

A New Look for RAMC!



As of April 1, 2010, the Realtor Association of Martin County has officially adopted a new logo! The design, by Mark McKee, draws on the color palette we've adopted for the new website, and features the sail-fish that is so iconic and important to our areas' history. Look for RAMC to begin incorporating the new logo into our communications and marketing materials right away!

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Membership News - It's all about you!

NEW REALTORS

Lisa Anzil Better Homes & Gardens – Laviano & Associates
Paulette Bell Better Homes & Gardens – Laviano & Associates
Debbie Davies Coldwell Banker
Sandra Divita Coldwell Banker
Judy Carol Gale Keller Williams of the Treasure Coast
Linnea Johnson Eagle Point Realty LLC
Donna Jones Piper's Landing Realty

Jessica LeMaster Keller Williams of the Treasure Coast Robert Matheson Hartman Realty LLC

Michael Ponte RE/MAX of Stuart
Kevin Robinson Prudential Florida Realty
Keisha Thomas Keller Williams of the Treasure Coast

Norma Van Vleet Beach Front Mann Realty

Transfers

Penny Buxton to Better Homes & Gardens Laviano & Assoc Larry Constantine to Better Homes & Gardens Laviano & Assoc Patricia Gelineau to The Dyer Group Inc Marilyn Griffin to Premier Realty Group Tim Griffin to Premier Realty Group Robert Haas to Prudential Florida Realty Jami McKee to Oakwood Bay, Inc.

New Offices

#903 Eagle Point Realty LLC

1834 SE Washington St Stuart, FL 34997 (772) 233-0746 Fax (772) 219-2368 DR: Linnea Johnson

#906 Ryan Strom, REALTOR

3481 SE Willoughby Blvd #102 Stuart, FL 34994 (772) 781-1616 Fax (772) 781-0620 DR: Ryan Strom

#907 Gerhardt Commercial Real Estate

2783 SW Mariposa Cr Palm City, FL 34990 (772) 834-1204 Fax (772) 287-2446

New Affiliate

Treasure Coast Property Inspections

512 St Lucie Crescent Stuart, FL 34994 (772) 263-6471 Fax (772) 286-9066 Alan Burroughs

2010 Golf Tourney!

Thursday, May 20th 1:00 PM

\$85 Per Golfer Shotgun Scramble

Entry Fee Includes:

- - · Prizes and Awards

For more information Contact

Jeremey or go to:

www.ramconline.org/golf



Congratulations to Realtor Matt Osburn and new Grandpa Steve Osburn on the birth of Matts' daughter, Chloe.

Congratulations to Affiliate James Childre and wife Erin on the birth of their baby

girl, Ireland James Childre.

(pictured at left)



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Email: Jim@FloridaHomeInspector.com www.FloridaHomeInspector.com

Ask me about our FREE 3 hour CEU Course! "Women's Council of REALTORS® Affiliate of the Year"

April is Fair Housing Month!

Check out these FREE e-products: "Fair Housing Sales: Pocket Guide", "Fair Housing Rental: Pocket Guide" and "Fair Housing Handbook - Fourth Edition".

Take advantage of these and the hundreds of other NAR products and resources available for FREE or AT-COST through NAR's Right Tools, Right Now initiative. A number of new offers and updates to existing products will be available to help you in the coming year so keep checking www.REALTOR.org/RightTools monthly.

RAMC would like to offer our sincere condolences to our members and their families for

The Passing of Director Donna Banisters' Father

Diana Rosenblatt's Husband

Learn More to Earn More



April Breakfast Club
"Realtor Spanish 101"
April 9
9:00-10:00 AM

Are you prepared for Spanish speaking clients? Do you know what to say so you can at least get the prospect contact info? Realtor Marina Garzon will provide the basic tools and understanding of some of the cultural differences. You'll leave with a glossary of basic real estate related words, sentences, questions, and copies of Spanish contracts to help break the language barrier.

Breakfast Compliments of Kevin Sargent of First Peoples Bank.

Listing Contracts Seminar

Date: May 6, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

CEU: 3

Tuition: \$20 member if paid by

4/30; \$25 thereafter \$35 non-member

Instr: Christopher Twohey, Esq.

Christopher Twohey, Esq. will give a comprehensive review of the Exclusive Right of Sale Listing Agreement and the Exclusive Buyer Brokerage Agreement.

Refreshments Courtesy of Kerrie Russell of Real Estate Showcase.

FAR/BAR Sales Contracts Seminar

Date: May 13, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

CEU: 3

Tuition: \$20 member if paid by 5/7; \$25 thereafter

\$35 non-member

Instr: John Sherrard, Esq.

John Sherrard, Esq. will examine the FAR/BAR Sales Contract & Addenda and identify the differences between the FAR/BAR and FAR Contracts, along with tips in drafting a solidly binding sales contract. Satisfies the RAMC Legal Liability training requirement.

Refreshments Courtesy of Mike Fazzarri of Stanley Steemer.



April & May Programs at a Glance

April Breakfast Club "Realtor Spanish 101"

4/9 9:00am - 10:00am

Free, but reservations are required

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Seminar – "Listing Contracts/Buyer Broker Agreements"

5/6 9:00 am – 12:00pm

CEU: 3

\$20 by 4/30, \$25 thereafter, \$35 non-member

Christopher Twohey, Esq. will give a comprehensive review of the Exclusive Right of Sale Listing Agreement and the Exclusive Buyer Brokerage Agreement. Breakfast compliments of Robert Dees of Smart Start Building Inspections.



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5/13 9:00 am – 12:00pm

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May Breakfast Club "Spring Cleaning—Organize Yourself and Your Clients"

5/14 9:00am - 10:00am

Free, but reservations are required

Are you ready to reduce stress, save time, and lose the clutter in your home or office? And, what about your clients? Do they need help de-cluttering their home? Cindy Capwell of Get Organized, Inc. will show you valuable tips to take control of your home/office and your clients can de-clutter for an easier move. Breakfast compliments of Reina Ramos of Seacoast National Bank.



Public Records (iMapp)

4/12 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Free, but reservations are required

Learn how to access all tax records, run demographics and print labels for a particular area/subdivision.

Basic MLS

4/19 9:00am - 12:30pm CEU: 3 Free, but reservations are required 5/17 9:00am - 12:30pm CEU: 3 Free, but reservations are required

Learn the rules and regulations of the RAMC MLS, MLXchange system overview, client set up, listing input & maintenance, listing search, how to add photos, print reports, and add a listing to open house tour.

Intermediate MLS

5/17 1:30pm - 4:30pm CEU: 3 Free, but rese<mark>rvations are r</mark>equired

Listing search review, prospecting, hot sheets, financial functions and CMAs.

Advanced MLS

4/19 1:30pm - 4:30pm CEU: 3 Free, but reservations are required

This class will cover listing search review, customizing search templates, customizing grids, exporting, custom reports and agent web page set-up.

Pre-registration is very important and easy to do online!

- 1. Log onto http://www.RAMConline.org
- 2. Click on Calendar
- 3. Click on Register for Events or View Calendar
- 4. Click on the program
- 5. Click on the "Check Out" button on Event Registration page
- 6. Click on the "Check Out" button on Your Functions page
- 7. Fill in credit card information if there is a fee
- 8. Click on the "Check Out" button on *Check-Out Basket* page

Verify registration: Under *Register for Events* a will appear by the events you are registered for.

Jupiter-Tequesta- Hobe Sound Association of Realtors® Presents



CIPS I:

International Real Estate for Local Markets (11CE Credits)

Monday April 12th & Tuesday April 13th Class on those dates will be 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Fee: \$149.00 Early Registration/After March 31, 2010 \$169.00



This Course is ideal for anyone who may encounter opportunities in their local market to assist in an international transaction, e.g., assisting an immigrant or foreign investor, or helping a U.S. resident purchase property abroad.

David Wyant, CIPS, GRI, ABR, TRC, e-Pro, AHWD



Just awarded the "2009 International Instructor of the Year" by the National Association of Realtors®, David brings his experience as a Realtor, Broker, and International Businessman to the classroom. He has the ability to make the classes fun, interesting and relating to current events.

David became a Realtor in the late 90's, started his own brokerage in 2001, was named President of his local Association in 2002, and Realtor of the Year in 2006. He served as a 2009 District Vice President for the Florida Realtors®. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Global Business Forum for the Florida Realtors® is a member of their Global Business Committee and continues to serve on the NAR Global Business Committee and the CIPS Advisory Committee.

He is a licensed Real Estate instructor in Florida and Arizona, teaches GRI and CE Express for the Florida Realtors®, an Instructor for the National Association of Realtors®, and a member of the National Association of Realtors® International Faculty.

Quote from CIPS attendee "I have truly enjoyed the time with you and the manner in which you taught each and every course has been beyond my expectations. I never thought that 8-hour classroom days could be so entertaining and informative at the same time. WOW, what a great experience! "

Call Debbie for Reservations & Information 561-746-2707x103

LIMITED SEATING



Pay online at: www.jupiterarea.com or fill out form below and fax to:

ITHS Association FAX: 575-9766

| Yes, I will attend the C | IPS I - International Re | al Estate for Loca | al Markets on | April 12th & April 13th |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Enclosed is \$ che | eck or: | | | |
| VisaMC # | | | _ Exp | CIN # |
| Print Name | Office | Date | | |



At Home with Diversity

with David Wyant

7 CE Credits

Monday, April 19th

8:30pm - 5:00pm

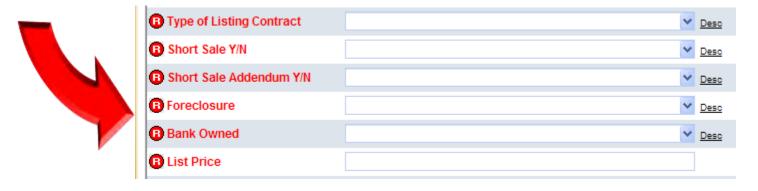
Realtors Association of St. Lucie 6666 S. US Highway 1, Ste 1 772-465-6080

Course Description:

This training, built on the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Act, provides participants with information about working with buyers of different minority groups, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds. This one-day course focuses on increasing diversity awareness, building cross-cultural skills, and developing a diversity business plan.

NEW FIELDS in MLXchange

On April 1, 2010 we added Foreclosure and Bank Owned as standalone required fields in MLXchange. These fields appear just below the Short Sale fields. If you had a listing that was marked as bank owned or foreclosure in the Special Information field then they were automatically marked with a Y (YES) for you. If your listings were not indicated as either of type, then you'll need to edit your listing and satisfy the requirement of those fields. Additionally, you will need to refresh any client searches that you have created to include these fields if you had them set up to receive listings that are bank owned or foreclosure listings.



Using MLXChange on a Mac

Anyone with a recently purchased Mac has Apple Bootcamp installed, which can be used to access MLXchange. For Mac users, several options are available:

- 1. Mac Bootcamp: The first option is to use a feature called Bootcamp that comes installed on newer Macs. Using Bootcamp, the computer is turned into a Windows PC with the full capabilities and speed of standard Windows machine. www.apple.com/support/bootcamp/
- 2. Virtualization Software: The second option uses a third party program such as Parallels www.parallels.com or VmWare Fusion www.vmware.com/mac to create a virtual Windows PC inside your Mac. The system can operate simultaneously with the Mac operating system; your Mac computer becomes two computers in one.

Both these options will require a licensed, valid Windows installation disc, but you should be able to use one from an old computer, provided you aren't still actively using that PC. You'll need to call Microsoft to validate the installation. Support for these products is available at their respective websites, listed above. Please note that RAMC cannot provide support or guarantee success with these methods, and using them may require an above-average familiarity with the Windows installation process.





SupraWeb Enhancements / New Login Info

Starting in April the new SSO login process will be in place for SupraWEB. The SupraWEB enhancements will bring new features, including customizable showing reports that can be sent automatically to the agent or the homeowner, and SupraWEB Mobile, which is designed specifically for smartphones. It will work with iPhone, BlackBerry, Android, Palm WebOS, Palm OS, and Windows Mobile. You'll also get enhanced showing feedback options, including the ability to create up to ten customized questions per listing.

As part of this change, you will need to create a new user ID and password before they can access SupraWEB. This will be a one time process and only takes a few minutes. Your must visit: www.ekeyprofessional.com/sso.html to learn how this simple process works. If you need assistance with the SSO set up process, please contact the customer support team at 1-866-421-0308.



This month we'll be focusing on how you search and regis- If it's a for-fee event, you'll be directed to the Credit Card time to learn a few simple steps!

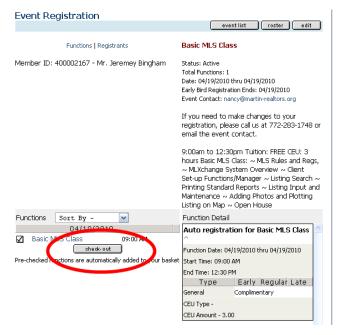
First, take a look at the Calendar link in the menu bar.



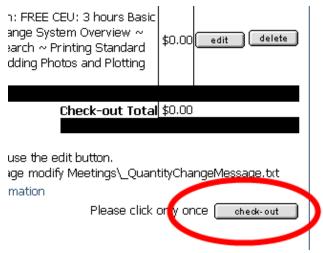
To offer buyers the convenience of touring dozens of homes for sale in one weekend, RAMC Realtors and the entered by the contract of the latest and the contract of

Housing Rec **BusinessWee**

Once you're at the View Calendar page, you'll see the just need to click check-out a second time. This sends you classes and events available for online registration for this month. Use the month names in the upper right corner to move forward into the next month. Click on an event to register, then click the "Check-out" button.



ter for events and classes held here at RAMC. Registering entry page enter your information and click check-out for classes online is convenient and easy once you take the again, taking you to the next page. If it's a free event, you'll



to the final page:



You must click Check-out again in order to process your event registration.

You'll then see the Purchase Detail page, which you may print for your records. This page will confirm your registration for all events. You should also receive an email at the address you've provided to RAMC with further details about your registration. If you have any doubt or questions about the process, feel free to call Lanie at the Office and ask.

As always, if you have any questions about any other features on the RAMC website, feel free to contact RAMC office and get in touch with Jeremey!

Real Estate Trend Indicator February 2010

| | | | Reside | ntial | | | | | Condo | minium | 1 | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Sold I | by#ofBe | droo ms | | Inven | tories | | S | old | Inven | tories |
| Price Range | 0-2 | 3 | 4+ | '10 Total Units | 09 Total Units | 2010 | 2009 | Price Range | '10 Total Units | 09 Total Units | 2010 | 2009 |
| <\$99,999 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 15 | 29 | 228 | 224 | <\$99,999 | 23 | 13 | 270 | 259 |
| \$100 - \$199,999 | 11 | 21 | 6 | 38 | 43 | 419 | 550 | \$100 - \$199,999 | 13 | 10 | 208 | 331 |
| \$200 - \$299,999 | 7 | 15 | 4 | 26 | 23 | 321 | 430 | \$200 - \$299,999 | 5 | 11 | 181 | 235 |
| \$300 - \$399,999 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 288 | 283 | \$300 - \$399,999 | 4 | 2 | 99 | 143 |
| \$400 - \$499,999 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 143 | 218 | \$400 - \$499,999 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 71 |
| \$500 - \$599,999 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 99 | 118 | \$500 - \$599,999 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 28 |
| \$600 - \$699,999 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 70 | 82 | \$600 - \$699,999 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 28 |
| \$700 - \$799,999 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 58 | 62 | \$700 - \$799,999 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 24 |
| \$800 - \$899,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 53 | \$800 - \$899,999 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| \$900 - \$999,999 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 34 | \$900 - \$999,999 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 7 |
| \$1 - \$1,499,999 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 75 | 102 | \$1 - \$1,499,999 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 19 |
| \$1.5 - \$1,749,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 21 | \$1.5 - \$1,749,999 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| \$1.75 - \$1,999,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 26 | \$1.75 - \$1,999,999 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| \$2 - \$2,499,999 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 21 | \$2 - \$2,499,999 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| \$2.5 - \$2,999,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 17 | \$2.5 - \$2,999,999 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \$3 - \$3,499,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 7 | \$3 - \$3,499,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \$3.5 - \$3,999,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | \$3.5 - \$3,999,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \$4 - \$4,999,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | \$4 - \$4,999,999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| >\$5,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 11 | >\$5,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Units | 19 | 61 | 20 | 100 | 112 | 1,900 | 2,268 | Total Units | 46 | 37 | 916 | 1,163 |
| Avg Price | 102,937 | 239,559 | 373,956 | 211,239 | 208,390 | 537,219 | 489,556 | Avg Price | 170,298 | 183,762 | 269,951 | 275,566 |
| Med Price | 54,500 | 175,000 | 233,750 | 130,000 | 138,500 | 299,056 | 289,900 | Med Price | 101,000 | 150,000 | 194,500 | 199,000 |
| Total Val | 4,735,100 | 14,613,122 | 7,479,125 | 26,827,347 | 23,339,713 | 1,020,716,185 | 1,112,761,440 | Total Val | 7,833,717 | 6,799,200 | 247,274,958 | 320,482,801 |



Solds by Financing Type Residential

| Туре | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------|------|------|
| Assum | 0 | 0 |
| Cash | 81 | 51 |
| Conv | 32 | 48 |
| FHA | 13 | 10 |
| VA | 0 | 2 |
| Seller | 0 | 1 |
| Other | 1 | 0 |

Solds by Number of DOM Residential

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|----------------|------|------|--|--|--|--|
| DOM | 2010 | 2009 | | | | |
| 1-30 | 44 | 39 | | | | |
| 31-60 | 16 | 13 | | | | |
| 61-90 | 13 | 14 | | | | |
| 91-120 | 11 | 12 | | | | |
| 121+ | 40 | 34 | | | | |



Absorption Rate Residential

| 2010 | 2009 |
|-------|-------|
| 14.96 | 20.25 |

| Absorption Rate | | | | |
|-----------------|------|--|--|--|
| Condo | | | | |
| 2010 | 2010 | | | |

19.91

31.43

| Absorption | rate: | indication | of average |
|------------|-------|------------|------------|
| | lengt | h of DOM | |

To calculate the absorption rate, divide the number of listings in your market by the number of sales during that month. For example, if your market had 300 home listings last month and 100 sales, the absorption rate is three months.



Solds by Financing Type Condo

| Туре | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------|------|------|
| Assum | 0 | 0 |
| Cash | 37 | 18 |
| Conv | 7 | 18 |
| FHA | 0 | 0 |
| VA | 1 | 0 |
| Seller | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 1 | 1 |

Solds by Number of DOM Condo

| DOM | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------|------|------|
| 1-30 | 10 | 6 |
| 31-60 | 4 | 6 |
| 61-90 | 6 | 4 |
| 91-120 | 4 | 1 |
| 121+ | 21 | 20 |

Based on MLS information from the Realtor Association of Martin County, Inc.



Paul Patten Residential Loan Officer

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Helen Dempsey VP/Residential Lending Mgr.

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250 Central Blvd., Ste 106 Jupiter, FL 33458

561-354-4200

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SOTICS SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY. RATES AND PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL.

April 2010 Association Calendar

Questions? Call 283-1748 Fax 288-0215 e-mail: raofmc@martin-realtors.org **WEDNESDAY** MONDAY **TUESDAY** THURSDAY 8:30 Board of Directors Meeting 2:00 MLS Committee **Residential Marketing** 11:00 Supra Key Training 9:00 Breakfast Club -Area 9, Map K Realtor Spanish 101 Tallahassee Great American REALTOR Days 13 14 15 12 16 1:00 iMAPP / Public Records **Residential Marketing** 9:00 New Member Area 9, Map L Orientation 19 22 23 9:00 Basic MLS (3 CEU) Residential Marketing 11:00 Supra Key Training 1:30 Advanced MLS (3 CEU) Area 10, Maps M & N, Indiantown 26 27 28 30 **Residential Marketing** 8:00 Strategic Planning Area 1, Map A 3:00 Finance Committee