

# Merrymeeting Board Newsletter

September 5, 2008

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*Congratulations to our 2008 REALTOR® of the Year!*



**Cathy Lamb**  
*Morton Real Estate, Brunswick*

*Congratulations to our 2008 Affiliate of the Year!*



**John Pearson**  
*First Financial Mortgage Corporation, Portland*

## **A Message from President Kyle Rogers:**

I would like to personally congratulate our REALTOR® of the Year Cathy Lamb & Affiliate of the Year John Pearson. Both of these individuals truly exemplify what our organization is about. Good luck to Cathy as she represents our Board at the MAR Convention in October.

I would like to thank everyone that came out for our annual Golf Tournament this past June. Through your efforts we raised over \$11,500 to benefit Habitat for Humanity. This brings our total contributions to Habitat for Humanity to over \$90,000 since 2004. The Board of Directors decided to close the existing Habitat Build Fund and establish a "Golf Tournament Charitable Fund". This fund will allow the Board to designate whom the

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**A Message from President Kyle Rogers (continued):**

proceeds of the Golf Tournament will benefit each year to broaden our sphere of charitable giving. Each year in October, the Community Service Committee will send applications to various charitable organizations dealing specifically with housing issues. Selected applicants will be supported by the Board for the entire year.

Over the past 3 months our Committees have been working hard. The following is an update from the Committee Chairs:

The **Community Service Committee** has put together a **“Batten Down the Hatches”** campaign designed to assist needy families with winterizing their homes this fall. Their plan includes a bottle drive and other events to raise money to purchase supplies for this project. I would like to thank Georgia Breyer, Jenny Chop and Carol Minnehan-Lee for volunteering to work with this committee. If you would like to help out please contact Joy Baldwin at 721-9999 for more information.

The **Education Committee** is putting the finishing touches on the next **“Day of Education”**. Mikie Perry has reported that it will be held on Thursday, September 25 at the United 8 Masonic Lodge in Brunswick from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This opportunity will give you the ability to earn up to 6 hours c.e. credit and meet two requirements in one day. Plan to attend. Space is limited!

The **Christmas Party** scheduled for Thursday, December 11 is really taking shape. Trust me you will NOT want to miss it this year. Jon Leaver reported that they were able to secure “Sly Chi” for the music and dancing. The dinner will include entrées of Prime Rib, Chicken, Fish and a Vegetarian Option. Donations for the Silent Auction are pouring in as well. As in years past, the Committee will be asking for gift donations from each office to place in the auction. You will want to make your reservations early because space is limited.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Lobster Bake on August 21. If you didn’t have the chance to come, you missed a great time. Kudos to John Ater for putting on a great show. It would not have happened without the expert planning of Wende Chapman and her Committee.

I am proud of the direction of the Board and routinely get thanks from the membership for our accomplishments. I believe the future of the Merrymeeting Board of REALTORS® rests squarely on the shoulders of the next generation of membership, specifically, those who are 30 years of age and under. As I stated last October, it is been my goal to move our Board forward by being innovative and progressive. I will continue on the course that has been set, acknowledging that there will be bumps in the road along the way. I always welcome your input and hope to see all of you at our upcoming meetings and events.

One last note. Election season is upon us. November 6 is Election Day and I can’t tell enough you how important it is for all to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice. Remember, there is no vote more important than YOURS!

If you would like to contact me with ideas or comments, please e-mail [kyle@allenselig.com](mailto:kyle@allenselig.com) or call me at 841-5953. I look forward to seeing you at the September 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Education at the United 8 Masonic Lodge in Brunswick.

**Day of Education:** The Merrymeeting Board will be holding a “Day of Education” on Thursday, September 25 at the United 8 Masonic Lodge in Brunswick. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; Continental Breakfast & Networking begins at 8:00 a.m.; “Ethics – What Is Your Code?” is from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon instructed by REALTOR® Elaine Richer; Deli Lunch begins at 12:00 noon; “What Am I – And Why Is It Important? Core Course” is from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. instructed by MAR Legal Counsel Linda Gifford. A registration form is enclosed.

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

September 25	Breakfast/Lunch	United 8 Masonic Lodge	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 Day of Education on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>!** ☞