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Merrymeeting Board Newsletter

January 5, 2009



A Message from President Helen Fox:

Hello Everyone – Happy New Year!

I have been contemplating what to say in my first message of the year (I will always try to be brief). My thoughts turned to messages from our previous Presidents and I began reflecting on the fact that my year as President is during the economic down turn and the challenges that face us all. My personal motto has always been – “No Whining”! So, fellow REALTORS® - No Whining. Let’s look to the coming year as a chance to learn and grow.

I would like to hear from the “old timers” for their tried and true advice to help the younger REALTORS® weather the storm.

I would also like to hear from the “techno savvy” REALTORS® for advice on new and innovative ideas to expand our businesses.

We have many volunteer opportunities on the various committees. Please let me know your interests and I will put you in-touch with the committee chair.

If there are any areas of education that you feel would be beneficial please let me know soon. The Education Committee is already working on this year’s programs.

Your input is very important to me. I look forward to working on your behalf this year!

If you would like to contact me, with ideas or comments, please do so at helen@foxrealestateagency.com or call me at 666-5605. I look forward to seeing you at the January 22, 2009, Membership Meeting at the United 8 Masonic Lodge in Brunswick.

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Upcoming Membership Meeting: The next meeting of the Merrymeeting Board Membership is scheduled for Thursday, January 22. Our meeting agenda will include check presentations to Tedford Housing, MAR & MREIS Updates and a New Member Induction. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; Buffet Breakfast & Membership Meeting begins at 8:00. A registration form is enclosed.

Committee Participation: The Board is looking for participants to serve on the following committees: Christmas Party, Community Service, Education Events, Golf Tournament and Lobster Bake. If you would like to serve on any of these committees, please contact Helen Fox.

New Members: In order to become a member, an individual must complete the membership application and pay an application fee to the MBOR. Because we have provisional membership, new REALTOR® applicants become members as soon as they pay dues (they must, however, take new member orientation when offered to keep their membership privileges active!).

Meeting Schedule: The schedule for the year is printed below.

January 22	Breakfast	United 8 Masonic Lodge	Speaker: Cindy Butts
March 26		Location TBD	Day of Education
May 28	Breakfast	Winter Street Center	Speaker: Linda Gifford
June 25	Dinner	Location TBD	ROTY & AOTY Awards
August 20	Dinner	Location TBD	Annual Lobster Bake
September 24		Location TBD	Day of Education
October 22	Dinner	Location TBD	Annual Membership Meeting
December 10	Dinner	Location TBD	Holiday Party & Fundraising Auction

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☞ **Plan to Attend the Membership Meeting on Thursday, January 22** ☞