



February 2009 Newsletter

A Message From President Tim Dunham

Happy New Year!

It is an honor to serve as your President this year. My sincere hope is that in 2009 I will serve you well in areas of my strengths and you will decide to contribute in areas of your own.

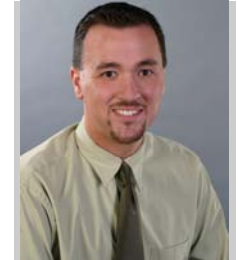
We have all heard there is NO NATIONAL MARKET and in Androscoggin we ARE a local market! It is crucial to our combined success that we do our job together as REALTORS® and educate the community that it is not all doom and gloom when it comes to Real Estate. Help buyers realize there may be no better time to buy than now, rates are low, prices are low and inventory is plentiful! The only way we will get our local market to improve is to encourage the buyers to act.

Your board of directors have already been hard at work this January. They decided it was important to prepare you to work more efficiently and organized in 2009 and the way we are going to do this is by offering a FREE membership meeting which will include breakfast and a 3

hour c.e. class on Business Planning on February 27th! Show us that you mean business; register today for the meeting and bring some members from your office with you.

Last month the Greater Portland Board of Realtors® invited me to speak to their membership on technology and when finished, many members voiced how helpful it was to hear and wanted more. I quickly realized that one way that I can serve you this year is by sharing my knowledge of technology. Attend our quarterly membership meetings this year and you will leave better equipped to use technology you may already own.

I would like to hear from you this year on what the board can do to improve our organization for the members and the way the public view us. In addition it would be nice to see some newer faces volunteer to help on committees. There are many causes that we serve, call/e-mail to learn who I have assigned as chairpersons on your board's committees.



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Upcoming Membership Meeting

FREE

The next meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Board Membership is scheduled for Friday, February 27 at Martindale Country Club in Auburn. Registration - 7:30 a.m.; Breakfast & Membership Meeting: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.; and Education Course - "Business Planning for Client Satisfaction" with Steve Hammond - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. A registration form is enclosed.

Affordable Housing

The Board's 2009 affordable housing fundraising project will again be a golf tournament. This year, Mark Pilot of Coldwell Banker Millett Realty, has agreed to Chair the Golf Tournament Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Mark at: MPilot@MillettRealty.com More information will be provided when available. Please plan to participate!

New Members

In order to become a member, an individual must complete the membership application and pay an application fee. Because we have provisional membership, new REALTOR® applicants become members as soon as they pay dues. They must, however, take new member orientation which includes an ethics class within 180 days of application to keep their membership privileges active.

2009 Meeting Schedule:

February 27	Breakfast	Martindale Country Club	Business Planning for Client Satisfaction
April 16	Breakfast	Location TBD	Education Courses TBA
June 18	Dinner	Martindale Country Club	REALTOR® of the Year
September 17	Breakfast	Martindale Country Club	Annual Meeting & Speaker Linda Gifford
December 11	Dinner	Hilton Garden Inn	Holiday Party

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