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UPCOMING Meetings/Events

MARCH 15

Roard Room

MARCH 16-17

MARCH 22 New Member Orientation

MARCH 23 Affiliates Committee

Board Room

MARCH 24

MLS Basic Class

Training Room 9:00-12:00 PM

MARCH 24

Training Room

MARCH 29

Training Room

9:00-12:00 PM

Real Talk Toastmasters

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

MLS Advanced Class

9:45 AM

Training Room 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

9:00 AM

Board of Directors Meeting

Supra Key Safe Exchange

Marriott Residence Inn. Oxnard

FEBRUARY 23

New Member Orientation Training Room 9:00-3:00 PM

FERRUARY 24

Affiliates Committee Board Room 9:45 AM

FEBRUARY 25 MLS Basic Class Training Room

1:30-4:30 PM **FEBRUARY 25**

Real Talk Toastmasters Training Room 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

MARCH 1

MLS Advanced Class Training Room 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

MARCH 8

MLS Committee Meeting Board Room

9:00 AM MARCH 9 YPN Meeting

Board Room 9:45 AM

10:00 AM

Education & Equal Opportunity Committee Meeting Board Room

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mark Chacon

February marked the first VCCAR General Membership meeting of the year and the first update on important issues affecting real estate sales and our members. We covered local, state and national topics, provided updates from committees and discussed Association changes in 2016.

One of my themes for the year is to provide information on the REALTOR® Action Fund (RAF) and why it is so crucial for the real estate industry. As the VCCAR Local Government Relations committee chair, I learned what CAR and NAR actually do for local Associations. One example is the funding NAR provided to assist us with opposing the Fillmore point of sale ordinance last fall, to the tune of \$12,500. That's a lot of money for an Association our size and it's why we all need to support the RAF.



Mark Chacon

As you may know, the RAF is a voluntary contribution that's included as an item on your dues billing statement. These funds help NAR, CAR and our Association fight on behalf of the real estate industry and private property rights in general. A big reason we need to grow our RAF now is the new SOAR ballot initiative and whether an extension of 35 years to 2050 is the best approach on behalf of private property owners. Please support the RAF with your contributions. By doing so, you support your industry and your clients.

We held a drawing at the meeting for members in attendance to receive \$100 gift certificates to be used for store merchandise, MLS fees or RAF contributions. The lucky winners were **Bob Wilmer**, Tierra Pacific Realty; **Jennifer Montoya**, Resource For Your Real Estate Service, Inc.; and **Veronica Ramos**, ERA Cusick Realty.

In closing, I want to again encourage each and every one of you to register to vote. 2016 is a very important year politically for our nation and for Ventura County, and I believe everyone should participate in our democratic process. I also ask that you consider including a voter registration card in your welcome gifts for your buyers. When a family is moving into a new home, we as their REALTOR® should help them get resettled in every way possible, and helping them register to vote is one very important way to assist them. We have welcome gift cards with a voter registration card attached available at the Association office. Please stop by and pick up cards for your buyers.

Mark



Randy McCaslin

At VCCAR's February General Membership meeting, President-Elect Lyle Elliott presented the following information to those in attendance. It is a very important update to be understood by all members of the Association and Multiple Listing Service (MLS.)

Lyle Elliot:

Last year it was my pleasure to serve as your Association Treasurer. One of the important tasks of this position entails constructing a budget proposal for the next fiscal year. This is [completed] by working with a Committee of 9 people and reviewing current expenses, meeting with committee chairs to insure funding of programs, exploring new services and benefits to you our members and projecting revenue. This proposal is then presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

This year in looking forward, we first looked backward. Where has our association been financially? What have we done well? What could be improved? Have we provided all the necessary services? What has been our track record?

Your association has been diligently managed fiscally for many years. It was founded in 1997 when the Oxnard, Camarillo and Ventura associations combined into its current structure. Since 1997 the Association built reserves, or what we might call a savings account, purchased the lot and paid off the loan on the current Association Building, expanded MLS data services and offered a plethora of tools and services to make your business easier.

It made us think..."What was happening in 1997? So much has changed A postage stamp cost 32 cents in 1997, a gallon of gas in California averaged \$1.81. Our association and REALTOR® membership was 1,441 Realtors and the median price of a home in Ventura County was \$187,850.

During this time and through all of the changes, then the Association has NEVER raised either the association membership dues or the MLS fees. While the MLS continued to expand, membership grew, data sharing occurred with much of Southern California, new tools like Trends, Cloud CMA, Cloud Stream, RPR, List Hub, Realist, and syndication to hundreds of websites took place. Through the evolution of the MLS, data sharing, and expanded services, NO fee increases were passed to membership.

How was this accomplished? Since the Association had been so well managed funds were pulled from the reserves, or this savings account, to subsidize expenses each year. This allowed us to be current with technology and tools and to insure your business is competitive. It allowed us not to increase any dues while the market, your businesses, and your lives went through major adjustment and transition from 2007-2011.

As we reviewed the projected expansion of technology tools for your businesses and the past utilization of the reserve funds, the Budget Committee presented to the BOD an increase of \$99 in MLS fees effective July 1, 2016. This translates to your annual MLS fees as a total of \$432; the fee increase for brand new members of our MLS was initiated January 1, 2016.

In perspective our membership has increased 43% since 1997, the gallon of gas has increased 37%, the stamp by 53% and that median price home in Ventura County has increased 172% to 5511.800.

As stewards of your funds we felt it imperative to increase these fees to move into a balanced budget in 2016 and 2017 and not dip into the reserve funds to cover expenses and still maintain a prudent reserve in case of any emergencies. I want to reiterate the Association always has been, and continues to be more than financially stable and well managed.

None of us enjoy cost increases in any part of our business however this increase will allow us to explore more cutting edge technologies, more member services, and most importantly creates a sustainable balanced budget and financial infrastructure necessary in any business.



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

VCCAR holds it's first 2016 General Membership Meeting on February 11th





Lyle Elliott provides an update on MLS fees.



Cami Pinsak & Rod Tuazon invite members to Real Talk Toastmasters on 2nd & 4th Thursdays at noon at VCCAR.



Jim Keith discusses C.A.R. Professional Standards update and the latest with REFAT



Pam Dolin, Chicago Title, speaks about wire fraud in real estate sales.



Tamara Rossi & Vanessa Rice report on changes to home warranties regarding hot water heaters and HVAC.



Immediate Past President BJ Ward provided C.A.R.'s new MLS rules.



President Mark Chacon provides an overview of 2016 at the year's first VCCAR General Membership meeting.





President Mark Chacon thanks Neil Kalin, C.A.R. Assistant General Counsel for providing a legal update to VCCAR members.



Jorge DeLeon (right) congratulates the newest Broker/Owner/ Manager of the Year Armani Amezcua.

MLS CORNER

In December a joint task force reviewed options and enhancements to improve our VCRDS MLS. On Thursday February 18th that work was finalized, and the specific information is shown below.

CLICK HERE for an in depth video regarding the new Print Work Flow.

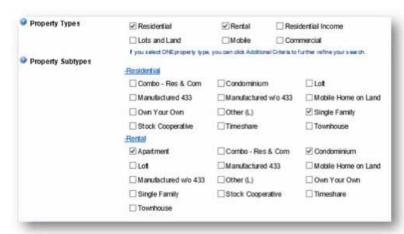
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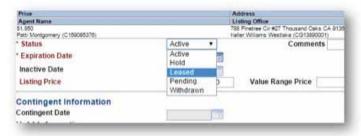


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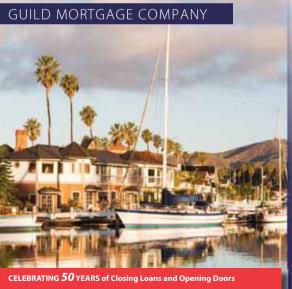
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8:45 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Course review

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NEW MEMBERS

January New Member Orientation at Ventura County Coastal Association of REALTORS®



Dale King, a past President of VCCAR swore in and presented Realtor® pins as a part of Januarys New Member Orientation. Pictured in no particular order are:

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Foley, Christopher M Realty ONE Group Summit

Escalante, Thomas Premier Coast Financial Services

Hormann, Hans Sun Coast Real Estate Downtown

Tran, Thanh TMP Properties

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Kenney, Sarah Homes For Rent

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Here Are the 20 Hottest Housing Markets

DAILY REAL ESTATE NEWS

Is a winter chill sweeping through the housing market? Fewer homes were for sale in January and for those that were on the market, they saw slower market times, according to realtor.com*'s latest analysis.

The median age of inventory now stands at 100 days — with homes taking 6 percent longer to sell in January than in December. The median listing price for January was \$227,000, which is up about 8 percent year-over-year.

Still, a handful of markets are outshining the national market. Realtor.com*'s latest report pinpoints 20 housing markets that are "beating the winter chill."These markets have page views at realtor.com* that are two to five times more than the national average. Also, homes are moving in 30 to 50 days more quickly.

According to realtor.com®, the following 20 markets thrived the most last month:

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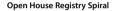
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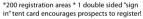
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