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**A word from your President**  
**By Neil Kerwin, Association President**

Thank You, to all that attended our Dinner Dance which was a great success! This month's upcoming events include; SCWBA and RGRA Chili Cook-Off on February 10 at Marling Homeworks. Only \$5 to attend, proceeds to benefit ECHO! New Member Orientation on February 19 to be held at the Association Office. Register now and don't miss the opportunity to meet your state legislators at our upcoming REALTOR & Government Day on March 11 at the Monona Terrace in Madison. Check your local venues in Beloit and Janesville for the upcoming Beloit International Film Festival (BIFF). Hopefully these events and a healthy real estate market will break the monotony of winter for us all!

Thank you



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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

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A Note from your Association Executive:

The Strategic Planning committee has met and I look forward to sharing with you soon our new Mission Statement and changes for our Association. 2015 will be the start of something new. Stay Tuned!!

One of our Core Standards is Community Involvement and our Community Family Fun Fair will help with that. With that said, in order for it to work we must display and have REALTOR® involvement. We have a REALTOR® booth and we need your help. We need Realtors to help man the booth. There can be either ½ or 1 hour shifts, two to three volunteers per shift. We have your booth all set up we just need you to man it. We have a fun game and you can also use this for networking with the public. It is a Win-Win for everyone. Please, we need your help!

It was great seeing you all at the Annual Dinner Dance. Thank you to Inlanta Mortgage who sponsored the Tiki Photo Hut. I watched so many couples and groups go in and have their pictures taken with so many different wigs and hats and other photo props. I saw so many smiles that night, it was Awesome!!!

I am here for you, the members. If there is anything I can help you with, please let me know. My door is always open.

Vicky Kreyer



## BELL RINGER ACHIEVEMENT GROUP AWARD

The Fourth Place Award Goes to:  
The Rock-Green REALTORS® Association  
In Recognition of Your Achievement in Raising \$4,695.67

GREAT JOB!!! To all that participated in the Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army in 2014. We received a plaque for the office, next time you are close by please stop in and see it. This plaque was presented on Behalf of the Salvation Army, Janesville, WI. This was a great achievement and we should all thank Julie Raese for setting this up for us each year, this is no easy task for her. Our efforts do get noticed. Please volunteer in 2015 maybe 1<sup>st</sup> place?

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Adam Briggs '12 (T-09)  
Dave Brown '13 (T'13)  
Earl Collins '14 (T-13)  
Deb DeWitt '14 (T-14)  
Ellie Fietz '14 (T-14)  
Millie Fournais '12 (T-13)  
Kaye Fulton '12 (T-14)  
Mary Gilbank '12 (T-09)  
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Eric Kim '16 (T-14)  
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Krista Shortreed '14 (T-13)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**The Community Family Fun Fair is a FREE event for children and adults of all ages. It was created and partnered with Project 16:49 to raise money and awareness of teen homelessness. We are looking for Volunteers for the Rock-Green Booth and we also need Silent/Live**

**auction items, so if you have one to donate please let me know.**

This year's event will be on Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 3-7 p.m. at the Pontiac Conv. Center. We have booth space available, if interested in a spot let us know. If you would like to send a sponsor fee we would gladly accept that also. This is a totally free event for kids and also a great event to get our REALTOR® name out in the public eye. If you have never been to this event you need to join us and bring your children/grandchildren and have some FUN!!!

## **WRA PRESS RELEASE**

Date: February 3, 2015

For Release: Immediately

For More Information Contact: Tom Larson (tlarson@wra.org) or Michael Theo (mtheo@wra.org) 608-241-2047

**REALTORS® Applaud Proposed Property Tax Cuts** Governor's budget continues commitment to lower Wisconsin's sky-high property taxes  
Statement by Michael Theo President & CEO, Wisconsin REALTORS® Association MADISON, Wis. — we applaud Gov. Scott Walker for maintaining his commitment to property tax relief despite the revenue challenges and other important spending priorities in the upcoming biennium. Reducing Wisconsin's over-reliance on the property tax improves housing affordability, business and job growth, and provides middle class families with shelter and financial well-being. We encourage legislators from both parties to support the governor's commitment to making permanent property tax relief a legislative priority in this and all future budgets. # # # The Wisconsin REALTORS® Association is one of the largest trade associations in the state, representing over 13,800 real estate brokers, sales people and affiliates statewide. Its membership includes REALTORS®, appraisers, home inspectors, affiliate members and other professionals involved with the real estate process. Members can take full advantage of a wide variety of products and services to assist with day-to-day business, including a legal staff, education and political representation as well as several print and online publications.

## MLS INFORMATION:

PARAGON TIP: WHEN YOU ADD AN ASSOCIATED DOC TO A LISTING ENTERED INTO PARAGON, YOUR DOCUMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY SET AS PRIVATE. IF YOU SELECT THE PUBLIC BOX THEN IT IS AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC IN EMAIL LINKS SENT TO CLIENTS. WHEN LISTING ARE EMAIL FROM PARAGON THE PRIVATE DOCS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE LISTING AGENT/LISTING COMPANY CAN SEE YOUR DOCUMENT. DO NOT INCLUDE THE DOCUMENT IN YOUR LISTING IN PARAGON IF YOU DO NOT WANT ALL PARAGON USERS TO BE ABLE TO VIEW THE DOCUMENT.

**\*\*CONCERNING EXTENSIONS, MLS Rule: Section 1.10**  
Expiration of Listings: Listings filed with the Multiple Listing Service will automatically be removed from the compilation of current listing on the expiration date specified in the agreement, unless prior to that date the extension is entered into the MLS.

If notice of renewal or extension is received after the listing has been removed from the compilation of current listings, the extension or renewal will be published in the same manner as a new listing. Extension and renewals of listing must be signed by the seller(s) and entered into the MLS.

Any questions please call the Association office at 608-755-4841.

**Keybox Information:** There is a clock inside all keybox's that controls when the box can be opened and also registers and reports the time of all your showings. If you have a keybox that is not opening properly between (6 a.m. - 9 p.m. during Central Standard Time and 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time) or is reporting the incorrect time for showings, you need to reset the time on the keybox. To reset the time, simply open the shackle of the keybox. When the shackle is open on the keybox, the time from your keycard is transferred to the keybox. The time on your keycard is checked and synced each time it updates via a cell tower or via a USB cable update.

### Have you tried any of these Apps?

Google App not as a search engine, Gmail, Google Calendar/Docs, share calendar with assistant, easy to collaborate with projects

Dropbox Allows you to sync and share files online and across computers

YouMail use in place of Google Voice

Nozebe Keeps you on track with projects and organization

LogMeIn Allows you to have access to your Desktop from your iPad

Evernote Is a Cloud based collection manager, you can join *The Evernote for Real Estate Group* on Facebook

Facebook Groups this app makes it easy to see all your groups at one time and to be able to reach each group easier

Thank You Pro you have the ability to create a professional card from your iPad, cost is \$2.99 or less/postage (FIRST CARD IS FREE),

Camera+ can make photos look professional  
Robo Form saves passwords across mobile devices

Waze turn by turn GPS

B Safe, iPhone/Android App gives out loud SOS alarm, while alarm is sounding video recorder is activated and all the people you assign will get a text message with GPS coordinates along with the video that was recorded

*Thank you, Sue*

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 or a reason for it to be changed, please feel free to contact a member of the MLS Committee. Your contact is Paul Schieldt at 608-741-1000. Paul is your representative on the MLS Committee for any MLS question/comments/suggestions. You may also call the Association office at 608-755-4841 and we will give your questions /comments/suggestions to Paul for you.

**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.



# Membership Meeting

Rock-Green REALTORS® Association Inc.

PRESENTS:

## “Marketing to Generation Y”

By: Jack Long of “MGIC”

More information to come, watch your emails

Location: Boundaries (formally the Marine Corp League)

3807 S Riverside Dr. Beloit, WI

Thursday, March 19, 2015

8:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Meeting and Program

**Registration Deadline: March 9, 2015**

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Membership Meeting Registration Form—March 19, 2015

Please Print Names

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_



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





Hi I'm Sue your MLS/Membership Administrator. If you have a MLS or Membership question please give me a call and I will try and help you work out whatever the issue is. If you have any suggestion(s) for the MLS committee send it to me and I will bring it before the MLS committee or if you wish to present the issue yourself that can be arranged also. Remember the MLS committee and we at the association office are here for you the Realtor®. Keep smiling and enjoy life.

### NEW MEMBERS:

Debra Doiel joined Zuelke Real Estate Team  
 Mary Johnson joined First Weber Group Inc  
 Terry Briggs joined Briggs Realty Group Inc  
 John Mansur joined Davemansur.com Real Estate LLC  
 Cindy Garza joined Zuelke Real Estate Team

### MEMBERS leaving the Association:

Michael Hanna left Shorewest Realtors  
 Brett Frazier left Briggs Realty Group Inc  
 Kodi Nagel left Shorewest Realtors  
 Gary Pergolski left Budget Appraisal  
 Bridget Rongner left First Weber Group Inc  
 Robert Roush left Best Realty of Edgerton  
 Kathy Schultz left Shorewest Realtors

### MEMBERS on the move:

Barbara Smith joined Briggs Realty Group Inc

### NEW OFFICES:

NONE

### OFFICES THAT LEFT THE ASSOCIATION:

Budget Appraisal

**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 2015

February 19, 2015 | 9 a.m.  
 April 16, 2015 | 9 a.m.  
 August 16, 2015 | 9 a.m.  
 November 12, 2015 | 9 a.m.

### SAVE THESE DATES:

**March 11, 2015, Realtor & Government Day**

**March 19, 2015, Membership Meeting---**  
**"Marketing to Generation Y" 9:00 a.m.**

**April 9, 2015, Community Family Fun Fair**

**May 12, 2015, Special Membership Meeting**  
**Bradford & Co. Tax Strategies Live 1:30 p.m.**

## Recipe of the Month

### LEMON-GARLIC CHICKEN

#### Ingredients:

2 whole chicken breasts, skinned, boned & cut into 1" pieces  
 1T finely-shredded fresh ginger  
 2 lg cloves garlic, minced  
 ½ tsp salt  
 1 lg onion, cut into thin wedges  
 1 T peanut or vegetable oil  
 2 c fresh or thawed frozen pea pods  
 ¾ c picante sauce  
 2 tsp sugar  
 ½ tsp finely-shredded lemon peel  
 2 c hot cooked white rice  
 2 T toasted slivered almonds

#### Directions:

Sprinkle chicken with ginger, garlic and salt; set aside. Cook onion in oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Add chicken mixture; stir/fry until chicken is no longer pink. Add pea pods; cook and stir 1 minute. Combine picante sauce, cornstarch, sugar and lemon peel; mix well. Add to skillet; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Spoon over rice and sprinkle with almonds. Serve with additional picante sauce.

Yield: 4 servings, Barb Tapovatz Tried' n True

#### Shelf Life of the following:

Baking Powder-18 months  
 Baking Soda-2 years  
 Corn Starch-18 months  
 Sugar White/Brown-Indefinitely  
 Vanilla Extract Imitation-3 years  
 Vanilla Extract Real-Indefinitely

If you have a recipe you would like to share email: [sue@rockgreenrealtors.org](mailto:sue@rockgreenrealtors.org)

### 2015 Easter Basket Challenge

Donate a filled Easter basket to ECHO or indiv. wrapped candy or any basket stuffers or \$ and we will shop for you. Bring to the Association office by March 25. See flyer for details coming soon in your email. Get creative have fun!!!

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2	Rosalind Voegeli
	Jeff Zuelke
4	Preston Coutts
	Stephanie Luedtke
6	Millie L Fournais
8	Elizabeth Patterson
	Pat Knoble
9	Kathleen Rock
10	Patrick Venable
14	Valerie Richter
18	Suzanne Viken
19	Christine Sweeney
22	Julie Budrow
23	Gary Getchel
24	Pat Bellinghiere
25	Lynne Forrestal
28	Geoffery Bue
29	James P Seichter

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

**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<sup>st</sup> offense  
\$100 fine for each agent and broker, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
offense \$500 for each agent and broker,  
3<sup>rd</sup> offense \$1000 fine for each agent  
and broker.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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### FEBRUARY 2015

- 11 MLS Advisory, 9 a.m.
- 12 New Member Orientation
- 18 Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11, Realtor & Government Day

March 11, MLS Advisory Committee Meeting, **Cancelled**

March 18, Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m.

April 9, Community Family Fun Fair

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

5	Eric Kim	19	Kathy Parish
6	Tom Humpal	21	Adam Briggs
	Jesse Bunn	25	Shannon Bever
7	Mark Newbury	28	Jeff Myers
9	Daniel Pergolski	29	Joseph Hansen
	Shirley Carlson		Chris Collins
18	Earl Collins		
	Jennifer Bock		

**REALTORS® Health/Dental & Supplemental Insurance**  
February 15, 2015 is the last day to enroll in a Qualified  
Health Plan with REALTORS Insurance Marketplace for  
NAR members. After that you will need a qualifying event  
to trigger a Special Enrollment Period. For questions or  
more information call 1-877-267-3752 or go to  
[www.REALTORSInsuranceMarketplace.com](http://www.REALTORSInsuranceMarketplace.com)

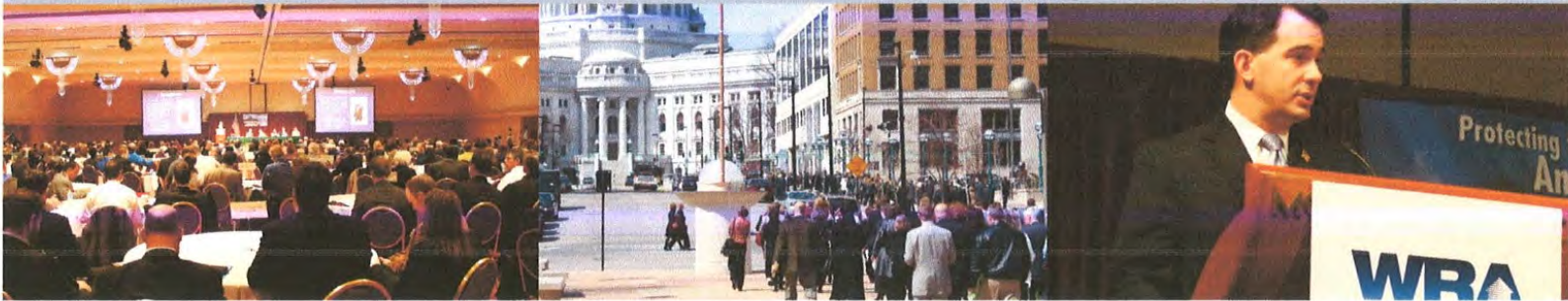
### **Community Family Fun Fair**

**We need your help! Volunteer today to help with the  
REALTOR® booth or many other duties available. We  
offer a fun filled day where you can network,  
socialize and help out a great cause. Or maybe you  
just want to come to the event and bring your family  
and friends. Bring the kids for a fun-filled afternoon  
that they will never forget. Games, prizes and food,  
what could be better! April 9, 2015. 3:00 p.m. to 7:00  
p.m.**

# REALTOR® & GOVERNMENT DAY

March 11, 2015 | Monona Terrace | Madison, WI

*"Success hinges on what we advocate together."*



## Program

REALTOR® & Government Day is your opportunity to help shape the laws that impact you and your real estate business in Wisconsin. Through lobbying efforts at the state Capitol, you'll meet with state lawmakers and have a unique opportunity to advocate for issues that impact the real estate industry in Wisconsin.

Industry success requires advocacy from every REALTOR® in the state. Wisconsin lawmakers saw an impressive demonstration of REALTOR® strength in 2014 with the WRA bringing more than 300 REALTORS® to Madison. With your support, REALTOR® & Government Day 2015 will be a day to remember.

## Registration

### Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Company name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
WRA member # \_\_\_\_\_

## Agenda

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Welcome
1:15 – 1:45 p.m.	Gov. Scott Walker (invited)
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Issues Briefing
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Move to Capitol
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Capitol Hill Visits
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Cocktail Reception

## Fees

### Payment Information

#### Member

First 300 registrants	FREE
At the door	\$25

Nonmember \$25

- ☐ Enclosed is a check payable to the WRA  
☐ Charge my VISA/MasterCard (circle one)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Register by mail: WISCONSIN REALTORS® ASSOCIATION | 4801 Forest Run Road, Suite 201 | Madison, WI 53704

Register by phone: 800-279-1972 | 608-241-2047

Register by fax: 608-241-2901 | Online registration: [www.wra.org](http://www.wra.org)



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## **Sanitary Permits- Proposed Changes**

Proposed changes in the Rock County Public Health Ordinance will impact how sanitary permits for Private Onsite Sanitary Sewage Systems (POWTS) are issued for properties in public sewer service areas as defined in 208 Water Quality Plans. Municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more are required to have 208 Water Quality Plans that guide expansion of public sewer systems in a manner that protects the public health and environment of a community. A sewer service area includes properties outside a municipality where public sewer may extend in the next 20 years. In October of 2014, the 2030 Beloit Area Water Quality Plan was approved by the Rock County Board of Supervisors and the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Currently, issuance of a POWTS sanitary permit to construct or replace a septic system within 208 sewer service areas is determined by the availability of municipal sanitary sewer. The 2030 Beloit Area Water Quality Plan refines how sanitary permits will be issued. Residential properties will connect to municipal sanitary sewer if the sewer line is within 400 feet. Multi-family, commercial and industrial property will connect to municipal sanitary sewer when the sewer line is within 1,000 feet of the property. In both instances the municipality needs to complete the connection within 6 months.

Properties impacted by the proposed changes include the 208 Water Quality Plan sewer service areas of Janesville, Beloit and the Town of Beloit. The Cities of Beloit and Janesville and the Towns of Beloit, Harmony, Janesville, La Prairie, Rock and Turtle have received information regarding the proposed changes.

We feel that sharing this information with local realtors is important. Any questions can be directed to Colin Byrnes of the Rock County Planning and Economic Development Agency (608-757-5588) or Tim Banwell at the Rock County Health Department (608-757-5441).

Submitted by:

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