

Mountains Council Newsletter

January 16, 2008



A Message from President Mark Schoenthaler:

Hello everyone and welcome to 2008!

Our holiday party held on Friday, December 7th at the Boiler Room Restaurant in Wilton was a fun time had by all who attended. Over 75 people turned out for the occasion. Congratulations to Jeff Mitchell of Village Realty in Wilton on winning the 2008 dues raffle. A special thank you goes out to the holiday party sponsor, Franklin Savings Bank, for their continued support.

We also had the pleasure of presenting affordable housing checks to Community Concepts. They received \$841 from the Mountains Council along with matching funds in the amount of \$840 from the MAR Foundation.

We are now starting a new year and faced with some new challenges. It is more important today to become better at what we do. I challenge all of you to continue to grow your careers and try something new. Take advantage of the various resources out there to learn new techniques and skills to make yourself a better REALTOR®. Our market is changing and we need to continue to adapt.

I had an exciting 2007 and would like to thank several people for their support and guidance through my first year as your President. Thank you, Roger Whitehouse, for showing me the ropes. Thank you, Tanya Sirois and Cindy Butts, for taking care of all the Mountains Councils affairs. Thank you, Janet Peruffo, for taking on the position in 2009 and last but not least, thank you, E. Pat Foster, for being the Maine Association of REALTORS® President and for making me feel like I made a difference.

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Message from President Mark Schoenthaler (continued):

How do I top 2007? It starts with my wife, Paula and I traveling to Mobile, Alabama on January 12th along with 19 other REALTORS® from the state, to build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Thankfully my wife is a nurse, because I think we will all have aches and pains for her to attend to! Thank you to all the people that sponsored me. Rest assured I will let everyone know how the build went in our next newsletter.

If you would like to contact me with ideas or comments, please do so at mark@noyesrealty.com, or call me at Noyes Real Estate Agency at 864-9000. I look forward to seeing you at the February 8th Membership Meeting at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington.

Upcoming Membership Meeting: The next meeting of the Mountains Council Membership is scheduled for Friday, February 8th. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.; Continental Breakfast & Membership Meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. An education program “Legal Update – 2007” will be from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A registration form is enclosed.

New Members: In order to become a member, an individual must complete the membership application and pay an application fee. Because we have provisional membership, new REALTOR® applicants become members as soon as they pay dues. New members are required to take an orientation class that includes the REALTOR® Code of Ethics when offered in order to keep their membership privileges active.

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

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

February 8	Breakfast	Franklin Memorial Hospital	“Legal Update – 2007”
April 11	Breakfast	Franklin Memorial Hospital	“Make Up Your Mind”
June 13	Breakfast	Saddleback Mountain	“Negotiations”
September 12	Breakfast	Oxford Federal Credit Union	Education Course TBA
November 14	Breakfast	TBA	“Short-Sales, Foreclosures & Bankruptcy”
December 11	Dinner	The Boiler Room Restaurant	Holiday Party & 2009 Officer Installation

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☞ **Plan to Attend the Mountains Council Meeting on Friday, February 8th** ☞