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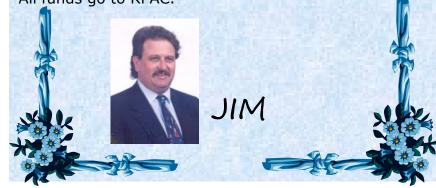
# A word from your President By James Zanton, Association President

Another successful Community Fun Fair put on by the Rock-Green REALTORS® Association. The room was full of booths, vendors, children and parents. Fun was had by everyone with a learning tilt. Between the booths, silent auction and live auction, \$3,200 was raised. Special thanks to Chair, Karen Williams, Pam Snow, Kim Nickols and Vicky Kreyer.

The 50/50 dues payment plan can start June 1st. This gives you an option to divide your expenses.

May 7th Wed. at the Pontiac Convention Center we will have special guest, Mike Theo, WRA President and Tracy Rucka, WRA legal counsel. We would like to see a good crowd for them.

Family Feud is our RPAC fundraiser theme. It will be at the Rotary Gardens on Thursday, May 29. 4:00 p.m. starting with Happy "Appy" hour with hors' devours, a cash bar, then the Family Feud game. We need six teams to participate at \$250 each team or \$50 each player, silent auction, live auction, direct giver booth. All funds go to RPAC.



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# **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

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# **Annual Community Family Fun Fair**

We are very pleased to announce that our efforts for

this year's annual event raised \$3,231.00 that will be presented to "Project 16:49" at our next general Membership Meeting. This meeting will be on May 7, at the Pontiac Convention Center. Registration/Continental Breakfast at 8:30 with the Program to begin at 9:00 a.m. If you are not signed up yet, please call the Association office to pre-register or you can register at the door. Thank you and Great Job to those that helped with the event or attended and helped out by bidding on items at the auction. All help was greatly appreciated.



We are again pleased to offer the **Annual Dues Pre-Payment Plan** for your 2015 Annual Association Dues. You can submit quarterly payments due; 1<sup>st quarter</sup> Jan-Mar, 2<sup>nd quarter</sup> Apr-June, 3<sup>rd quarter</sup> July-Sept. and the final

payment will be due by November 17<sup>th</sup>. Or you can do a 50/50 with the first installment due by June and the final payment by November 17<sup>th</sup>. (Payments based on an estimated \$600 renewal). \$150.00 quarterly and \$300.00 for the 50/50 plan. Both of these plans you will need to add a one-time \$5 service fee to the local portion of your dues. Or if you have a closing and want to submit the full payment we will waive the \$5 service fee and you can submit that payment any time before September 30<sup>th</sup>.

# Have you ever played "The Family Feud"?



You can on May 29, 2014 at the Rotary Gardens. First you will find out about some awesome Apps for Realtors, have a beverage (at the cash bar) and a snack and get ready to play. Teams consist of five people. Cost per team is \$250.00.

Don't want to play the game, that is okay too, just bring your wallets and have fun at the silent auction or maybe a live auction is more to your liking. Either one have fun participating. All proceeds go to RPAC.

This is our Annual Fun Night Program for RPAC. We will have a cash bar and Hors d'oeuvres. We will have a silent/live auction and you will have a chance to play the Rock-Green version of "The Family Feud". We are limited to only 6 teams, and we have 5 teams already signed up.

# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# ROCK-GREEN REALTORS® ASSOCIATION

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# **ROY/AWARDS LUNCHEON**

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# RECRUITMENT

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

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## **SUNSHINE**

Maryann Warden, Chair Mollie Podwell

# YOUNG PRO'S TASK FORCE

Kyle Carrier, Chair Mary Ellen Mackey Paul Schieldt Mariann Walker

ONE TEAM NEEDED -We currently have one opening in our RPAC event on May 29 "The Family Feud" this is a five person team and the cost per team is \$250. This will also be on a first come basis. The first team to bring/send in their team name with the payment will take the spot. Keep in mind you will have to name your team and come up with a banner to put up the night of the function. All monies for this event must be contributions. Therefore, corporate checks will be accepted. Anyone making a donation of \$100 or more will have the opportunity to be a direct giver. This means you will be able to tell where you want your money to be spent.



# "APPY HOUR" / RPAC FUN NIGHT

This event will be at the Rotary Gardens here in Janesville. It will run from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. See the flyer within this newsletter. We are in need of Auction items. These can be electronics, themed baskets, baked goods, sports related or white elephant items. If you don't want to shop but want to donate, just send your \$ to the Association office and we will shop for you. Please remember that these items must come from individuals and not corporate offices.

# JUNE NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



The June 5 orientation date has been changed to June 12.

May 7, 2014, Hot Line Live w/Tracy Rucka, WRA Attorney. WRA update w/Mike Theo, WRA President and CEO

**August 27, 2014,** REALTOR Safety w/Joe Rosner showing us how to be safe in our environments and jobs.

All the meetings are at the Pontiac Convention Center. Registration/Continental Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. with the Programs to begin at 9:00 a.m.

May 29, Special Event, Planning a Happy Appy Hour W/a RPAC Kick. More information to come. Save this Date!

# **MLS INFORMATION:**

# Searching by Date Range is Now Easier:

New time period pick lists have been added to search screens within Paragon. Instead of selecting a beginning and/or ending date by entering dates in a very specific format, you can now select options such as 12 Months Back, 90 Days Back or This Month from a pick list. Look for this new option to the right of the traditional beginning and ending date range search options.

# A Few Small Enhancements Added March 5:

\*Loading Last Search will now allow you to select any of your 5 previous searches. If you have never used the feature of Last Search (located above Primary Criteria after selecting Class), it comes in handy if you need to redo a search for some reason.

\*When selecting features within a search, the feature name now displays within the Criteria Summary along with the feature code.

\*The status is now color coded on the spreadsheet. These colors match the colors used on the Bing Map.

\*For Client Connect Users - there is now a column on the Contact View Screen that shows the last time your client logged into their Client Connect site. Within their notification settings it also tells you how often they login.

# **Database Changes:**

The following changes have been made to our listing database and our **listing input profile sheets**:

A new optional field for co-listing agent has been added. Please update listings that are co-listed.

For Lots and Acreage, Price/SqFeet as entered by the agent has been replaced with a system calculated Price/SqFeet field and has thus been removed from the input screen.

You can manually add showing requests that come in outside of the Schedule a Showing button within Paragon. To add a manual showing to your listing, click Preferences, Showing Assist and Reports. Click on the Listing Activity Report and find the listing. Click to open the listing and select Add Activity. Fill in the showing information and click Save. This manual showing will now be reflected within the showing grid and on reports.

The MLS COMMITTEE makes decisions about changes to Paragon, the keycard system, and MLS rules. If you would like to discuss an item you feel would make our MLS better, please feel free to contact a member of the MLS Committee. You may contact Paul Schieldt at 608-741-1000. Paul is your representative for any question/comments/suggestions. You may also call the Association office at 608-755-4841 and we will give questions/comments/suggestions to Paul for

Thank you, Sue

Please remember when taking photos of your listings you should take the photos before placing your sign. If that is not possible blur out the sign with your name and office. Your information is not allowed in the photo.

ActiveKey Displays "Call to Enable"

There are 3 possible causes for the "Call to Enable" message

- 1) The ActiveKey battery is too low (The ActiveKey should be plugged into its power adapter at least every other night for charging)
- 2) The ActiveKey was out of cellular range for 24 hours or more
- 3) There could be a billing problem or a problem with status.

ARE YOU BORROWING OR USING AN ACTIVE KEY THAT IS NOT YOURS? If you are, this can be costly for each of you and the Broker! KEY HOLDER BEWARE!!!!!

If each are key holders,1<sup>st</sup> offense Reprimand for all, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$25 fine for each agent and broker and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense also \$25 fine for each.

If user is a Non-key holder,  $1^{st}$  offense \$100 fine for each agent and broker,  $2^{nd}$  offense \$500 for each agent and broker,  $3^{rd}$  offense \$1000 fine for each agent and broker.

# **ANOTHER REASON TO INVEST IN RPAC!**

The Wisconsin Legislature recently passed Gov. Scott Walker's \$406 million property tax cut plan, which will REDUCE property taxes by approx. \$131 for the average homeowner. What can you do with \$131? Fill your gas tank three times; take your family out to dinner; put the money away in a college savings account. The WRA was instrumental in helping the Legislature pass this tax cut for every Wisconsin homeowner, by supporting candidates who support reducing property taxes. Your investment in RPAC makes a real difference!

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

# Rock-Green REALTORS® Association Inc Presents: Happy Appy Hour" and RPAC Fun Night

Thursday, May 29, 2014 | 3:30 – 8:00 p.m. 3:30 Registration and 4:00 Program begins Rotary Gardens | 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI 53546

For the first hour, Rob Uhrina from WRA will be presenting to you "APPS" that every REALTOR® should know about during our "HAPPY APPY HOUR". We will have Rob showing you apps and some leading technology, the cash bar will be open and also enjoy some hors' devours and check out the silent auction items.

There will be some Social time before the **Family Feud** game begins. Please take time to mingle with your fellow REALTORS®, start bidding on the silent auction items and check out the live auction items. Please remember that all proceeds go to RPAC so any payment has to be made on a personal check made payable to RPAC. You can also use your personal C/C or cash. Sorry, **NO Corporate checks/Corporate Credit Cards will be accepted.** 

This is a very informal gathering, so if you think you will be able to attend this function at any point in the day, for food purposes please register below. For this event you can bring your family and friends and you can even invite your clients. All are welcome, Thank you

Membership Meeting Registration Form—Deadline May 22, 2014				
Print Names	Print Names			

Please check here if you require special services to attend. Attach a written description of needs.



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

# **NEW MEMBERS:**

Susan Becker joined C21 Affiliated Janesville Darian St. Michael joined The Realty Group of South Central WI

Jennifer Kiesling joined Dickerson & Nieman
Andy Phillips joined Weiss Realty
Kurt Fullmer joined First Weber Group Inc.
Brett Frazier joined Briggs Realty Group, Inc.
Bill Newcomb joined Pillar to Post Home Inspection
Dan Puckett joined HSA Home Warranty
Bill Newcomb joined Pillar to Post
Mark Magee joined Davemansur.com Real Estate LLC
Randal Dreblow joined Shorewest Realtors

# **MEMBERS** leaving the Association:

Kristin Randles left First Weber Group Inc

# Members on the move:

Jason Sheridan left Janesville Building & Realty joined Shorewest Realtors

# **NEW OFFICES:**

NONE

# Offices that left the association:

NONE

# **New Members**

—Welcome to your local Association, Please make sure to complete the Code of Ethics online portion prior to attending the New Member course. Instructions will be in your New Member Welcome packet. If you have any questions please call us.

# **New Member Orientation | Schedule for 2014**

June 5, 2014 changed to June 12 | 9 a.m. September 4, 2014 | 9 a.m. November 6, 2014 | 9 a.m.



April 11 is Mother's Day! Tell your mom how special she is.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Memorial Day with your family and friends.

# Recipe of the Month

# **Country Breakfast Casserole**

# **IGREDIENTS:**

- 1 (16 OZ) package breakfast sausage
- 1 chopped green onion
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 6 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup milk

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- 1 (2.64 oz.) package country gravy mix
- 6 slices bread, cut into 1 inch cubes
- 2 tbsp. melted butter (optional)
- Paprika to taste (optional)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1 Preheat oven to  $325^{\rm o}$  F, grease an 11/8 inch baking dish.
- 2 Brown sausage in a large skillet (drain fat).
- 3 Combine sausage with green onion and spread evenly across the bottom of the baking dish. Top with shredded cheese. Whisk together eggs, water, milk, and gravy mix; add mixture to baking dish. Arrange bread squares evenly on top. If desired, drizzle melted butter and sprinkle with paprika.
- 4 Bake 40 minutes in the preheated oven, or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Set aside 10 minutes before serving.

# **LASAGNA Alfredo Roll Ups**

# **INGREDIENTS:**

- 8 lasagna noodles
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 (10 oz.) package frozen chopped spinach
- 2 tbsps. Thinly sliced green onion
- 1 pt. part-skim ricotta cheese
- ¼ c grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 egg
- 21 oz. Alfredo-style pasta sauce
- 1 c shredded mozzarella cheese

# **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1 Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add lasagna and cook for 8-10 minutes or until al dente. Rinse in cold water and drain well.
- 2 Meanwhile, in a large sauce pan over medium heat add oil and cook spinach and green onions until tender, stirring frequently. Remove pan from heat and stir in ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, salt and egg.
- 3 Preheat oven to 375° F.
- 4 place noodles in a single layer on a sheet of waxed paper. Evenly spread some of the cheese mixture on each noodle. Roll up each noodle from the short end, jelly-roll style.
- 5 In a 8x12 inch baking dish, spoon about ¾ of the Alfredo sauce on the bottom and spread evenly. Arrange the rolled noodles, seam side down, in the dish. Top with Mozarella cheese and remaining sauce. Cover loosely with foil and take in preheated oven for 30 min or until hot and bubbly and the cheese is melted.

If you have a recipe you would like to share email: <a href="mailto:sue@rockgreenrealtors.org">sue@rockgreenrealtors.org</a>

# **April Birthdays**



1	Lori Emerson
3	Chad Sullivan
4	David Albert Knutson
7	Cindy Stout
	Gary Phillips
8	Scott Bever
9	Deborah Dongarra-Adams
14	Judy Grunzel
	Mandy Lux
14	Vickie Lockhart
	Margo Berke
	Suzette Hughes
16	Ray Hartje
17	Colleen Meyer
18	Bill Newcomb
20	Elaine Dillon-Angelakis
21	James Oberg
25	Bridget Rongner
26	Sam Tesar
	Ben Rein
	Melissa Pergolski
	Cindy Craig
27	Jerry Morse
28	Tom Bradley
29	Randal Dreblow
30	Fred Gensmer

Have we missed your Birthday? Please let us know so that we may acknowledge your special day!

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

# **APRIL 2014**

09 MLS Advisory, 9 a.m.

Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 07, Membership Meeting, Pontiac Conv. Center

May 14, MLS Advisory Committee Meeting, 9 a.m.

May 21, Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m.

May 26, Office Closed, Memorial Day

May 29, Membership Meeting/RPAC Fun Night

May Birthdays					
2	Christine Fisher	18	Neil Kerwin		
	Miles Meidinger	19	Aubra Palermo		
4	Kathryn McCulloch		Terry Morris		
5	Thomas Parsons	20	Joan Waite		
8	Donya Bundy	22	Karen Entress		
	Cindy Simonson	23	Ben Shult		
10	Fred Shahlapour	24	Douglas Davis		
	Pamela Fields	27	Shelly Cronin		
14	Robert Lange	28	L Patrick McGuire		
	Penny Cook		Jim Coen		
16	Ellie Fietz	30	Michelle Ruosch		
17	Karen Williams				

**SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 29, 2014** 

3:30 P.M. - 8 P.M. | ROTARY GARDENS

"APPY HOUR" AND RPAC FUN NIGHT

FOOD | CASH BAR | FAMILY FEUD GAME

SILENT/LIVE AUCTION