyone of these great candidates for taking an active role in our association and volunteering to serve on the board. We hope all of our members take the time to attend our October General Membership Meeting and cast their votes!!!*

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## **President-Elect: one position available -ascends to president**



**Robin Umphrey/REMAX 1st**

I'm Robin Umphrey. I have been a Realtor since 2002. I am married to a wonderful man, Al Wallis. I have one daughter, 3 step-sons and 6 grandchildren, with whom I love spending time. I have been on several committees including Deserving Children's (past Co-chair), Sunshine, Communications, Scholarship and Realtor of the Year. I had the honor of being named Realtor of the Year in 2011. I've had the joy and opportunity to serve on our local board since 2014 as secretary and treasurer. In doing so I feel I have broadened my knowledge of our great industry and learned how important it is to be involved with it. As President -Elect I would look forward to the opportunity in helping our board on the local, state and national level become the best it can be. Your vote in the up-coming election will help me do that. Thank you!

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## **Secretary: one position available -one year term**



**Louis Price/Coldwell Banker New Buffalo**

Hello to LPCAR Members! I want to re-introduce myself. My name is Louis Price. I have been a REALTOR in Indiana since 1985 and in Michigan since 1983. I am a Past President of our Association as well as being on the BOD. I have been a State of Michigan Director and have been President, Treasurer, Secretary and BOD of the Southwestern Michigan Association of REALTORS. I was manager of the New Buffalo Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Office for more than 20 years before deciding to give up that role and remain an active Associate Broker. I also serve on the State Ethics Committee in Indiana as well as having Chaired hearings in Michigan. I am a GRI, CRS, CRB, RSPS and I serve on the National Association of REALTORS Resort and second Homes Committee. I understand the role of our "small" Association. This Association gives so much back to the local community by a very dedicated group of members and needs commended and recognized for its work. Keeping a small Association vibrant and sustainable means members need to participate in the operation and we need help in that area. Real Estate has been good to me and I feel an obligation to do a small part to repay our Associations and hereby agree to help by running for the Office of Secretary. I would appreciate your vote - Thank you. Louis Price



# Election of Officers and Directors

## Treasurer: one position available –two year term



**Rosie Michiaels/1st Choice Realty Group**

Rosie Michiaels is a Real Estate Broker with 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Realty Group in the LaPorte and New Carlisle offices. Rosie began her real estate career in 2010 as a part-time agent. Then in 2012 became a full-time agent. She belongs to both GNIAR and South Bend MLS and has future plans to be a licensed Michigan agent as well. Rosie is active on the LPCAR Deserving Children and LaPorte Moose Lodge #492 committees. In 2014, Rosie served a local director on LaPorte County Association of Realtors for a 2 year term. In 2016, she was accepted to the 2017 IAR Leadership Academy, with graduation in September of 2017. In August of 2017, Rosie was named Realtor of the Year by the LaPorte County Association of Realtors. Born in Chicago, she was transplanted to LaPorte County in the early 70's and has been here ever since. Rosie graduated from LaPorte High School and also earned her associate degree in Hospitality from Ivy Tech. She has worked in an office environment for over 20 years for manufacturing, printing and service industries. In 2013 she married Marvin and they currently lives in New Carlisle. Her daughter, Allie Nesvold is married and lives in South Bend and her son, Taylor is a Senior at Purdue University. In May 2017, Rosie became a new grandma, Wynton Reed stole her heart. Rosie is looking forward to continuing serve on the board and eventually at the state level.

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## Local Director: three positions available –(2)two year term/(1) one year term

*(names appear in alphabetical order by last name as per bylaws)*



**Tracey Cummins/County-Wide Properties**

I have been a real estate broker with County-Wide properties for 14 years. As well as being a broker, I work part time in the county assessors office and I also am a member of the Washington Township advisory board. I volunteer for a non profit company that raises money for ALS and have been in charge of many local fundraisers. I enjoy reading to pre-schoolers once a week and find the break from adult people to be refreshing! I have been married to my husband Jeff for 22 years and we have two sons in college. I'm finding myself with extra time on my hands with the boys being grown and felt this was a great opportunity to get more involved with my career and board.



**Tricia Meyer/ Merrion & Associates**

Licensed since 2002, I became the Managing Broker of Merrion & Associates in 2013. In 2014, I, along with my husband, Jeff, invested in the Northwest Indiana real estate market by purchasing Merrion & Associates. Merrion & Associates was founded in 1986 by Ed Merrion, and I am thrilled to be a part of a long-standing and trusted name in real estate. I am committed to the real estate community and advancing LaPorte County Association of Realtors through my continued involvement as a board member. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the board over the last two years and would love the opportunity to continue to serve.

# Election of Officers and Directors

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**Betty Sams/Merrion & Associates**

Betty rejoined the real estate world in 2015 as a full time real estate agent. She has worked extensively in customer service and sales including formerly working as a Real Estate Salesperson for a national franchise. Betty is looking to grow her involvement with the association by joining the board and brings her local knowledge and love of our community as she is a long time resident of Michigan City.



**Renae Taylor/1st Choice Realty**

I have been an active Agent for many years and have been a Member of Greater Northwest Indiana Association of Realtors, Member of National Association of Realtors, and La Porte County Association of Realtors. I'm proud to be a Member in "good standing." I'm a Mom, a proud "Nana" of the two most beautiful grandchildren, and a "full-time" Realtor." I'm seeking the position of Director and will strive to maintain a good working relationship with all. I love people and love doing volunteer work. The decision I made to join "1st Choice Realty Group" has been one of the best decisions I have made. I'm looking forward to serve as Director on the LPCAR Board and will be available in whatever capacity the Membership and Board deem necessary.. In past years, I have been heavily involved in United Way, being the loaned executive for NIPSCO was quite an honor and I was proud to represent USWA 13796 Steelworkers (clerical workers) and NIPSCO. I have also served on the Board of Directors for "The Caring Place", a battered women's shelter in Porter and Lake Counties, as well as many other Community Service minded functions and projects. Please know that my interests will always be Volunteering and Helping People. I would love the opportunity to serve on the Board as Director for LPCAR and will always be available to help out whenever needed and to serve this Membership will be an honor.

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## Affiliate Director—once position available-2 year term



**Dawn Zugker/Meridian Title**

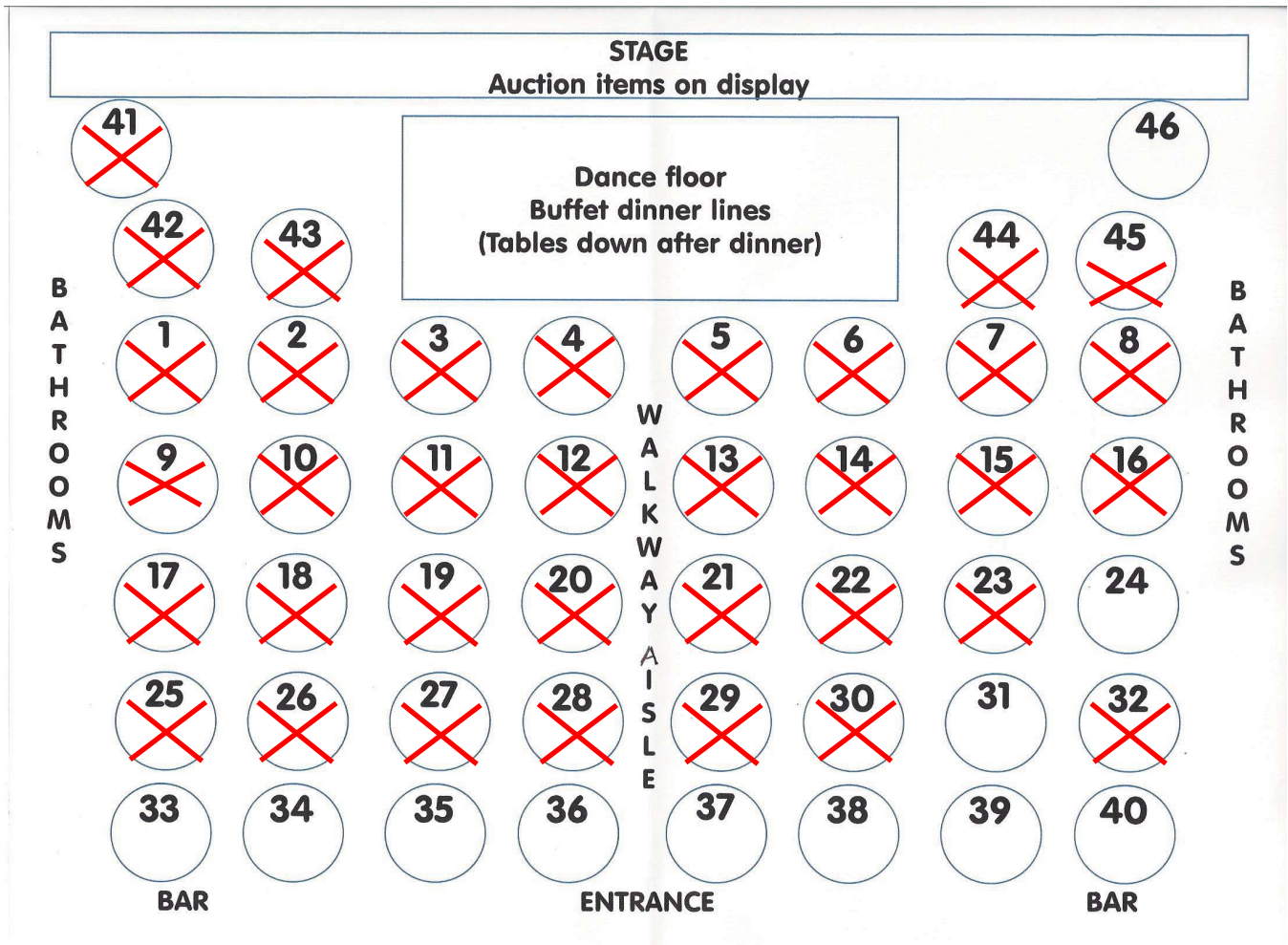
Dawn Zigler, Account Manager for Meridian Title Corporation has been in the title industry for 15 years. A member of several area organizations, her community service involves being an active volunteer for 18 years and served as President with the LaPorte Jaycees, recipient of JCI Senatorship - Life Time Member (highest international honor that can be given to a Jaycee). She served as Entertainment Superintendent for the LaPorte County Fair for 13 years, Co-Chair of the LaPorte County Association of Realtors 2012, 2013 and 2014 Deserving Children's Charity Auction, and was chosen as

LPCAR's Affiliate of the Year in 2012. Dawn is currently an ambassador for the Greater LaPorte and Michigan City Chamber of Commerce and Volunteer Coordinator for Rebuilding Together LaPorte County. Dawn partners with Meridian Title and hosts an annual Alex's Lemonade Stand in June. Dawn is a La Porte County native and a graduate of Purdue University North Central. Dawn currently serves as affiliate director for the La Porte County Association of REALTORS. She was married in the fall of 2013.

## Charity Auction Dinner Ticket and Table Reservation Information

The Deserving Children Charity Auction will take place on **Friday, November 10, 2017** at the Orak in Michigan City. Dinner and Table Reservations are currently on sale! Tickets are \$50 per person/\$400 per table...Seating chart is shown below. (tables marked in red have already been reserved). Raffle Tickets are available for purchase. Please contact Robin Umphrey at REMAX 1st to purchase tickets. Donations for the auction are needed, please contact Rosie Michiaels at 1st Choice Realty Group if you have auction items to donate.

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



## Membership Update

The following have applied for membership in our Association:

**Darlene Perkins—Century 21 Middleton Co.**

**Judy Wantuch—1st Choice Realty Group**

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

**Installation Round-Up:** During our October General Membership Meeting we would like to invite our new members to join us for the meeting to conduct your installation into our Association. Please contact the board office prior to our October 10, 2017 to make your reservation—lunch will be courtesy of the association.



## 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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## September 2017

SEPTEMBER IS  
**REALTOR® SAFETY MONTH**

VISIT REALTOR.ORG/SAFETY FOR WEBINARS, VIDEOS, ARTICLES & OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP YOU STAY SAFE

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Please Note: There is no membership meeting in September

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4 *Happy Labor Day!!*

5 Board of Director Meeting @12 noon @board office

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IAR Stakeholder Meeting in Indianapolis—Office Closed

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Board office Closed: Sept 14-19, 2017

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Absentee Voting— 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Monday & Tuesday.

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