



Monthly Newsletter

March 2016



General Membership Meeting

CE Night with Tommy Sunn

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Portofino Grill in La Porte

Cost: \$14 w/reservations: \$16 for walk-ins

Program: CE Night with Tommy Sunn - AntiTrust/2 credit hours



For Reservations: Please contact the Board office at 219-324-8120 or via email at lpcar@frontier.com no later than Monday, March 7, 2016. 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 (those attending CE only should arrive **no sooner** than 6:20 p.m. please)

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!



Letter from Board President

Hey all, it is about that time of year to step it up and get in full swing! I know this is going to be a great year! Your board is hard at work for you, and I want to make sure we all let everyone serving on the board know how much we appreciate them. We have added a few new Affiliate members and I want to welcome them! Nova Basement Systems, GIS (General Insurance Services), and Kolar Roofing!! Lets show them and all our Affiliates our appreciation and give them a call when their services are needed. We have a few things brewing and I want all of you to look for an email from the board about a proposal for a by law change to add a new

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LPCAR Scholarships available to local graduating seniors/college undergrads

LPCAR Scholarships

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to area seniors who plan on pursuing further education after graduation or are currently attending a college or trade school and who are related to a REALTOR or Affiliate member of LPCAR.

This award will be given to a person demonstrating outstanding community involvement who is planning to pursue further education through an accredited college, university, or trade school or are currently attending college or a trade school.

Applications will be available at all area public schools as well as the board office. The application also requires an essay of 200 words or less explaining why the scholarship should be awarded. Any application received without the essay will not be considered during the selection process. It is important for the student to complete all parts of the application

The deadline for this year is **April 15, 2016**. Please have your student contact their local high school for this application.

Students of family members of LPCAR are eligible for this



scholarship so we encourage them to apply as soon as possible. Scholarship Application may be found online at www.laportecountyrealtors.com on the home page.

Board President's Letter (continued)

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Affiliate Director to our board. I think this will be a great addition to our board! Lets continue to make 2016 great, and I'm always here if you have any questions or comments. bca1223@hotmail.com or 219-369-3330.

Brad Anderson

2016 LPCAR President

May is Food Drive Month

LPCAR will be holding a Food Drive during the month of May to help our communities. Non-perishable items will be collected and donated to the food pantries of La Porte and Michigan City Salvation Army. Once again will have an office challenge, watch for details next month. Start collecting those items and let's see who will win a free lunch from your directors!

Voter Registration Reminder

Please remember that Voter Registration ends **April 4, 2016**. In order to be able to vote in the Primary on May 3, 2016 you must register to vote by April 4, 2016

With Primary Elections coming up on May 3rd, the LaPorte County Association of REALTORS® wants to remind you to register to vote! If there is a reason you will not be able to vote in person, you can still absentee vote. Unsure if you are registered? For more information or help finding your polling location, follow this link.

2016 Affiliate Dues

The 2016 Affiliate invoices were sent during the month of February. The affiliate dues for 2016 are as follows:

\$275 for one affiliate member

\$350 for two affiliate members

450 for up to four affiliate members

The invoices were sent electronically via email so if you have not received any invoice, please send us an email at: lpcar@frontier.com

We look forward to working with all of our Affiliate members in 2016!

Just a friendly reminder that all Affiliate Dues should be received by March 20, 2016. If you will not be renewing your membership, please contact the office so we may update our records.

Sunshine Committee for this association are Robin Umphrey/REMAX 1st for La Porte and Judi Donaldson/Micky Gallas Properties for Michigan City. Please contact them with any news that is relevant to this association.



2016 Deserving Children Charity Committee

The next meeting for the 2016 Charity Auction Committee will take place **Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m at Aurelio's Pizza, 2330 N Hwy 35, La Porte.**

The committee has begun work on this year's auction and fundraising projects. The popular bowling night will return and hopefully some others such as the roof sit, 4th of July parade, and several give back nights. Our first fund raiser takes place this month on **Friday, March 25, 2016**—Bake sale at the La Porte Savings Bank Lobby! This is a great opportunity to get some baked goods for the holiday weekend and help us raise funds. If you would like to help with the event or donate some baked goods, please contact any of the auction committee members or you may contact the board office. Donations of baked goods should be dropped off at either 1st Choice Realty (Rosie Michiaels) or the Board Office (Iris) or you may bring your baked goods to the Savings Bank on the morning of March 25th.

We have an opportunity to walk in the 4th of July parade but we need REALTOR member volunteers. We would like to see several offices represented as this is LPCAR's main charity event! Sign up with the Board Office no later than May 31, 2016! Any LPCAR member and their family are welcome to walk in the parade!!

The Roof Sit is scheduled for September 8, 9 & 10, 2016. This event is done through WCOE (Dennis Siddell), The La Porte Jaycees and LPCAR! We need volunteers for this roof sit. Please contact either Rosie Michiaels or Bernie Conners at 1st Choice Realty if you would like to help out.

Office Basket Competition: last year's office competition went so well that it will return again this year. It is never too early to start planning your baskets. Based on some feedback, this year will feature a list of items included in your baskets to be distributed to all the tables the night of the auction. This of course means that we will need a list of items prior to the start of the auction. We know everyone wants to keep their basket items a secret so the list should be sent to the **board office via email only**. The board office will be the only one with the lists to help keep the secret:) We do ask the list of items be sent no later than Friday morning the day of the auction to allow time to make copies.



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		1 Board of Director Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Board Office	2	3	4	5
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