



General Membership Meeting

— 2020 Board of Directors Elections—

—2020 Budget Review—

—Bylaw change—

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Time: 11:30 a.m. (CST)

Cost: \$12 with reservations/\$14 without reservations

Place: Portofino Grill in La Porte

Program: Election of Officers and Directors for 2020
Proposed Bylaw Change
Proposed 2020 Budget for review and approval



For Reservations: You may register online at www.laportecountyrealtors.com or contact the office at 219-324-8120 or via email at lpcar@frontier.com no later than Monday, October 18, 2019. Please have your check ready for our meeting, made payable to LPCAR. Thank you.

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. Please understand that while we may have a few walk-ins at each meeting, those walk-ins cannot "take the place" of a no-show. Since we do not know in advance who may show up, we cannot "assign" a spot for someone who decided not to attend and did not cancel their reservations. 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 the Board President

HOW!!!! October is here!!! IT'S FALL

YA'LL I personally cannot wait for all the beautiful colors that come with this time of year.

First, I would like to congratulate Tommy Sunn for being our 2019 REALTOR of the Year! Job well done my friend!!!

Second, would like to Thank Mayor Ron Meer and Clarence Hulse from the Michigan City EDCMC for their update at the September 17th luncheon at Pottawatomie Country Club.

Take note that the October

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2019 REALTOR of the Year—Tommy Sunn



REALTOR® of the Year Award

The La Porte County Association of REALTOR®s is proud to announce Tommy Sunn of Coldwell Banker 1st Choice, La Porte IN as the 2019 REALTOR® of the Year. The announcement and award presentation was made during the September 10th 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 associations, volunteers in the community, has significant business accomplishments, and lives by the REALTOR Code of Ethics. Members submit nominations for REAL-

TOR of the Year, nominations are reviewed and a recipient is selected.

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

CONGRATULATIONS Tommy!



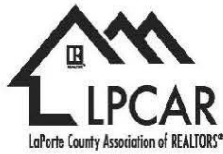
October Elections

The election of Officers/Directors will take place during our October General Membership Meeting. At this time Absentee Voting has concluded.

Voting will take place during our **October 22nd** meeting after the candidates have had an opportunity to address the membership and after the vote has been called for. The Slate of Candidates along with their bio appears in this newsletter and the information regarding the election and voting was emailed to all members in September. The proposed 2020 Budget was also emailed in advance and a proposed bylaw change regarding meetings was also sent. This office uses MailChimp for email distribution—if you are not receiving our monthly newsletter please check all spam/junk folders and verify that the email is not being blocked by your ISP provider.

Please make sure you add lpacar@lpacar.comcastbiz.com and lpacar@frontier.com to your safe senders list to receive information and updates.





La Porte County Association of REALTORS

2019 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 2019 Year.

List any LPCAR Committees and/or other community service involvement

(Please include a photo if available)

Submitted by (optional) _____

Please return to the Board Office no later than **November 15, 2019!**

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



Election of Officers and Directors

Our election of Officers and Directors will take place during our October General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**. 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, Brad Anderson automatically ascends to the position of President in 2020 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!!!

President-Elect: one position available –ascends to president

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



Tracey Cummins/REMAX County Wide 1st

My name is Tracey Cummins. I have been a Realtor for almost 17 years and have served on the LPCAR board for the last several years. I am a lifelong resident of La Porte County, I have served on my township board for over over 12 years, I have two grown sons and have been married to my husband for 25 years. I also volunteer for an association that raises money for Lou Gherigs disease and I am the guardian of my awesome 66 year old uncle. I enjoy boating, volunteering my time and selling houses!

Treasurer: one position available—2 year term



Rosie Michiaels/Coldwell Banker 1st Choice

Rosie Michiaels is a Real Estate Broker with Coldwell Banker 1st Choice in the LaPorte, New Carlisle and the New Buffalo offices. Rosie is active on the LPCAR Deserving Children and LaPorte Moose Lodge #492 committees. In 2014, Rosie has served as local director on LaPorte County Association of Realtors and is currently serving as the treasurer. 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, 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 to Derick, has one son and a new baby on the way. They live in South Bend and her son, Taylor lives in Noblesville, IN.

Rosie is looking forward to continuing serve on the board and eventually at the state level.

Election of Officers and Directors

Secretary: one position available –one year term



Olga Sanchez/Coldwell Banker 1st Choice

My name is Olga Sanchez and I have been a REALTOR for a long time. My years in the industry have been rewarding and have given me the opportunity to meet a large number of dedicated REALTORS and affiliates. It has been my privilege to serve on the board in the past and I look forward to serve as your Secretary in 2020.

Local Director: three positions available

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



Darlene Jesch/MTM Realty Group

Real estate agent for 24.5 years, held all positions on the board except treasurer. Looking forward to serving on the board again



Brandon Rootes/McColly Real Estate

My name is Brandon Rootes. As a fairly new agent in the real estate field, it can be difficult to establish yourself in the greater community. My reputation is extremely important to me and I strive to create a personal brand that the public can trust and rely on. Since April 2019, I have been making great advances as full-time Realtor with McColly Real Estate. My time with the company has given me the understanding to take what I have learned in the classroom and apply it to everyday business in a practical and cohesive way. Each and every day, I aim to increase my knowledge in hopes of becoming an innovator and leader in both the Real Estate field and business as a whole. It is my hope as a board member to bring new ideas to Laporte County, and to make positive contributions to our society for years to come.



Debby Vance/Merrion & Associates

Prior to becoming a real estate broker, Deb Vance worked in education at a local community college and in administrative work for two School Deans. During her career, Deb learned to be detail oriented, proactive and an advocate for others. She has a desire to help others and because of this desire has run for political office with the idea to make positive change within that office.

Her desire to become a real estate broker has been a dream of hers since buying her first home. Now that that dream has become a reality, it is her desire to see others achieve the dream of buying their first home or their dream home. Deb lives in Michigan City with her husband and granddaughter. She loves spending time with her family, writing, and crafting.

Election of Officers and Directors

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Local Director: three positions available

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



Julie Wagner/REMAX County Wide 1st (added via petition)

My name is Julie Wagner with RE/MAX County Wide 1st here in Laporte. I have been a Realtor since 2008. I have raised my four children here with my husband. I look forward to having a chance to serve on the board as a Local Director.

Affiliate Director: one position available

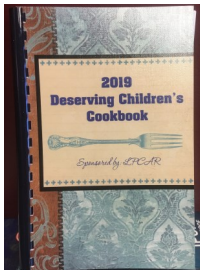


Julie Deal/Fidelity National Title

Julie has been with the Fidelity family since 1985. For Fourteen of those years she was a searcher and learned some examing, which has given her the knowledge and expertise to better service her customers. She assists REALTORS, lenders, builders and attorneys in both the commercial and residential segments.

Julie is a board member of the Home Builders Association of Northwest Indiana, a member of the La Porte County Association of REALTORS, a member of Greater Northwest Indiana Association of REALTORS, the Valparaiso and Chesterton Chambers of Commerce, the Mortgage Bankers Association, and is on the Board for Hilltop Neighborhoods. A resident of Valparaiso, Julie is married to Eric Deal and has a son Joshua and a grandson, Justice.

Deserving Children Charity Cookbook Fundraiser



The Deserving Children Charity Committee is please to announce that our cookbooks have arrived and are now available for sale. Each cookbook will cost \$20 and proceeds will go towards the charity. The book contains recipes submitted by our members!

This is the first time the committee has done this project and it was not without a few glitches and hiccups. You may notice that some of the recipes submitted did not make it into the book, please accept our apologies and we hope you understand that this was a learning process for the committee as well. Once we have sold out, there will be another printing and if your recipe did not make it in the first book please make sure to submit your recipe to Renae Taylor as soon as possible! We have already sold several books and only a handful remain. Please contact Tommy Sunn at Coldwell Banker 1st Choice if you would like to purchase a book before they sell out!

Habitat for Humanity LPCAR Build Day – October 19, 2019



LaPorte County
**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Show your support for our community and join us for our LPCAR Build Day on Saturday, October 19, 2019. All skill levels needed including no experience! Build takes place at **208 Hobart Street, Michigan City, Indiana.** Please complete the waiver application form and volunteer registration and join us for the build!

Access the waiver form online at www.laportecountyrealtors.com

Volunteers needed throughout the day. Can't paint or use a hammer? We also need volunteers to bring water and snacks to the crew!

Please send your waiver form to board office by October 14, 2019



Charity Auction News:

Donations are needed and are being accepted by contacting any committee member. Items for the auction are needed—let's make this auction a huge success. Please contact the board office if you have items to donate for our auction. You may drop off any auction items at the following locations: LPCAR Board office,



Coldwell Banker 1st Choice or any of the title companies.

Items also needed for baskets! Wine and alcohol are great items for our baskets and are needed. Please con-

tact Karole Myres at 219-324-2121 if you would like to donate basket items.

Raffle tickets and monies need to be collected and turned in. Please contact the board office if you have any tickets/money for the auction!

At this time all tables for our charity auction event have been sold! We hope to have a great auction this year and thank everyone for their support!

Membership Update

The following have applied for membership in our Association:

Mychal J. Toscas ~ Century 21 Affiliated La Porte

Kia Bergeson ~ Blackrock Realty

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. If you have not yet been installed at one of our meetings, please contact the board office and rsvp for our October meeting! **Lunch is on us!**

Letter from Board President— Continued

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membership meeting is on **Tuesday October 22nd** at Portofino's Grill at 11:30 a.m. So, make your reservations. We will be presenting the 2020 proposed budget, a bylaw change and elections for the 2020 Officers/Directors. See this list of candidates in this newsletter.

Once again, LPCAR has teamed up with Habitat for another build day. **SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH** in Michigan City. No matter what your skill level is **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!** Whether it is swinging a hammer, using power tools or donating water or lunch for the crew. The sign up and wavier are posted on our website, print them and email them to Iris at lpicar@frontier.com or myself at galpal1106@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Let's show them we do more than list and sell homes, we are building a better community.

October is Breast cancer awareness. This year, an estimated 271,270 (268,600 women and 2,670 men) in the United States will be diagnosed invasive breast cancer. One thing you all should be doing is monthly self-exams, that helps with early detection.

Robin Umphrey,
Board President



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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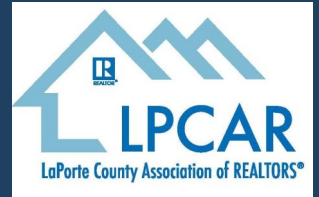
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Board office closed: October 2-October 11, 2019—please contact GNIAR regarding any Sentrilock or MLS Issues/questions.						
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	IAR Stakeholder Mtg/Indianapolis-Board Office Closed					Habitat for Humanity LPCAR Build Day!
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