

Merrymeeting Board Newsletter

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April 4, 2008



A Message from President Kyle Rogers:

Spring has Sprung Everyone,

Spring is upon us already, I know it has been a very long winter for all of us and I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits. So much has happened since my last newsletter. The Board of Directors has welcomed Lisa Holley to fill an empty Director position. If you would like to receive approved Merrymeeting Board of Director meeting minutes or approved financial reports, click the link on the Board website or e-mail Tanya Sirois at tanya@mainerealtors.com.

The Board of Directors is working very diligently to implement the new changes proposed at the beginning of the year. I will briefly touch on some of the milestones we met in the first quarter of this year:

- a. An Education Committee was formed, headed by Mikie Perry to implement an ongoing program of education for our membership. The first "Day of Education" was held on March 27th at the Daniel Stone Inn in Brunswick. The event was a huge success and was attended by over 70 REALTORS® from many areas of the state. Because of the event's success, the Board of Directors approved funding an "AWARE" self-defense course taught by Doug Young and Alex Armstrong of Northern Chi Martial Arts Center in Brunswick at our April membership meeting. This class will be offered at no cost to all of our members following the meeting. It is a very timely course and we all thought it was very important to bring it to you early in the year.
- b. The Golf Tournament is coming together under the direction of Linda Dupuis. We are still looking for some hole sponsors and teams. If you are planning on playing this year, please contact Linda and reserve a spot soon!

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A Message from President Kyle Rogers (continued):

- c. Thanks again to Heather Gottlieb and the Community Service Committee for all of the hard work they are doing. Also to Heather's children for donating their Easter Baskets to use as collection baskets during the day of education. All of the items collected were donated to Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Program.
- d. The Lobster Bake is fast approaching. This year Wende Chapman and her committee are working on the arrangements. According to Wende, this is going to be one event you will not want to miss! She has told me that she conned John Ater or maybe she meant Suzi Ater into performing and also there will be music and a good time for everyone to enjoy! I know I can't wait to see Suzi's act!
- e. Lastly, Joy Baldwin and the Christmas Party Committee are finalizing arrangements for this year's Christmas Party. Hold your calendars open for December 11th at the Holiday Inn in Bath. They have selected a wonderful sit-down meal, silent auction with music provided by "*Ship of Fools*". Tickets will go on sale this fall and is limited to 125 guests. Get your tickets early!

In March, I attended the New England REALTORS® Conference in Boston. It was a very enlightening two days of meetings. I wrote about my trip so you can read about it on the Maine Association of REALTORS® blog <http://merealtor.blogspot.com/2008/03/report-from-nerc-2008.html>. Attending these conferences is very important for your Board Leadership. The information and opportunities provided are priceless.

If you would like to contact me with ideas or comments, please e-mail kyle@courtstreetrealty.com or call me at 841-5953. I look forward to seeing you at the April 24th Membership Meeting at the Taste of Maine Restaurant in Woolwich.

Upcoming Membership Meeting: The next Merrymeeting Board Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24. Agenda includes presentations from Dill Paiste of Family Focus, Jeremy Payne of MAR, plaque presentation from Habitat of Humanity and a self-defense safety training program "AWARE!" by Northern Chi Martial Arts Center. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.; Buffet Lunch & Membership Meeting begins at 12:00 noon; Free "AWARE!" Safety Training begins at 1:00 p.m. A registration form is enclosed.

REALTOR® & Affiliate of the Year: It's that time of year again to nominate who you believe should be the 2008 REALTOR® & Affiliate of the Year. Please use the enclosed form and send to Tom Cole, Cole Coastal Realty, 966 Harpswell Islands Road, Harpswell, ME 04079 or e-mail Tom at tomcole@colecoastalrealty.com. Nominations **MUST** be received by May 23rd.

Upcoming Golf Tournament: The 5th Annual Golf Tournament & BBQ benefiting Habitat for Humanity will be held on Thursday, June 26th at the Bath Country Club. Registrations must be received by June 2nd. Registration and sponsorship information are enclosed and are available at <http://merrymeetingboardofrealtors.com>.

Nominating Committee/2009 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 send the enclosed form to Helen Fox, Fox Real Estate Agency, 43 Main Street, Bowdoinham, ME 04008. If you'd like to suggest a name, please e-mail Helen Fox at helen@foxrealestateagency.com.

Membership Information: There are currently 212 REALTORS® and 46 Affiliate Members. Last year at this time, we had 231 REALTORS® and 50 Affiliate Members. If you would like an updated 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.

April 24	Lunch	Taste of Maine Restaurant	Speakers & "AWARE!" Safety Training
May 22	Breakfast	Winter Street Center	Speaker: Linda Gifford
June 26	Golf	Bath Country Club	Annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament
June 26	Dinner	Bath Country Club	ROTY & AOTY Awards
August 21	Dinner	Cook's Lobster House	Annual Lobster Bake
September 25	Lunch	TBA	Day of Education
October 23	Dinner	Taste of Maine Restaurant	Annual Membership Meeting
December 11	Dinner	Holiday Inn - Bath	Holiday Party & Fundraising Auction

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☞ **Plan to Attend the Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 24th** ☞