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A Message from President Cornelia Stockman

It is a pleasure to write you about the upcoming events for our organization. As you know, we depend on each of you to be successful with our fundraising events like the Scholarship Auction and the Fuel Fund Raffle. There are many people who are right now working on the Scholarship Auction being held May 5 at the Holiday Inn Express in Saco. We have chosen a nice menu that will suit many people, and you'll probably find something you can't resist at the buffet. Plan to attend and we'll have some great fun.

As we look around our various communities, we're seeing some good signs of renewal in the earth and in the market. I'm finding that the new listings that have come on the market since April began are in some cases relists, houses that didn't sell last fall or spring that have been spiced up a bit with some kind of buyer incentive. I think this will help jump start us and give the market enough momentum to bring back buyers in all price ranges. Each day we see more encouraging signs of change, not just the bursting of the plants through the cold ground, but also the return of some of our snowbirds. We depend on them to stir the economy even if they are on fixed and in some cases seriously lessened fixed income. Think of all the adult children and grandchildren who may hear about "the great buy down the street" in the right neighborhood for a good life. Sprucing up the curb appeal and adding a good incentive to buy seems to help. We know that the first-time homebuyers are certainly reaping the benefits of the Obama Administration's housing tax credit. There are some great buys out there and buyers are beginning to recognize that. We're working hard so that all parts of Maine will have a great season. Thank you for all your efforts and may you prosper.

The last event of the spring will be the REALTOR® of the Year, Affiliate of the Year & Scholarship Awards Banquet on June 9 at Jonathan's in Ogunquit. Let's have a great turnout to give lots of kudos to the students, REALTOR® of the Year and Affiliate of the Year. It may be you or someone you know and love.

If you would like to contact me, with ideas or comments, please do so at cstockman@masiello.com or call me at 468-4586. Enjoy this lovely season.

York County Scholarship Deadline Approaching

April 17th is the deadline for receipt of scholarship applications. Annually, the York County Council of REALTORS® provides 4-6 \$1,500 scholarships to York County graduating seniors. Scholarship information is posted at <http://realtorscholarship.com>. The Council has received 6 applications to date with more expected over the next couple of weeks. Scholarships are awarded to York County Seniors pursuing a business-related field. Please mark your calendar now for the June 9th meeting being held at Jonathan's Restaurant in Ogunquit to congratulate each high school senior receiving a \$1,500 scholarship.

Upcoming Scholarship Auction

The York County Council Scholarship Auction is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5 at the Holiday Inn Express in Saco. A registration form is enclosed. The Council has subsidized this event, so please join us and have some fun! Remember ... this event benefits York County Seniors going to college.

Please contact one of the following members and let them know what you are planning to contribute/donate to this worthy fundraiser. Donated items can be anything such as golf packages, stuffed animals, art, weekend getaways, gift baskets, etc and can be dropped off at the following locations:

Serving as your Scholarship Committee:

Steve Adams, Co-Chair (Adams Title Services, Kennebunk) 985-4445 or sca@adamstitlevc.com

Rhonda Junkins, Co-Chair (Red Door Realty, Cornish) 793-8228 or rhonda@mainereddoor.com

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Elaine Friedman (Biddeford Savings Bank, Biddeford) 284-5906 or efriedman@biddefordsavings.com

REALTOR® & Affiliate of the Year

It's that time of year again to nominate who you believe should be the 2009 REALTOR® & Affiliate of the Year. Nominees should be active in their communities and active participants in the Council. State/National activities and educational accomplishments may also be considered. Wesley Cook is serving as Chairman of this year's REALTOR® of the Year Committee. Please e-mail your nominations, along with rationale to wescook@maine.rr.com. Nominations **MUST** be received by May 8th.

Meeting Schedule

May 5	Dinner	Holiday Inn Express, Saco	Scholarship Auction
June 9	Dinner	Jonathan's Restaurant, Ogunquit	ROTY, AOTY & Scholarship Awards
September 8	Breakfast	Knights of Columbus, Sanford	Course TBA
November 10	Breakfast	Holiday Inn Express, Saco	"Legal Update—2009"
December 11	Dinner	Clay Hill Farm, Ogunquit	Holiday Party

Visit Our Websites: <http://yorkcountycouncil.com> and <http://realtorscholarship.com>

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~ Plan to Attend the York County Scholarship Auction on Tuesday, May 5th ~