

York County Council Newsletter

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A Message from President Cornelia Stockman:

The dark of December 2008 is finally letting up, and we quietly rejoice in the ever increasing light of these days, when the sunrise is earlier and the noon sunlight is brighter. This will happen, too, in the real estate market. So we begin this New Year with the “RE” word, REALTORS® and resolutions. Other “RE” words heard in this season are part of such phrases as rebuilding wealth, restoring one’s nest egg, renewing one’s focus and reestablishing one’s contacts. We are no doubt in one of those cycles where rebuilding, restoring, renewing and reestablishing are tantamount to our success.

However, in many ways, 2008 was a very good year for the York County Council of REALTORS® under the leadership of Past President Pete Clark and with the involvement of many members. Through the collaboration of REALTORS®, affiliates and friends we’ve achieved many goals. In particular, I am pleased to announce that the profit from the fall Heating Fund Calendar Raffle amounted to a little over \$3,850. Additional funds in the amount of \$1,250 were raised through private contributions and through the 50/50 raffles held at membership meetings. That in turn was matched by the Maine Association of REALTORS® Foundation grant of \$4,800. Thank you to all who collaborated in that effort and for the Scholarship awards given in June ’08 to 4 graduates. The Public Relations Committee is commended for publicizing our successes in the community newspapers.

Through our social networking at meetings and in our daily lives, our profession thrives. We need each member involved to become a stronger organization, and I am grateful for all who work so hard for the York County Council with special thanks to Tanya Sirois and Cindy Butts of MAR. Congratulations for your past successful collaborations. To become an integral part of the York County Committees, please contact me. I may be reached by phone at 207-468-4586 or e-mail at cornelia.stockman@nemoves.com.

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A Message from President Cornelia Stockman (continued):

As your 2009 president, I am happy to announce that every REALTOR® attending our February, March, April, May, June & September meetings will have the chance to win a free registration to the following month's meeting. Check out the list of courses and speakers that we have in store for this year, and get your colleagues to come along with you. The energy found in the group can really brighten our outlooks and create new collaborations and successes. Let's re-energize ourselves today and work to rebuild, restore, renew and reestablish our wealth and well being.

If you would like to contact me, with ideas or comments, please do so at cornelia.stockman@nemoves.com or call me at 468-4586. I hope many of you will attend the upcoming February Membership Meeting taking place on Tuesday, February 10.

Upcoming Membership Meeting: The next meeting of the York County Membership is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at The Coastal House in Wells. Registration: 8:00 a.m.; Buffet Breakfast & Membership Meeting: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.; “You Bet Your Career for REALTORS®” (Approved 3 hours Maine c.e. credit): 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. A registration form is enclosed.

York County Scholarship: 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>.

New Members: In order to become a York County Council member, an individual must complete the membership application and pay an application fee. Because we have provisional membership, new REALTOR® applicants become members as soon as they pay their dues. New members are required to take an orientation and ethics class within 180 days of application in order to keep their membership privileges active.

Membership Rosters: Members may request a current 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.

February 10	Breakfast	The Coastal House, Wells	“You Bet Your Career for REALTORS®”
March 10	Breakfast	Spring Hill, South Berwick	Speaker TBA
April 14	Breakfast	Stage Neck Inn, York Harbor	MLS, MAR & Foundation Update
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	Location TBD	Holiday Party

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

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☞ **Plan to Attend the York County Membership Meeting on Tuesday, February 10** ☞