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## **LIBOR Annual General Membership Meeting**

## Scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015 **Location: Melville Marriott, Melville**

The Long Island Board of REALTORS®, Inc. (LIBOR) will hold their Annual General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the Melville Marriott in Melville. The Melville Marriott will serve as the main meeting location and will host the Association update combined with LIBOR's 3rd ACE program Affiliates Co-sponsors in Education Event. Come out and vote for your LIBOR 2016 Leadership and stay for National Trainer Steve Harney's latest program - "Using Data to Help Buyers and Sellers Make Better Housing Decisions," this program is approved for 3 NYS CE Credits. Part 1 of Steve Harney's program will take place from 9:30 - 11:00am; the General Membership Meeting will take place from 11:00 -11:45am, followed by Part 2 of Steve's program from 11:45 - 1:15pm. The free CE program is limited to the first 300 members; however, anyone can attend and vote. The cost for non members is \$40. To reserve your seat at the program, LIBOR members may go to LIRealtor.com to register.

Steve Harney is a residential real estate expert who specializes in market trends. He has been in the industry for over 25 years, first as an agent and then developing his own 500 agent real estate firm. Steve now helps producers achieve their true potential. He authors a monthly informational presentation for top professionals titled, "Keeping Current Matters" (also known as KCM), and is seen as a leading industry thought leader.

Voting for the election of Officers and Directors will also take place at the Melville Marriott. REALTOR® members in good standing are eligible to vote. Voting polls open at 9:00 a.m. (registration starts at 8:30am) and close promptly at 2:00 p.m. REALTOR® members can also vote at the REALTOR® Service Centers in Jackson Heights, Riverhead, West Babylon and Woodbury.

The LIBOR Nominating Committee, chaired by LIBOR's immediate Past President Bettie Meinel, met Wednesday, September 9, 2015, in West Babylon. At the meeting conclusion the following report was given with regard to the proposed slate for 2016 LIBOR leadership: Presidentelect, David Legaz; Queens President, Nancy Mosca; Nassau Vice President, Charlotte

VanderWaag; Suffolk Vice President, Peter Demidovich; Treasurer, Susan Helsinger, and Secretary, Dianne Scalza. For a list of all of the nominees and petitioners please visit LIRealtor.com.

Mary Alice Ruppert is the incoming LIBOR President, who will serve the Board in 2016. Mary Alice Ruppert, a member of LIBOR since 1990, is the Branch Manager of Coach Real Estate Assoc Inc in East Islin She currently holds the CRB, SFR, GRI and ABR real estate designations.

Her involvement with LIBOR began at the Huntington Township Chapter in 2002 where she served as a Director until 2004. In 1997 and 1998, Mary Alice served as Chapter Secretary and then as Vice President in 1999. She was subsequently elected as Chapter President serving from 2000 till 2001; while holding a seat on LIBOR's Board of Directors. During her Chapter leadership roles, Mary Alice was also a member of LIBOR's Public Relations Committee.

She became further involved at LIBOR's board level when she became a Director in 2005. She was elected as LIBOR's Suffolk County Vice President and served as such until 2009. In 2011, Mary Alice was elected as LIBOR's Secretary. In 2013 and 2014 she



Mary Alice Ruppert Incoming President

served as LIBOR Treasurer. She currently serves as President Elect and will be swom in as President on November 24th.

During this time Mary Alice has been a member of numerous LIBOR committees, including By-Laws Vice Chairperson and Grievance Vice Chairperson and Housing Chairperson, Opportunities and Legislative.

She is actively involved at the state and national levels as well, serving on numerous committees

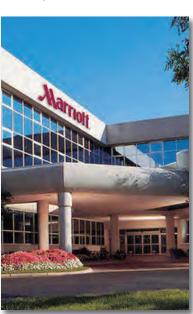
and on the NYSAR Board of Directors from 2003 to present. She has served on the NAR Board of Directors for 6 years.

With a heart and mission toward affordable housing opportunities, Mary Alice has extended herself to both promote home-buyer programs to the consumer and educate Realtors® regarding funding and housing opportunities throughout Long Island. Speaking at LIBOR Local Chapter meetings. Mary Alice remains successful in her mission educating LIBOR members through Nassau, Suffolk and Queens.

To that end, her community involvement with the Long Island Housing Crisis Task Force, comprised of most of Long Islands' Housing Counseling Agencies, creates an open dialogue with LIBOR to further assist in helping with distressed homeowners and first-time home buyer housing opportunities.

Currently she resides in Lindenhurst with her husband, Jim. They are the proud parents of four grown children, and enjoy golfing and boating on the Great South Bay.

All LIBOR members are encouraged to attend the General Membership Meeting to be apprised of the current happenings at the Board, to vote for your incoming leadership and to attend the FREE CE program with national trainer. Steve Harney.



Vote for your incoming leadership and attend the **FREE 3 NYS CE** program with national trainer, Steve Harney. "Using Data to **Help Buyers and Sellers Make Better Housing** Decisions".



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF LIBOR NOMINEES
TO ALL REALTOR® MEMBERS: In accordance with the Bylaws of the Long Island Board of REALTORS®, the report of the Nominating Committee is presented herewith. The 2016 slate of Officers and 2016/17 Directors, including petitioners, of the LONG ISLAND Long Island Board of REALTORS® is as follows:

### **OFFICERS**



David Legaz President-Elect



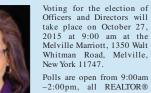
Charlotte VanderWaag Nassau Vice President







Nancy Mosca Queens Vice President



Polls are open from 9:00am -2:00pm, all REALTOR® members who are present and in good standing may vote.

#### ADDITIONAL VOTING LOCATIONS:

REALTOR® members can also vote at the REALTOR® Service Centers in Jackson Heights, Riverhead, West Babylon and Woodbury.

#### PROPOSED AGENDA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2015

POLLS ARE OPEN 9:00AM - 2:00PM

8:30am • Registration

9:00 am • Polls Open 9:30 – 11:00 am • Steve Harney, "Using Data to Help Consumers Make Better Housing Decisions" Part 1

11:00 - 11:45 am • General Membership Meeting Appointment of Election Officials (MOTION)

LIBOR Update - Laura Copersino

Treasurer's Report - David Legaz

IV. CEO Update - Joseph E. Mottola

Counsel's Report

VI. Meeting Recessed 11:45 – 1:15 pm • Steve Harney, "Using Data to Help Consumers Make Better Housing Decisions" Part 2 2:00 pm

VII. Announcement that Polls are Closed

VIII. Meeting Reconvened - Report of the Election Committee

Adjourn



Peter Demidovich Suffolk Vice President



Dianne Scalza Secretary



Susan Helsinger

#### **DIRECTORS**

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The following County Directors will be in their second year of their two year term for 2016:

QUEENS

Kenneth Dunn, Angela Lopresto, Osbardo Mejil, Barbara McDonough Barbara Bucovetsky, Carol Gallo Turschmann, Salvatore Polito, Joseph Sinnona Peter Demidovich, Paul Llobell, Pat Masone, Donna Wolfe NASSAU

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General Membership Meeting

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To view all proposed Bylaw Revisions to be voted on at the LIBOR General Membership Meeting on 10/27/15, visit LIRealtor.com — under the "Official Notice" tab.

## LONG ISLAND HOUSING DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

The closed median home price in September 2015 for Long Island, which includes Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens's housing data, was \$392,500 representing a 1.9% increase over last year. Contracted home prices were also up slightly over last year, according to the Multiple Listing Service of Long Island, Inc. The year over year number of closed and contracted sales activity reported in September 2015 are higher than in September 2014. The local real estate market remains healthy and stable as we head into the fourth quarter of 2015.

Nassau County reported a \$440,000 closed median home price in September, representing a 2.8% increase over \$428,000 reported by MLSLI last year. Suffolk County reported a closed median price of \$335,000 which represents a 1.5% increase over a year ago. Queens reported a closed median home price of

Long Island Housing Data for September 2015 Long Island Median Home Price Contracted (Pending)Median Home Price Monthly Closed Sales Activity Monthly Contracted Sales Activity Available Residential Inventory 3,205 3,155 22,517

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The total number of Long Island available residential inventory was 22.517 a 3.6% decline over last

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Save the date! Plan to attend LIBOR's special Realtors® Against Hunger (RAH) night at St. John's Carnesecca Arena for the St. John's Red Storm Men's Basketball Saint Thomas Aquinas Men's Basketball game which will take place on Wednesday, November 4th at 07:00pm in Queens, NY.

The Realtors® Against Hunger Food Drive will take center court at this event, and we are asking for your support and participation by attending this game. Special LIBOR discount tickets, \$5 each, are available for this game only. Visit LIRealtor.com for more information, including how to purchase discounted tickets, or you erik.lowery@img.com.

To learn more about the REALTORS® Against Hunger program see the ad on the back cover. On behalf of the LIBOR Public Relations Committee we hope to see you at the game and thank you for your continued support on all of LIBOR's PR initiatives.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Laura Copersino, LIBOR President



## In The Spirit of Cooperation...

Regardless if we are in a competitive, low-inventory market or not, we often run into issues such as the "office exclusive" and how it is utilized to actually discourage a sale than encourage one!

As long as a broker has an Exclusive Right To Sell listing contract, that broker has the "office exclusive" but that does not mean it is to be sold exclusively by that office!

One of the benefits of being a LIBOR Member is having the Multiple Listing Service at our fingertips. The purpose of this "listing service" is in the "spirit of cooperation." Meaning that any listing posted on the MLS offers an open door to any cooperating broker to show and sell.

But, what if a listing is not posted on the MLS? What if that listing is what is customarily referred to as an "office exclusive"? Does that mean that the agent does not have to cooperate with any other brokers?

I hope you answered that correctly! Yes, of course the listing agent must cooperate! The law indicates that if a property is on the market for sale, it is on the market for

sale for and by everyone! Especially if a buyer is represented by an agent.

If the agreement between the broker and the seller is not to utilize the MLS, that is fine because we must obey our client's lawful instructions. However, we cannot deny a buyer their right to representation and inform other agents that "this is an office exclusive and you can view it when it is on MLS.

Do understand, however, that cooperation does not equal compensation. If you have an agreement with your seller not to pay a cooperating broker, then you are cooperating but not compensating. However, your seller must be aware that you are NOT offering part of the commission to other brokers and your broker is collecting it all.

Remember REALTORS®, we are hired by a homeowner to represent their best interests and have fiduciary duties in doing so. That means to sell their property at the best price and/or at the best acceptable terms, regardless of who sells it.

So, in the spirit of cooperation, let's do business as best as business can be done.

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## We're More Than REALTORS®..



By Christina DeFalco-Romano PR & Communication Programs Manager

LIBOR Sponsors 5th Annual Hampton Bays Over the Bridge Run/Walk



The Long Island Board of REAL-TORS® Inc. (LIBOR) was proud to be a sponsor of the 5th Annual Hampton Bays Lions Club "Over the Bridge" 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk on September 12, 2015. The 500 participants of the race were treated to a scenic run or walk along the Atlantic Ocean, Shinnecock Inlet, Shinnecock Bay, on to the breathtaking views over the Ponguogue Bridge. LIBOR is honored to be a part of this worthy event since 2013. With the proceeds from the race, the Lions Club was able to sponsor six Seeing Eye dogs for those in need in our community.

Three of the dogs were designated for returning wounded Veterans and three for blind persons living in the Hampton Bays area. These goals were accomplished through the Smithtown Guide Dog Foundation.

LIBOR also sponsored two more exciting East End initiatives this fall, the 40th Anniversary Riverhead Country Fair on Sunday, October 11th and the 5th Annual San Gennaro Feast of the Hamptons on Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th.

These sponsorships were made through the Long Island Board of REALTORS® "We're More Than REALTORS®..." initiative, which supports numerous programs and charitable community organizations. The "We're More Than Realtors® campaign was created by the LIBOR Public Relations Committee. The campaign raises the public's awareness about Realtors® and their philanthropic efforts within their communities.

Pictured at the event are (I-r) LIBOR Past President Moses Seuram, with wife Wendy and children (front row) Ethan and Savannah, LIBOR Suffolk County Vice President Ann Marie Pallister, LIBOR Past President Liz English, HBLC Run Chairman and fellow Realtor® Frank Butz, LIBOR Treasurer David Legaz and HBLC President Tony Villareale.

## **LIBOR NEWS**



## From Where I Sit

By Joseph E. Mottola, Chief Executive Officer

This is an abridged version of an article that originally ran in the August issue of The Advanced REALTOR®.



## A Tribute to a Local Real Estate Visionary — Carll S. Burr

"More specific to

our industry.

however, was his

commitment with

respect to

'Innovation' and

implementing

concepts to our

market place.'

Six months ago, Carll S. Burr a man with a legendary name in the Long Island real estate industry and a Northport resident passed away at the age of 66 where he maintained residency most of his life along with other homes in Maine and Florida.

Contemporary Realtors® may not even be aware of the impact he had on brokerage business operations, services and the technological advances he spawned.

If "Location, Location, Location" are the three most important factors in real estate, it's safe to say "Vision, Vision, that Vision" would have been the three most important factors one could attribute

to Carll Burr! Long thought of as "Jr." to differentiate him from his father, he was known to his friends and family as "Huck" but was actually the fifth Burr bearing that name.

A former USAF Fighter pilot, he was long identified with exploring, committing and executing, be it flying, business, boating or motorcycles. Before entering the military, he attended William and Mary College in Virginia and graduated from Parson's College in Iowa.

Upon leaving the Air Force, he joined the family company, Carll Burr Real Estate, Gallery of Homes and began a new residential construction division. Early on, Carll Jr and Carll Sr. teamed up to form a Mortgage Brokerage Company which was then unusual in our market. Merrill-Lynch brokerage then purchased Carll Burr Real Estate in an early attempt at linking the key factors in family investment growth...home ownership, financing and the purchase of stocks.

With his Vision always focused on "what might be" and thus "what could be", he rightly sensed the movement to a more empowered Consumer and the increasing growth and acceptance of technology. Acting on this, he joined Coldwell Banker Real Estate (CBRE) to implement having Real Estate Branch offices in SEARS stores.

From CBRE, he returned to his roots and formed "Carll Burr Realty" in partnership with some of his key former Managers but had to win a lawsuit with Merrill Lynch over the right to use the "Carll Burr" name. Always looking ahead and realizing the value of diversifying, he simultaneously invested in a REMAX franchise and its then novel "Agent Centric" business model, which resulted in the introduction of the first REMAX brokerage into our market.

With Merrill Lynch wanting to divest itself from real estate operations, they sold the company to Prudential Real

Estate. Carll, together with Dottie Herman partnered with Prudential to form Prudential Long Island Realty which evolved into 33 branch offices.

Looking ahead, he understood that technology would now continually

change the business. Even before the Internet, he correctly realized that with emerging technologies, pictures and video would become a feasible and essential part of the buying and selling process. Following through on that insight, in the early 90s, he invested in an innovative startup firm called "Homeview" he believed would change how homes could be bought

Carll, as he often did, gave the local real estate industry a glimpse of the future. To the credit of Long Island MLS leadership, they too were quick to grasp the significance and expedited the integration of photos in mid 1995 into the then REACT On Line MLS system.

Through his real estate business years, he always was attuned to the value of investing in leadership development. Drawing upon his Air Force experience, he was personally involved in teaching, promoting and stressing education and training of his management staff. Some have utilized those skills and have assumed management positions in other companies and volunteer leadership positions with LIBOR and MLSLL

In 2003, Carll retired from Prudential Long Island Realty and began residential construction in Florida. In 2008, he and his wife Julie, exploring new opportunities, began investing in REO properties. In addition to his business life, he also spent much time as a private pilot, motorcycling cross-country and spending time with his family at their home in Maine.

Carll left behind his wife Julie, of 16 years, his son Carll (34), a Marine Corp Captain and a pilot like his father. He and his wife just welcomed a new daughter into their family. Daughter Abby (29) has a 9 month old son named Colton 'Huck" Engles. Carll also has two step children, Hailey (26) and Clay (23).

When you talk to those with whom Carll worked in his many endeavors, the same descriptive theme runs through their recollections. Creative, Innovative, Leader, Risk Taker, Visionary, Forward Thinking. When you combine these with optimism, energy and enthusiasm, you have a picture of a man who enjoyed life, enjoyed business and was constantly challenging himself and others over what the future would and could look That's a very admirable legacy!

Contributors to this tribute include Pat Masone, Bart Caffarella, Ralph Bove, Michael Constantine, Ross Strickland, Kevin McClarnon and Ann Conroy.

## **EXECUTIVE PLANNER**

## **OCTOBER 2015:**

10/16 – Friday NORTH FORK CHAPTER NETWORKING, EDUCATION & ELECTION MEETING

9:00AM - Hellenic Snack Bar & Restaurant, 5145 Main Road, East Marion. NY 11939. Panel Discussion - Your Listing is Under Contract - Now How to Make Sure it Closes! For more details and to register, visit: http:// northfork.lirealtor.com/calendar/

10/21 - Wednesday LIBOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 9:30AM - LIBOR West Babylon. For details email: adminsupport@mlsli.com.

10/22 - Thursday JAMAICA CENTRAL QUEENS CHAPTER **EDUCATION, NETWORKING & ELECTION BREAKFAST** 

9:00AM - Roma View, 160-05 Cross Bay Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11414. What All Agents Must Know - Effective 10/2/15 T.R.I.D. For more details and to register, visit; http:// jamaicacentralqueens.lirealtor.com/calendar/

10/27- Tuesday GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

9:00AM – Melville Marriott Long Island, 1350 Old Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747. All LIBOR members are encouraged to attend the General Membership Meeting to be apprised of the current happenings at the Board and to vote for your incoming leadership.

10/29 - Thursday SUFFOLK NORTH SHORE CHAPTER 2ND ANNUAL SUNRISE FUND FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

6:00PM - Lombardi's on the Sound, 44

Fairway Drive, Port Jefferson, NY 11777 Raising funds to help with the Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook University Pediatric Cancer Unit. For more details and to register, visit: http://suffolknorthshore. lirealtor.com/calendar/

## **NOVEMBER 2015:**

11/4 – Wednesday MLSLI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

9:30AM - LIBOR West Babylon. For details email: adminsupport@mlsli.com.

11/10 - Tuesday CENTRAL NASSAU CHAPTER VETERANS DAY FUNDRAISER

5:00PM – Jake's Steakhouse, 2172 Hempstead Tpke, East Meadow, NY 11554. Meet/Greet and Silent Auction! Help us benefit the Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior. For more details and to register, visit: http://centralnassau.lirealtor.com/calendar/

11/18 - Wednesday MLSLI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:30AM - LIBOR West Babylon, For details email: adminsupport@mlsli.com.

11/19 - Thursday LIBOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

9:30AM - LIBOR West Babylon. For details email: adminsupport@mlsli.com.

11/24 - Thursday INSTALLATION & AWARDS DINNER DANCE

6:00PM - Crest Hollow Country Club. For details email: jindrigo@lirealtor.com

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NOTE: Online registration CLOSED at 4:00pm on the day before event.

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## **LIBOR NEWS**

## Tom Tabone 90th Birthday Party

This is a Reprint of the Comments that LIBOR/MLS CEO Joseph Mottola made at Tom Tabone's 90th Birthday Party.

My own career with the Board and MLS covers almost 40 years. How do you summarize Tom's career in just a few minutes at a 90th Birthday celebration?

I first became "Aware" of Tom in 1976. I

was the newly hired MLS CEO and worked closely with Irwin Langer who was the MLS President. Irwin, together with Attorney Harold Karmiol, were Tom's Partners at Essex Associates in Jamaica.

I use the word "Aware" because you always knew when Tom was present, even today! Such is his impact...like it or not.

One of my earliest memories of Tom (and I don't know how it came up)....probably in the context of Patriotism around Memorial Day or July 4th. But I recall that he remarked that he "served in Patton's Third Army". I'm a WW II buff and of an age where I knew others who served in the War. The only times I heard men proudly mention a Commander or the Unit in which they served was when it was General George Patton.

It made me think about Patton's qualities...A Leader...a Visionary...Could Inspire Men and Loyalty...Innovative... Aggressive...Determined...Focused...ALSO ...Controversial...Sometimes in trouble....for speaking out...., for questionable actions and certainly Not liked by all...BUT...when it really mattered a Performer!...Respected by all for his abilities even by our enemies at that time, who regarded him as our most brilliant and formidable General.

It dawned on me that many of Tom's traits paralleled Patton's. For instance: Innovative: Early on Tom promoted the concept and organization of a Mortgage Conference with major Keynote Speakers for our Members and Industry people. Here's just some of the Speakers...Ralph Nader...Gerald Ford...Tom Brokaw...UN Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick...House Speaker Tip O'Neil and there were others.

Later he introduced the concept of Corporate Sponsors into the mix and VIP Suites where you could get take pictures with the Speaker. Those not getting access for a photo weren't happy with Tom...Oh Well...maybe some Controversial stuff there.

Aggressive: Battles fought.....As President-Elect, he was in the forefront of suing NAR to preserve the East End as part of LIBOR. At that time we lost that Battle when NAR approved the formation of another Association. But today we have three LIBOR Chapters there and more members in that area than the other Association. We may have lost that Battle but believe me that War is not yet over!

In 1977, Tom became LIBOR President. For reference purposes, the Budget at that time was \$330,000. Today it's about 14 Million or so. It was the early days of an evolving Realtors Political Action Committee (RPAC) and he became a NY State RPAC Trustee

Aggressive: He wanted to file suit against the Dept of State to fight against the Blanket Non-Solicitation Order which at that time covered all of Queens. He convinced the Board and the NY State Assn to allocate funds to fight and wage a Court Battle...And we won!

Visionary: (Seeing the pattern here)...Tom organized a formal exploration of the Board and MLS owning their own building. The

economics didn't work but in 1983, they did and he was on that Building Committee when we purchased our current Headquarters.

Controversial: He supported the formation of a Women's Council of Realtors® at LIBOR. He lost that Battle because smaller minds couldn't see the benefits. But he eventually won the War when in 1980, it was passed as the Realtor® world was less



threatened by the concept of an independent group of women promoting education and the capabilities they had to offer.

He was committed to legislative advocacy before we even referred to it that way. He lobbied Albany on Rent Controls; for greater Educational requirements to be licensed, and built relationships with local legislators. He promoted Seminars at LIBOR for Brokers to better understand the "Ins and Outs" of legally dealing with Independent Contractors

He continued his involvement with the State Association, with whom he had some battles as well, but obviously his talent, abilities and commitment was noticed, whether they liked his style or not. (There's Patton again)

And In 1985, he was elected President of the New York State Assn of Realtors. Ilooked up the States Annual Report for that year to see what his administration was involved in during that year.

During his Presidency, they formulated a campaign to raise money for Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty Renovations; sponsored Speakers at a major Affordable Housing Conference; revised the organizational structure of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and appeared as "Amicus Curiae in a major Taxation case involving some guy named Trump!

Continually active in our Board, he became involved in another area he relished...Professional Development. He urged the establishment of a program for new Agents to give them a foundation in the real estate business which we titled "Up and Running". We still offer that type of program today!

Inspiring: I think his most significant idea was in 1989 when as Education Chairmen, he convinced LIBOR to host an Educational Event for our members where they could hear national level speakers without having to bear the expenses of travel and hotel to attend the out of town National Association of Realtors Convention. The first theme was "Blast Into the Future" with two well known national speakers at Leonard's in Great Neck. Ticket Price? \$99.00!

Tom has continued to serve as a Director for our Association; still Promotes and still Emotes; and still respects the Past while focusing on the Future.

He understands responsibility, integrity and priorities from family to business, and to the greater community at large.

I can close and bracket my comments here with another inspirational General... Douglas MacArthur...who in a famous speech spoke of "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY"

Tom Tabone understands and lives his life treasuring these values as well.



The saying goes that all real estate is local, but that does not mean that all homebuyers are local. According to the National Association of Realtors® 2015 international homebuyers report, global buyers spent an estimated \$104 billion on housing in 2014, an increase of more than \$10 billion from the previous year.

As more international buyers become a part of the fabric of American communities, they bring with them their many traditions and customs – including those that go along with moving into a new home.

The Long Island Board of REAL-TORS® has pulled together a few common housewarming traditions from around the globe, which you may want to use to welcome friends, family or neighbors into their new home.

Russia. According to Russian custom, a cat should cross over the threshold of the new home before anyone else enters. This is said to ensure that the homeowners will have a happy and prosperous life.

Thailand. Thai tradition dictates that visitors should bring a new homeowner three items: rice, water and a knife. The rice and water are so that food will always be plentiful and the homeowner will know prosperity, and the knife is to protect them from any evil spirits.

China. Before moving into a new home, Chinese custom is to shine a light

in every corner, closet and wardrobe of the house. This is said to let any lingering spirits know that it is time to leave and how to find the way outside.

France. When construction of a new home is finished, the French throw a traditional party called the 'pendre la cremaillere,' literally meaning 'to hang the chimney hook.' The phrase comes from medieval times when it was customary to invite over everyone who took part in the building of the house and eat dinner as a gesture of thanks. The food would be cooked in a large pot over a fire, where the chimney hook could be used to raise or lower the pot to heat or cool the food.

India. In India, it is considered lucky to move into a new house on Thursday, while Friday and Saturday are the unluckiest days to move. There is also the ceremonial housewarming known as 'Grinha Pravesh,' during which, in some parts of the country, a cow is allowed to walk through the house first, bringing good fortune to the homeowners.

Buying a home in a foreign country can by a complicated and trying process, and Realtors® have the expertise to serve clients in a variety of international real estate transactions. So whether you are from France or China, Japan or Australia, when you are ready to buy a home make sure to contact a Realtor®.



## MLSLI News/Technology



## MLSLI INFO LINE

By Frank Paruolo, MLSLI President



## MLSLI's New & Exiting Tech Tools Keep Your Business at the Forefront of Real Estate

On October 15th we hosted another successful Tech Fair, packed with innovational tools, great speakers, technology of every kind, and networking opportunities for attendees and our sponsors. It also provided MLSLI with the opportunity to showcase three (3) of our newest free tools available to all of our participants. These new tools are in addition to the entire line of products and services already available to you through your membership.

Learning how to use new tools that apply to your business as a real estate professional is no longer an option. Realtors® must use the latest tools and technology when it comes to working with today's consumers. Today's buyers and sellers are tech-savvy, they're mobile and they want accurate and reliable information fast. These tools will help you do just that.

The first product is Homesnap Pro which is a FREE Mobile App for Realtors®. Homesnap is an award-winning mobile app that arms you with the power of the MLS out in the field. This app provides the tools every Realtor® needs on their mobile device so they can do more business on-the-go. Get information about any home, the ability to schedule Showings quickly, extra safety at showings, boost your exposure; create rapid CMA reports and more. Next up on the list is ListTrac. This is real estate's newest tool, that tracks your listings everywhere they appear online. ListTrac gives you a real-time dashboard, detailed listing metrics and reports providing a complete picture of how your listings are performing in the MLS, IDX, and syndication websites.

Last but not least is the AM Open

House App. Now you can get rid of your paper and pen and let visitors sign in on your iPad with AM Open House. This app simplifies capturing lead information and automatically sends follow-up and price changes via email to prospects. These apps can also sync with your CRM or export contact data. PLUS automatically generate single-property websites that you can use in your promotional emails and Facebook ads.

Your MLS is always looking to bring the latest tools and services that make doing our job easier, and more productive.

And it's always better when some of these great business tools are available at no cost to you. Check out www.mlstechs.com to access more information and support on these products and many other valuable business products MLSLI has available for you.

## MLS Q&A

Do all Listings that are entered on to MLS require a photo?

Yes. Rule 501.12 states: "All listings, except for businesses for sale or rent, must include at least one front exterior photo. Listing photos or any type of virtual tours may not include any contact information such as pictures of you, your office, your logo, name, office name, email address or web site address. Upon closing the primary photo must be the exterior front of the property.

At least one property photo must be entered into the computer within five days of the listing being input into the System. Any seller request that no photos be published on the listing must be in writing and sent to the Service within this five day period.

A photo is required regardless of listing status (active, temporarily not available for showing, sold, cancelled, or expired)."

Effective September 30, 2015 there is no longer a photography service offered for taking listing photos.

There will be automatic fines imposed for failure to upload photos into Stratus within five days as follows:

\$50 fine with an additional \$50 fine after each additional 3 days.



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## **LEGAL/INDUSTRY NEWS**





## Counselor's Comments

By Cathy Nolan
Goldson, Nolan & Connolly, P.C.
General Counsel

## **New Helpline Procedure**

The LIBOR Legal Helpline can only be accessed through the website now. This new procedure began in June. For those of you who are unsure how it works, here is how easy it is:

- 1. Go to www.LIREALTOR.com
- 2. Click on Legal Helpline
- 3. Follow the prompts

I will call or e-mail you back within 24 hours during the week. Put your cell phone number in the message and I will be able to call you directly. Otherwise I have to get the number from your office. If I still cannot reach you by phone, I will e-mail you. Here are some of the recent questions I have received.

Q. My seller accepted an offer. The buyer did an engineer inspection and then the seller decided to take another offer. Doesn't the seller have to give the buyer a) a chance to match the new offer, b) the cost of his inspection if he takes the new offer, c) the house? And, finally, doesn't the seller owe me a commission?

A. The seller never has to give the first buyer a chance to match the new buyer's offer, nor does he owe the buyer the cost of the inspection. If the seller has not signed and returned the contract to the first buyer, he is not bound to sell the first buyer the house. And, finally, the seller may owe you a commission, if none of the terms the seller originally accepted in the first offer were later changed by the buyer, whether it was because of the inspector's report or otherwise.

Q. I am afraid to tell an agent my seller has accepted his buyer's offer since the market has heated up and sellers are getting multiple offers and buyers are engaging in bidding wars. What can I do to protect my seller from having multiple commission claims while still fulfilling my fiduciary duty of presenting all offers to the seller?

A. Do not tell the agent the offer is

accepted. Say it is acceptable, but nothing shall be considered accepted until the seller has signed and returned the contract to the buyer.

Q. A tenant who rented a property through me from a landlord whose property I listed now is going to buy the property. Am I owed a commission on the sale?

A. Did you and the landlord and tenant agree to your getting paid a selling commission if a sale took place between the parties you introduced for the rental? Without such an agreement, you may not be entitled to a commission.

Q. I brought about a meeting of the minds on a transaction between a seller and a buyer. Now, when they are going to contract, another agent calls and tells me that the purchaser is his buyer and I have to pay him a commission, since the buyer only wants to work with him! What can I do?

A. Tell him the buyer will have to pay him since you already did the job!

Q. My buyer client went directly to a listing agent and made a deal to buy a property. I called the listing agent, but he said the buyer said he was not working with another agent. What can I do?

A. The buyer client has a contract with you and must pay you!

Q. A seller refuses to pay me because he said he hired a flat-rate broker and already paid him. Can he do this?

A. He has no right to do it, but he will have to be sued to be made to pay you. The listing broker owes you what he published he would pay you in the MLS listing and has a duty to get the seller to honor the obligation. If the listing agent does not help you with the seller, you can bring the listing broker to arbitration and demand he pay you what you were promised.

## LIBOR LEGAL HELP LINE — FREE ADVICE FOR MEMBERS THROUGH LIBOR

The Legal Helpline gives you direct access to a Board retained, real estate attorney, who is available to answer legal questions that may arise. Simply e-mail your inquiries to the helpline attorney and your questions will be answered via phone or e-mail within 24 hours of the time the question was sent, if sent during the business week. The Legal Helpline is available at LIRealtor.com/legal/legal-helpline.

## **How the New TRID Law Affects Real Estate Professionals**

The new consumer disclosure law called TRID (TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure) went into effect on October 3, 2015. TRID significantly changes how residential transactions are closed.

As a Real Estate Professional, you will want to familiarize yourself with these new forms and timing requirements and guide your clients accordingly. You will want to ensure that the need for last minute changes is minimized. Encourage your clients to give accurate and timely information about their property and transaction because a changed circumstance will delay the closing.

There are two new consumer disclosure forms required by TRID, (i) the Loan Estimate and (ii) the Closing Disclosure. These new forms replace the Good Faith Estimate and Truth-in-Lending disclosures and contain new timing requirements that can easily delay the closing if not followed.

To avoid delays, advise your buyers to avoid making any major changes to their financing within 10 days of closing that could change their APR, otherwise new forms must be issued and the closing will be postponed. Also, tell your buyers not to jeopardize their transactions with a short rate lock of 30-45 days. Buyers should have a 90 day rate lock to ensure enough time.

Also advise your sellers to allow several days between closings and avoid back-to-back transactions. Reinforce what items are to be removed from the property. Last minute POC (paid outside of closing) items could affect the need for a corrected Closing Disclosure to be issued and a new 3 day waiting period to start. This will delay the closing.

The Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) has created a webpage to help Real Estate Professionals with the TRID. It is called "Know Before You Owe: The Real Estate Professionals's Guide". You can access that webpage at http://www.consumerfinance.gov/know-before-you-owe/real-estate-professionals/



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## LIBOR Announces the Creation of the TAX IMPACT SUB COMMITTEE

Nassau and Suffolk counties rank 5th and 11th nationwide for the highest rates of property taxes, a distinction we do not want, nor can afford. Your LIBOR Board of Directors has approved the creation of the Tax Impact sub Committee, a select group of fellow volunteer REALTORS® to investigate alternative means of supporting municipal services while eliminating government waste.

Once again LIBOR is working for the public, while protecting your business. In 1997 then Governor Pataki, was urged by LIBOR and NYS REALTORS® to address rising school taxes, and thus, the School Tax Assistance Relief (STAR) program was born.

Over the past 10 months, this core committee has conducted extensive research by collecting information throughout our region to help create ideas to possibly reduce rising property taxes, without eliminating essential municipal services. We are happy to announce that our conversation has resonated with many agencies and high ranking officials on Long Island.

Later this fall — The Long Island Regional Planning Council (LIRPC) will conduct an initiative which will include a 'Property Tax Alternatives Study'.

One of the most critical and systemic issues affecting Long Island's future viability is our region's unsustainable property tax burden. In the LIRPC's "Sustainable Strategies for Long Island 2035", initial study it was estimated that by the year 2035, if current trends contin-

ue, property taxes will consume over 14% of a household's income (up from 8.3% in 2009). This is considered by most fiscal experts as completely unsustainable.

It's obvious that if taxes become unsustainable, people, businesses, and jobs will leave the region. What was at one time conceived a bedroom community for NYC will become a ghost town, with the young and seniors who can no longer afford the taxes - moving away. LIRPC plans to evaluate where taxes are today (in light of the state imposed tax cap) and where they are likely to lead in the years ahead.

LIRPC intends to survey viable alternatives to the present property tax structure for funding local governments (including schools and other special districts) recognizing that without significant growth in the tax base, escalating costs of governments (including labor, health care, pension, etc.) will overwhelm the economy of the Island.

LIBOR will be a cosponsor in this initiative which will undoubtedly provide some insight as to what can possibly be done to address this critical issue. We are requesting that LIBOR members provide any ideas or suggestions as we begin the task of working with these other groups to come up with some solutions. At this time

WE NEED YOUR HELP - PLEASE EMAIL YOUR IDEAS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS & SUGGESTIONS TO: legis@lirealtor.com

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By Jahneille Edwards Legislative Liaison

All politics is local. In 2014, over 80% of our LIBOR members were registered to vote. For this upcoming election cycle we want to encourage even greater participation in the local political process.

The significant increase in member registration from a decade ago shows that LIBOR Realtors® are a political force to be reckoned with. In an effort to strengthen our voice and elect candidates that support our businesses, we want all of our members this year to mobilize their friends, families and clients to get out and register to vote! Growing member participation in local races via family and clients protects our industry and protects the value of owning a home. Here is a brief snapshot of how and why our votes matter:

- To Fight Foreclosure! While home sales and selling prices continued to rise, New York State experienced a 50 percent increase in foreclosure filings from this time last year. Realtors® understand the untold damage that foreclosed homes do to our business and to our communities
- To Provide Affordable Flood insurance! Many families are still struggling to rebuild

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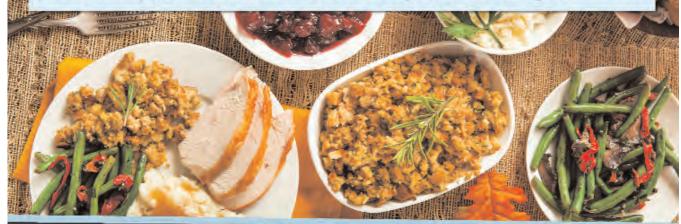
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