

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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A Message from President Monica LaVerdiere

It is an honor to be your 2011 President. Your Board of Directors is made up of a great team of volunteers. We have a diverse team of both longevity and new members with creative and new ideas. I believe this blend will be an asset to you. I thank each and every Director for stepping up to the plate and helping each and every one of you be a successful REALTOR®.

Many people have asked me why in the world would I want to open my own real estate office and also be the President all in the same year. My answer is that I have always liked a good challenge! What better challenge than in this sluggish economic time?

I truly love this profession. I love the feeling of helping people acquire their own piece of the American Dream and I enjoy working side by side with other brokers who share the same passion.

“Real property ownership inspires a deep sense of personal pride and accomplishment and fosters greater interest and involvement in community affairs. Real property ownership encourages savings and investment and contributes to economic stability and self-sufficiency.” This statement comes from the 2011-2012 Maine Association of REALTORS® Public Policy Statement.

It is our responsibility to support the Maine Association of REALTORS® efforts in the areas of: property affordability, government regulation, taxation, environmental protection, energy conservation, agency, license law and real estate practice, fair housing, consumer protection, antitrust compliance and political affairs.

We provide educational classes on the above topics in an effort to keep you informed so that you are able to provide your clients with the best information possible to help them make informed decisions about buying and selling their home.

Hope to see you all at the first meeting! I will be sticking around after the meeting so I can mingle with all of you and get your ideas for the upcoming year! Don't be shy!

If you would like to contact me with ideas or comments, please e-mail me at monica@bearfootrealty.com or call me at Bearfoot Realty at 539-6060.

Upcoming Membership Meeting & Education Course:

The next meeting of the Western Maine Membership is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9. This meeting is sponsored by Norway Savings Bank. Registration: 11:30 a.m.; Lunch & Membership Meeting: 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.; “Promoting Public Confidence Core Course” (Approved by the MREC for 3 clock hours of continuing education credit): 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Registration information is available at <http://westernmaineboard.com>.

2011 REALTOR® Dues Winner:

Congratulations to Colette Newell of Keller Williams Realty Mid Maine in Auburn. Colette was the winner of our 2011 REALTOR® Dues drawing held at the December 8 holiday party.

Committee Participation:

The Board is looking for volunteers to serve on the Affordable Housing Fundraising and Public Relations Committees. Any time that you can commit, no matter how much, will be a big help toward this year's events! If you haven't participated in the past, please consider it as it is a great way to give back to your Board and the local community. Please contact Monica LaVerdiere if you would like to volunteer.

Membership Rosters:

Members may request a current membership roster mailed or e-mailed in Adobe Acrobat format, please e-mail tanya@mainerealtors.com.

New Members:

In order to become a member, an individual must complete the membership application and pay one-time application fee. Because we have provisional membership, new REALTOR® applicants become members as soon as they pay dues; however, they must take new member orientation when offered live or online in order to keep their membership privileges active.

Meeting Schedule:

March 9	Lunch	Olde Mill Tavern	"Promoting Public Confidence Core Course"
April 13	Breakfast	Olde Mill Tavern	"Beyond the Purchase & Sale Agreement"
May 11	Breakfast	Olde Mill Tavern	"Do I Really Need to Know That?"
June TBD	Dinner	Location TBD	REALTOR® of the Year Dinner & REALTOR® Appreciation Event
Sept. 14	Breakfast	Olde Mill Tavern	Course TBD
Nov. 2	Breakfast	Olde Mill Tavern	Annual Meeting, MAR Update & "2011 Legal Update: Extended Version"
Dec. 7	Dinner	Olde Mill Tavern	Holiday Party & 2012 Officer Installation

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~ Plan to attend the March 9 Membership Meeting ~