# THE REALTOR REPORT

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

#### DECEMBER 2015



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Karen Fuller



Dear Realtors and Affiliates,

What a great honor it has been for me to serve as your President in 2015. I have truly enjoyed it. It was a great year because of the phenomenal executive board, board and membership working together as a team to get things accomplished. In doing this we had Karen Fuller, our AE, who did an outstanding job keeping everyone on track and making sure all was under control. I also would like thank Ed & Jackie McLaughlin and the Bovard-Anderson office for being so supportive of me throughout the year.

BCAR will be getting a great new President, Bridget Wysocki, and an awesome board to continue to improve on our wonderful organization. The board is sad to say good bye to two long time dedicated past presidents, committee chairs, board members and very active Realtors at PAR Leslie Chaklos and Lisa Dowling. Thank you Leslie and Lisa for your dedication to the Real Estate world, but most of all to the dedication to the BCAR Board to make it one of the best. We will miss you!

This is the season for all of us to reflect on the past year and to give thanks for all of our blessings and successes that have come our way. All of us can find that we could have done some things differently, that we weren't always right, could have been more patient and probably should and could have volunteered more and a hundred more things that we could have done. But what we should really realize is all we did accomplish in a year. As my mother said many years ago to me, as you get older the years seem to get shorter!!!! Oh how true that is. So, this season stay positive and realize all of your amazing accomplishments, stop and enjoy the season with your families because you won't get a retake and realize that you are one person and that you are in the driver's seat. If you do your very best with the best intentions that is all one can ask for!

I celebrate Christmas so I am wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! I also am wishing a very Happy Holiday to all of you who celebrate a different holiday and a Blessed New Year!! Wishing much health, happiness and prosperity in 2016.

**ENJOY LIFE!** 

Beverly



#### SALVATION ARMY REALTOR RING DAY

The REALTOR Ring Day to Support the local Salvation Army was held on Friday, December 4th. The Beaver County Association of REALTORS® would like to THANK all those volunteers. Here are some pictures of the ringers.



Debbie Bianco
Bob Bixler
Dave Bodell
Mary Briancesco
Leslie Chaklos
Jill Dehart
Estelle Evans
Jessica Farinelli
Peg Gahles
Mary Ann Gibson
Yvonne Goff
Karen Hutman
Shelley Hysong

Amy Logan
Rich Masucci
Cindy McConnell
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John Petkunas
Adam Pietrandrea
Bev Pietrandrea
Judy Plakosh
Elaine Savoldi
Joan Shanahan
Michelle Tirreno
Bridget Wysocki















#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 31st Dues for REALTORS & Affiliates Due January 9th Sales Awards Due January 15th Next Affiliate Meeting February 9th Installation and Awards Banquet









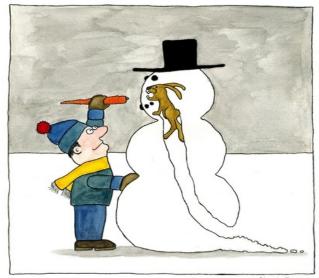




#### CODE OF ETHICS

Article 9: REALTORS make sure that contract details are spelled out in writing and that parties receive copies.





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<u>WELCOME New Members</u>: **Susan Dey** – SWC Properties, Beaver; **Christopher Cappabianco** and **Eric Lucci**- Berkshire Hathaway, Beaver

<u>Affiliate Changes</u>: **Aaron Miller** is the main contact at First National Bank. His cellphone is 724-462-9269 or email is MillerAa@fnb-corp.com.

**Susan Brody** and **Janet McGrath Sittig** are the contacts at T.A. Closing Network. Susan's email is sbrody@taclosing.com.



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Membership to the Association of REALTORS is a 3-way agreement. Therefore, all dues are paid to the local Association who then forward dues payments to the National and State Assoc. in your behalf. The 2016 dues include a \$35.00 mandatory assessment by NAR of all REALTORS® to fund a nationwide public awareness campaign.

For the year 2015, the nondeductible portions of PAR and NAR dues for income tax purposes are as follows: PAR: Of the \$130 per member dues, 9% or \$11.70 is nondeductible by members for income tax purposes. NAR: Of the \$120 per member dues, 42% or \$50 is nondeductible by members for income tax purposes. The \$35 Public Awareness assessment is fully deductible.

ANY DUES NOT PAID BY DECEMBER 31 WILL INCUR A \$50 LATE FEE ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 10 SECTION 4 OF THE BYLAWS WHICH PROVIDES THAT ALL DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.









#### WHY INVEST IN RPAC?

- 1. Politics are everywhere. Whether you are paying attention or not, local, state and national politics affect your day to day business. Investing in the REALTOR® Party helps to ensure someone is always advocating on your behalf.
- 2. Your investment in RPAC keeps coming back to you. For example, it is easy to assume that mortgage interest deductibility will always be there. Think again. Issues such as national debt, economic recovery and the complexity of the tax code have kept tax reform high on Congress' agenda. The ongoing debate has put a variety of tax laws, including those affecting our industry, under increased scrutiny. How many sales might you lose without a strong REALTOR® Party fighting to keep mortgage interest deductibility? The same efforts are being made for credit availability, mortgage debt cancellation tax relief, FHA single family mortgage programs, 1031 exchanges and many others that advocate for homeownership and property interests.

#### DID YOU RPAC TODAY?

Please consider donating your fair share of \$15.00 to the 2016 Campaign! This is found on your 2016 REALTOR dues invoice.

Your BCAR RPAC Chair, Leslie Chaklos

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS CORNER

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

By Matthew Wilson, Government Affairs Director

**SB 76**: Senate Bill 76, also known as the property tax bill, did not pass. This was on the table last meeting, but the bill did not pass by one vote. There were several issues with the bill and we were not privy to read the bill that went to the floor. This added more issues to the budget stalemate, and did not pass because of this.

**Beaver County Chamber of Commerce Dinner (attended):** I attended this dinner with Ruthanne Belus and meant with several politicians. I was able to meet the county commissioners, state senators, state representatives, and members of Congressman Rothfus' staff.

**Source of Income Hearing (attended):** I attended the hearing on the proposed legislation change. This change would make "source of income" a protected class in Pittsburgh. The hearing had numerous advocates on both sides, with most advocates against the legislation only because of the increased regulations and process.

**Fundraiser for State Senator Wayne Fontana (attended)**: I was able to attend the fundraising event for State Senator Wayne Fontana. I attended the event with John Petrack and Reed Pirain. We were able to talk to State Senator Wayne Fontana about SB 76. In addition to the State Senator, I was able to meet several

- **SB 482 County Demolition and Rehabilitation Fund (committee):** I am tracking this legislation to make sure that there is no movement that will affect the membership. The bill as written currently only judicial sales of properties sold due to delinquent taxes. It will allow the governing body of a county to impose up to 10% fee, based off the final purchase price on the buyer. This will go to a countywide demolition and rehabilitation fund.
- **SB 931 Eminent Domain (committee):** There is a proposal for a change to eminent domain law. It should allow people who have their houses taken under eminent domain obtain their next housing purchase or rental easier. The new legislation would add an additional sum of money to the "reasonable market value" purchase price of the house. This is implemented to ease the burden of having to forcibly move.
- **HB 1331 Real Property Tax Reassessment (tabled):** This bill was introduced to address the issues of property tax reassessment. This issue had be addressed here at the county level after several lawsuits. It seeks to address the problem of property taxes not being reassessed for several decades. It would also have some protection in place to limit the drastic property tax change that could happen after a reassessment.

Act 99, The Municipal Code and Ordinance Compliance Act: HB 1480; HB 1437 (tracking):

#### SALES AWARDS DUE JANURAY 9th

To all primary members who are wanting to submit a sales award for 2015, please see the below guidelines. You must have a Sales Award Application with Broker Verification and if you need a Sales Volume Sheet, if your company does not provide one. The deadline to submit sales award is JANUARY 9th!!!

#### ANNUAL PRODUCTION AWARDS

#### A. General Guidelines

- Nominee must be a BCAR Primary member to qualify for award in the subject year.
- Production verification on a sales volume sheet and mls RES Book-Sold (9 listings on a sheet) <u>must</u> accompany award nomination to be counted.
- FSBO & Transaction deals <u>MUST</u> turn in pages 1 & 2 of sales contract and HUD1 to be counted.
- No out of state referrals will be counted unless the nominee holds and active license in that state the subject year.
- 3+ person task force from various offices will verify production for awards determination. All categories of awards will be audited.
- Award certificates will be produced by the Association & recognized at the annual banquet.

#### B. Award Categories

- Individual Residential
- Individual Residential w/1 or more licensed assistant
- Individual New Construction / Site
- Individual Commercial
- Team Residential
- Team New Construction / Site
- Commercial

#### C. Team Determinations

- When advertised as a team in a subject year
- When agent advertises they have a licensed assistant
- When advertising directs calls to: either / or will classify as team
  - ☐ When agents share a page of advertising but have each ad directed to named agents will classify as individual

#### D. New Construction Award

- When advertised as a Site Team in Subject Year
- When 40% listed or sold from New Construction Site
  - \*All site team agents must be listed in ads as per the PA Real Estate Commission\*

#### E. Commercial Awards

- When advertised as a Commercial agent in subject year
- When 51% listed or sold from Commercial sales

#### SALES AWARD APPLICATION

Name:
Firm:
Category:
Dollar Production:
1. Must be a BCAR primary member to qualify for award. 2. Production verification on sales Must have the mls sheet attached (mls book sold printout)  FSBO or any transactional must have HUD attached for credit of sales and contract
<ul> <li>pages 1 &amp; 2.</li> <li>3. No referrals out of the selling area will be counted unless agent holds an active license in that state.</li> <li>4. All awards will be audited. Any sales award application that is not accompanied with the above information will not be counted. There will be no phone call to ask for the correct information.</li> <li>5. All awards to be turned in by JANUARY 9th. (of the new year)</li> </ul>
Individual ResidentialTeam Residential
Individual Residential w/ Licensed assistant
Individual New Construction / SiteTeam New Construction / Site
Individual CommercialTeam Commercial
BROKER VERIFICATION
I,a REALTOR® in good standing with The Beaver County Association of REALTORS®, hereby affirm that this application is true and correct.
Signature of Applicant
Certification of Employing Broker during the qualifying year:
I hereby recommend for a Sales Award, REALTOR®
Date Broker of Record/Manager

Note: If an applicant has worked for more than one office during the calendar year of the sales award, he/she must submit a separate signed application from each employing Broker/Manager.

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Thank you again!!!!

#### **Auction Committee**

Bodell, Dave Briancesco, Mary Briancesco, Nitallia Brown, Gloria Chaklos, Leslie Dowling, Lisa Evans, Estelle Fuller, Frank Fuller, Karen Hysong, Shelley Jacobs, Dorothy Kirby, Kathleen Kirby, Woody Mike, BJ Moore, Susan Ochs, Paula Pietrandrea, Adam Pietrandrea, Beverly Randza, Jean Simmons, Mona Smith, Lois Smith, Tammy Smith, Vic - Chairperson

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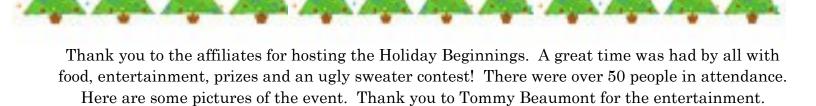
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Make sure to come out next year to this fun evening, a way to kick start the Holiday Season.















#### MEMBER BENEFITS

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# BCAR REALTOR Benefits

BENEFITS OFFERED TO BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MEMBERSHIPS

#### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- Educational
- Networking opportunities

#### **EDUCATION**

- New Member Orientation
- Continuing Education Classes
- Code of Ethics Training

#### ANNUAL AWARDS

- Sales Awards
- · REALTOR of the Year
- Emeritus Award

#### WEBSITE

#### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

#### ADVERTISING DISCOUNT IN THE BEAVER COUNTY TIMES

- · Home Buyer's Guide
- Here's my card
- Sunday Open Houses
- Progress Edition

#### AFFILIATE CONTRIBUTION

- Education
- Holiday Beginnings

We are a professional organization dedicated not only to our members but to the community needs. We are very active in fund raising and supporting local charities.

Also members of the National Association of REALTORS® and the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® and receive all the benefits they offer.

# BCAR Affiliate Benefits

Affiliates are companies who have services in the real estate industry or benefits for REALTORS members.

# INVITED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS OF BCAR AFFILIATE MEETINGS

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#### ADVERTISING

- Discount in Beaver County Times
- · Highlight affiliate companies in monthly newsletter
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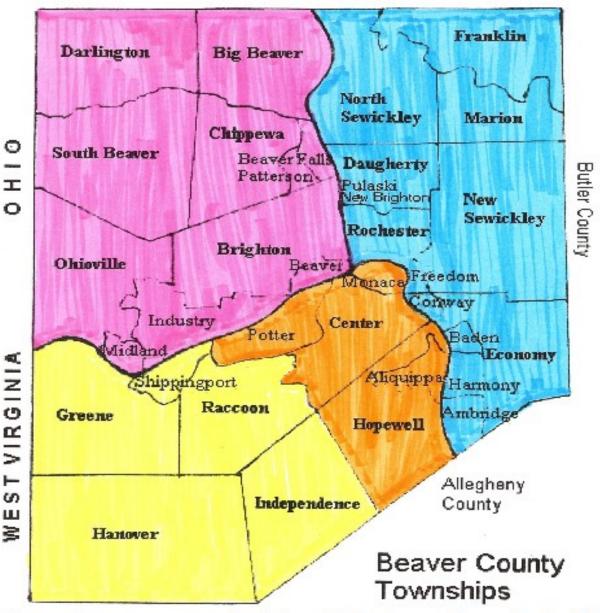
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## **Beaver County Realtor Tour**



BCAR is proud to announce starting in Sept 2010 a Beaver County Realtor® Tour every Tuesday 10 am to 12 pm. The tour is broken up into zones as follows:

- 1st Tues of the month
- 2nd Tues of the month
- 3rd Tues of the month
- 4th Tues of the month

Realtor's should place the listing they would like on tour in the MLS system no later than noon on Mondays so that the tour can be pulled and printed for distribution.

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