

Androscoggin Valley Board of REALTORS®

June 2009 Newsletter



A Message From President Tim Dunham

Happy Spring!

Word is spreading, business is picking up; we are seeing more and more showing requests as each day passes. I personally have been in half a dozen multiple offer situations since Spring. Buyers are finally realizing NOW is the time to buy with rates low, inventory high and an \$8,000 tax-credit available to them. Keep up the good work by continuing to build consumer confidence in our Maine housing market.

The National Association of REALTORS® recognizes the hard times REALTORS® are experiencing and have decided to put together a program that you may have heard of by now, "Right Tools Right Now". It provides to us 300 products or resources for NO CHARGE or AT COST and is costing NAR in the area of \$9,000,000, so let's take advantage of this wonderful gift to us.

At my recent visit to the New England Regional Conference I witnessed some very good news for Maine; NAR reported that Maine had hit the bottom of the housing market in November 2008 and we are now recovering. After waiting for Maine's applause to subside, they continued to explain many reasons why they believe that the housing recovery will continue through the New England states and eventually across the country. This is great news and we need to spread this great news to everyone we can!

In case you missed the April meeting, I would like to update you that your board of directors has filled the vacant seat of Vice President with Tanya Busch of Keller Williams Realty Mid Maine and Alyson Parent of RE/MAX River Cities filled Tanya's seat as Director.

June REALTOR® of the Year Dinner Meeting: The next meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Board Membership is scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at the Martindale Country Club in Auburn. A registration form is posted at <http://AVBoR.com>.

Affordable Housing: The Board's 2009 affordable housing golf tournament is scheduled for August 20, 2009. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Mark Pilot at MPilot@MillettRealty.com. More information will be provided as we move closer to the event.

Membership Information: We currently have 227 REALTORS® and 20 Affiliate Members. Last year at this time, we had 250 REALTORS® and 28 Affiliate Members. NAR reports that we have 52,400 more national members this year than we had anticipated.

Members may request a current membership roster by mail or e-mailed in Adobe Acrobat format by contacting Tanya@MaineRealtors.com. The Board's policy does not allow for the distribution of personal e-mail addresses as some do not want to be solicited.

2009 Meeting Schedule:

June 18	Dinner	Martindale Country Club	REALTOR® of the Year
August 20			Annual Golf Tournament
September 17	Breakfast	Martindale Country Club	Annual Meeting & Speaker Linda Gifford
December 11	Dinner	Hilton Garden Inn	Holiday Party



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