

# MAY NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HELEN FOX:

Wow, I can't believe that it is May already. I hope that all of you are experiencing a increase in activity!

NAR, MAR and our local Merrymeeting Board of REALTORS® have been working very hard to offer assistance during this "buyers market". NAR has put over 9 million dollars into the Right Tools, Right Now program. If you haven't checked this program out—you should. Go to <http://realtor.org> where you will find lots of helpful material at little or no cost. By now you all must have heard about the \$8,000 federal tax credit for first-time homebuyers. Please use the information provided by MAR in your advertising. NAR, MAR & MBOR Public Relations Committee will be rolling out the Surround Sound Campaign. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting program.

I attended the New England REALTORS® Conference which was held March 9-10 at the Sheraton Harborside in Portsmouth, NH. I joined 11 others from Maine plus another 150 or so REALTORS® from around New England. The theme was "Now More Than Ever" hosted by NAR Region 1 Regional VP Bonnie Given. Note this quote: "Though national headlines and made-for-TV sound bites would have us believe that this is a time for fear and paralysis, the world continues to move along. Life happens, and the need to convey real property happens right along with it. Yes, we live in uncertain times, because of that very uncertainty that we, as the consummate industry professional, **must be more prepared than ever for a public that needs us more than ever.** Now, more than ever—Accurate information is critical, It is the time to buy, with an abundance of opportunities & great rates, Buyers & Sellers need REALTORS® to navigate the buying and selling process, Members need the tools of their local, state, and national associations, Our adherence to the Code of Ethics is paramount to our credibility & success."

I hope you all will take the time to look over the tools that have been provided to you. Remember, a united message from all of us about the local market will go a long way with the consumer.

If you would like to contact me, with ideas or comments, please do so at [helen@foxrealestateagency.com](mailto:helen@foxrealestateagency.com) or call me 666-5605. I look forward to seeing you at the May 21st Membership Meeting at the Winter Street Center in Bath.

## UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next meeting of the Merrymeeting Board Membership is scheduled for Thursday, May 21. Our meeting agenda will include a legal/legislative update and a New Member Induction. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; Buffet Breakfast & Membership Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. A registration form is enclosed.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:

The Community Service Committee is again holding a Spring Donation Drive in support of the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program and will be collecting items at the May 21 membership meeting. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

## REALTOR® & AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR:

It's that time of year again to nominate who you believe should be the 2009 REALTOR® & Affiliate of the Year. Please use the enclosed form and send to Patti Lawton at Welcome Home Realty, 55 Harpswell Road, Brunswick, ME 04011 or e-mail Patti at [plawton@welcomehomerealtyinc.com](mailto:plawton@welcomehomerealtyinc.com). Nominations **MUST** be received by May 22.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE/2010 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

The Merrymeeting Board Nominating Committee will be meeting early this summer to consider candidates for Officer and Director positions. If you would like to be considered, please complete the enclosed Nomination Form and send to Linda Dupuis at Allen & Selig Realty, 15 Vine Street, Bath, ME 04530. If you'd like to suggest a name, please e-mail Linda at [linda@allenselig.com](mailto:linda@allenselig.com).

## UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT:

The 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament & BBQ will be held on Friday, September 18 at the Bath Country Club in Bath. This year's tournament will be benefiting Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine and Tedford Housing. Registration and sponsorship information are enclosed.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

There are currently 185 REALTORS® and 35 Affiliate Members. Last year at this time, we had 212 REALTORS® and 46 Affiliate Members. If you would like an updated membership roster mailed or e-mailed in Adobe Acrobat format, please e-mail [tanya@mainerealtors.com](mailto:tanya@mainerealtors.com).

## MEETING SCHEDULE:

May 21	Breakfast	Winter Street Center	Legal/Legislative Update w/Linda Gifford
June 25	Dinner	Holiday Inn Bath	REALTOR & Affiliate of the Year Awards
August 20	Dinner	Cook's Lobster House	Annual Lobster Bake
September 18		Bath Country Club	Annual Charity Golf Tournament
September 24		Location TBD	Day of Education
October 22	Dinner	Location TBD	Annual Membership Meeting
December 3	Dinner	Holiday Inn Bath	Holiday Party & Fundraising Auction

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~ Plan to Attend the May Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 21 ~