Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®

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September 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

MLS Users Group

Wed, Sep 4 at 10:00 a.m

Education Forum

Thu, Sep 5 at 10:00 a.m

YPN Advisory Board

Thu, Sep 5 at 2:00 p.m.

New Member Orientation

Tue, Sep 10 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wed, Sep 11 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thu, Sep 12 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Affiliate Council

Tue, Sep 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Social Events Forum

Wed, Sep 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Putt Putt Golf Tournament

Wed, Sep 11 at 3:00 p.m. at Pacific Springs Golf Course

Inaugural

Thu, Sep 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Millard Plaza Ballroom

Nebraska Fall Meetings 2013

Mon, Sep 16 to Wed, Sep 18 at Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE

Diversity Committee

Tue, Sep 17 at 11:00 a.m

YPN Social at Bushwackers

Thu, Sep 18 at 7:00 p.m. at 7401 Main St., Ralston, NE

WCR Executive Meeting
Thu, Sep 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

GPRMLS Executive Committee

Mon, Sep 23 at 4:00 p.m.

GPRMLS Board of Directors

Tue, Sep 24 at 10:15 a.m.

OABR Executive Committee

Wed, Sep 25 at 9:30 a.m.

OABR Board of Directors

Wed, Sep 25 at 10:15 a.m.

Nebraska Real Estate Commission Meeting

Fri, Sep 27 at 8:30 a.m. at Staybridge Suites, Lincoln, NE

New Member Orientation

Tue, Oct 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wed, Oct 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thu, Oct 3 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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MLS Users Group

Wed, Oct 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Education Forum

Thu, Oct 3 at 10:00 a.m.

McKenna's Blues Night

Thu, Oct 3 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 7425 Pacific St.



Nebraska Secretary of State and Chairman of the Nebraska Real Estate Commission, John Gale addresses the August Governmental Affairs Committee meeting speaking on the responsibilities of his office and issues relevant to the real estate industry.

Contact Donna Shipley (DShipley@OABR.com or 402-619-5551) if you would like to be involved in the activities of the REALTOR® organization.



Everyone is welcome to attend the

128th Annual Inaugural of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®

to be held at

Millard Ballroom Plaza 5339 S. 139th Plaza

Thursday, September 12, 2013

5:30 p.m. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres 7:00 p.m. Installation

2014 President Deda Myhre

and the officers and directors of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® and Great Plains REALTORS® Multiple Listing Service

Registration details on page 5

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FALL MEETINGS

September 16-18, 2013 **Embassy Suites Hotel** 1040 P Street, Lincoln NE

- Committee Meetings
- Special Broker Session
- Membership Luncheon
- Educational C.E. Opportunities
- Social / Hospitality Event
- Inaugural Gala (Matt Meister, 2014 NRA President)

To register go to: www.NebraskaREALTORS.com



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Message from the **OABR President**

Here it is September and a new year for the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®. 2013 has been a whirlwind year in real estate and the Omaha market appears to be on course for a very productive 2014.

As we begin a new fiscal year, let me first say thank you to David Matney for his responsible leadership this past year and to our other dedicated volunteer-members who donate their effort to serve as directors, committee chairs and committee members making certain the organization is supporting you and functioning to the best of its ability.



Deda Myhre 2014 President

A quote from Moliere is taped to my computer that is well worth pondering: "It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable."

With that in mind, please consider volunteering some of your time. There are many opportunities including some amazing committees that are accomplishing great things for the benefit of all. Contact myself or the Board Office today and become involved in the development and continued success of the REALTOR® organization. The support and camaraderie of our collective REALTOR® and Affiliate family is what makes our association network so strong.

My wish this fall is that you find enjoyment and success in your part of the real estate process. Allow yourself time to enjoy family and friends, develop lasting relationships with clients and other REALTORS* alike, and continue to grow your business. Thank you for volunteering and I hope the end of the calendar year ignites your new year with great success.

Best regards,

Deda Myhre

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Social Events Forum Annual Picnic

It was a beautiful day on August 7, for the 14th Annual OABR Picnic. Members had an opportunity to visit with Affiliate sponsors presenting their business under the big tent, and enjoyed a scrumptious barbeque meal from Swine Dining. At the end of the day, over 200 members, including some new faces, attended the annual event and were treated to nearly perfect weather.



REALION 10000

Annual Picnic Gas Card Winners



A Special "Thank You" to the Social Events Forum for donating their time making the OABR Annual Picnic a 'GREAT' event, and to the Affiliate Council for their generosity and time!

Please take a moment and thank the business who donated gas cards.



Lori Bonnstetter — Another exciting day on the job.

Five \$100 Gas Card Winners

(sponsored by the Social Events Forum)

- Jenn Haeg
- Jim O'Neal
- Jerry Ahlvers
- Jane Voorhies
- Matt Hover



Russ Craig and Sue Henson enjoying the spectacular weather at the annual picnic.

Winners of \$50 Gas Cards

- John Seigel sponsored by Affiliate Council
- Cheryl Bowles sponsored by Pat & Cherie Casey, The Home Buyers Protection Co.
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- Matt Shipp sponsored by OABR YPN (Young Professionals Network)
- Sue Campbell sponsored by Winter Coat & Clothing Drive, Social Events Forum

Thank you to all the Affiliate members sponsoring the gas card giveaways.



Robert Wiebusch and John Seigel talking shop.



Keller Williams sporting their 'Red' as they get off Ollie the Trolley.



Brenda Stuart, Jeff Churchill and Kim Church are ready ... bring on the REALTORS®.

Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® Inaugural



September 2013 ushers in the OABR new year for 2014 President Deda Myhre. The 128th Inaugural for Officers and Directors will be at the Millard Plaza Ballroom located at 5339 S. 139th Plaza on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

Brenda Stuart of ServiceOne will preside as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening festivities. 2012 NRA President Joe Gehrki will officiate the installation ceremonies.

Everyone is welcome to attend! The installation will be preceded with "heavy" hors d'oeuvres and networking beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dress business casual.



Deda Myhre 2014 President

PLACE: Millard Ballroom

5339 S. 139th Plaza

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

Social Hour with "heavy" hors d'oeuvres 7:00 p.m. Installation of Officers and Directors

COST: \$18.00

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Submitted By: Julie Sherman United Distributors, Inc.



Understanding Household Water Quality Problems and Causes



HARD WATER

Hard water is very common throughout most of Nebraska. It's a result of dissolved minerals specifically calcium and magnesium. Water is a universal solvent and it picks up impurities easily. As water moves through soil and rock, it dissolves very small amounts of minerals and holds them in solution. Hard water is not a health risk, but a nuisance because of the mineral buildup on faucet fixtures, shower doors, bathtubs and other appliances and has a poor soap and or detergent performance.



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NITRATES & NITRITES

The most common use of nitrates is a fertilizer which can eventually leach into groundwater. Once taken into the body, nitrates are converted to nitrites. The EPA regulates nitrate in drinking water to protect public health. High nitrate levels can cause methemoglobinemia or blue baby syndrome a condition found especially in infants under six months and pregnant women which slows down the flow of oxygen in the blood.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

OABR		
	July 2013	July 2012
Designated REALTOR®	208	214
Des. REALTOR® Secondary	0	1
REALTOR®	2010	1942
REALTOR®-Secondary	5	2
TOTAL	2223	2159
Institute Affiliate	73	74
Affiliate	263	213
Other	5	6
TOTAL	2564	2452
	July 2013	YTD
New REALTOR® Members	July 2013 23	YTD 224
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AFFILIATES... A Council of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®

The role of the Affiliate Council of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® is to promote business relationships and services to REALTOR® members, actively solicit Affiliate membership in the OABR and promote ethical business practices of Affiliate Members.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS ATTENDING THE AUGUST 2013 MEETING:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, September 10, 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 1, 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.

All Affiliate members are welcome to attend.



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Gehrki, Joe

Ritter, Lisa

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(\$250+)

Riedmann, Michael

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Taylor, Mark TenEyck, Dixie Seigel, W John Wichman, Connie

SENATOR'S CLUB 50 CLUB (\$50+) (\$150+)

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Thank You Sharon Rich!

As leadership changes take place this month, we want to recognize Sharon Rich of NP Dodge Real Estate for her contributions to the Education Forum. Sharon has served as Chair of the forum since 1999, and in that time the group has developed into an anchor of the REALTORS® mission.

"The Education Forum has evolved over time to exhibit true signs of value, coming up with top-notch ideas...from a great group of people that have fun together," said Eileen Schultz, Prudential Ambassador. Eileen has served alongside Sharon as Vice-Chair for 14 years.

Eileen said that Sharon's leadership was key to the growth of the forum. Trudy Meyer of CBSHOME Real Estate said that, with Sharon's leadership, the number of KIP sessions increased from just two or four a year to one nearly every month. Trudy will be stepping in as the new Chair of the Education Forum for the 2014 year.

"Sharon encouraged members of the committee to brain storm, attract members, and meet in a productive environment," said Eileen. "She was a great leader. She kept the group on task, and encouraged contribution."

In addition to her role as Chair of the Education Forum, Sharon also plays a major part in new member orientation. She has booked the speakers since 1997 and "keeps it going smoothly," said Donna Shipley, the Programs Director at OABR. Donna also described her

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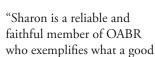






402.630.6555 | Info@MidlandsHI.com www.MidlandsHI.com as "outgoing and would do anything for anybody."

It is no surprise that Sharon Rich was REALTOR® of the Year in 2012, and won the Outstanding Service Award in 1998. She has been a loyal member since 1990, and has been a member of the Education Forum for nearly the entire time. Sharon has also served on the Board of Directors for two three-year terms.





Sharon Rich, shown here receiving the 2012 OABR REALTOR®-ofthe-Year Award from 2011 recipient Shawn Maloy at the Annual Inaugural event held last year.

person stands for," said Trudy. "I hope to continue the good work she has encouraged on the education committee."

Trudy said the committee plans to function in much the same way, with monthly meetings devoted to coordinating effective education through the KIP program. There are also plans to have a national-level speaker in January.

Sharon's contribution to the Education Forum and the OABR organization is immeasurable, and a testament to her character. OABR appreciates her dedication.

"I enjoyed working with Sharon immensely," said Eileen. "She is a genuinely nice person."



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The OABR Social Events Forum invites you to participate in the 4th Annual OABR Coat & Winter Clothing Drive... for ALL Ages!!!

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Drop off dates October 7-8, 2013 at OABR Office

Pipe Types

By Jon Vacha Home Standards Inspection Services

The word "plumbing" derives from the Latin word for lead. During much of modern human history, lead was used for water piping due to its malleability. The Romans used lead piping for their aqueducts and bath houses. Lead plumbing lines were used frequently up until the early 20th century. The discovered health risks associated with lead put a stop its use in plumbing. The use of wooden piping was actually a common practice in cities such as Boston during the 1800's. Today copper and plastic water lines are most commonly used.

Knowing the basics when it comes to different piping materials can be helpful when discussing the strengths and weaknesses of a house's plumbing.

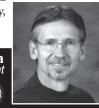
Copper is a popular material for supply lines. Unfortunately, it is also popular among thieves due to its rising price and ease of recyclability. The current installation rate of copper piping exceeds 1 billion feet per year. Copper piping has a high resistance to corrosion and is relatively easy to work with. Galvanized iron or steel piping is very common to find in any house built before 1960. Over time the interior of a galvanized pipe will



rust and the pipe will become smaller and smaller, restricting water flow and pressure. A less costly type of supply pipe used in new construction these days is Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride piping. CPVC is energy efficient due to its thermal insulation properties, which help keep hot water hot and help reduce condensation.

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July 2013

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Caniglia, Matthew - CBSHOME Real Estate - 147th

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Pache, Diana From NP Dodge Real Estate Sales Inc – 129th Dodge To NP Dodge Real Estate Sales Inc – Lakeside

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Kavan, Kevin – RE/MAX Real Estate Group – Giles
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Larson, Robert – Professional Termite & Pest Control
Miller, Lisa – American Home Real Estate LLC
Miller, Susanne – ILI Investments LLC

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Schjodt, Kraig – Thrasher Basement Systems

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Tips, Tools, and an App to Stay Safe and Secure

September is REALTOR* Safety Month, and helps to remind us of the dangers that a real estate professional faces every day. Violence towards real estate professionals has been on the rise. According to the most recent data available, there was a 350% increase in attacks on real estate agents from September 2010 to July 2011.

The nature of the industry requires real estate agents to meet with prospective buyers that they barely know in vacant houses, making them an easy target. There was an average of 1.33 violent acts against agents per month in 2011. Most incidents were robberies that went sour and resulted in death, but there were also a few sexual assaults and outright murders.

These statistics may seem daunting, but there are ways to stay safe. Veterans United put together this list of safety tips for real estate professionals:

- 1. Let at least one personal contact and your office know where you are at all times.
- 2. Don't agree to a private showing unless you've already met a client in your office.
- Have clients complete an information form (name, copy of driver's license, vehicle information) prior to scheduling private showings.
- 4. Bring a co-worker along.

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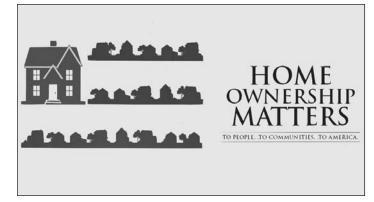
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- 5. Don't leave a client in your blind spot. Let the client proceed in front of you during a private showing.
- 6. Drive through the neighborhood prior to a private showing or open house. Be on the lookout for safety concerns.
- 7. Identify each of a home's exits prior to a showing or open house. Keep exit doors unlocked.
- 8. Take a self-defense class.
- 9. Don't allow a client to ride in your car unless you know them well.
- 10. Don't wear expensive jewelry.
- 11. Leave your purse in the trunk of your car.
- 12. Dress professionally, not provocatively.
- 13. Buy a personal security app for your cell phone, and always keep your cell phone in your hands.
- 14. Be ready to defend yourself. Travel with pepper-spray.
- 15. Trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, remove yourself from the situation. Don't worry about offending a client. Your safety is paramount.

One of the tips suggest an agent use a personal security app. AgentsArmor™ is an app designed by a real estate agent. Ricardo Ruiz del Vizo is a 20-year veteran law enforcement officer and a security specialist in the U.S. Army. His app incorporates important safety features, such as check-in times that can be set at certain intervals, a one-touch 911 button, and a GPS locator.

In addition to the features of the app, when you sign up you will also have access to a safety training program. Used in conjunction with the app, it forms a system to protect the agent's personal safety. The app is available on iTunes and also on GooglePlay. Visit agentsarmor.com for more information.

Even though September is REALTOR® Safety Month, it is important to remember that personal safety is a year-round priority. There is more information on the subject of safety measures in real estate. For articles, videos, webinars, statistics and more concerning REALTOR® safety, go to www.REALTOR.org/topics/realtor-safety.



YPN: Bushwackers on September 18th

Hello! I am excited to greet you as the new YPN Chair for the upcoming year! As we have been building our Young Professionals Network brand over the last three years, I have been involved with many different activities that YPN has hosted and look forward to seeing YOU join us for many more fun, educational, and just plain ole good times. We need your help though; we want to see you at our events and participating. I am telling you this — it's for the Young at Heart and the Young — join us. We have been busy planning and brainstorming some events that we know you will enjoy!

We are all busy, and busy is good. But let us help you enjoy your colleagues starting with our next event at Bushwackers in Ralston

on Wednesday, September 18th starting at 7 p.m. You got moves — we will see you on the dance floor. Oh, and you got skills on a mechanical bull — we will believe it when we see it. Dress like you



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Sept 24 0395	Business Brokerage – Who Sells Small Businesses & Why (3 hrs) 8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.
Sept 24 0672	Power Open Houses (3 hrs) 1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.
Sept 25 0068R	Residential Landlord/Tenant Act (3 hrs) 8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.
Sept 25 0319R	Trust Accounts (3 hrs) 1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.
Sept 26 0311	Working with Residential Investors: Clients for Life (3 hrs) 8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.
Sept 26 0019R	Writing the Purchase Agreement (3 hrs) 1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.



Oct 2 0366R	Agency in Nebraska (3 hrs) 8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.
Oct 2 0093R	Contract Law (3 hrs) 1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.
Oct 3 0186	Real Estate Auctions: Going, Going, Sold (3 hrs) 8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.
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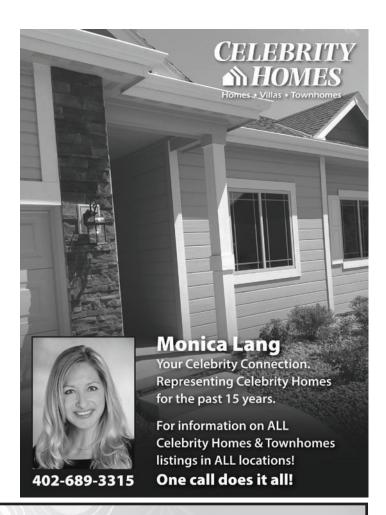
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• Standard of Practice 3-2

To be effective, any change in compensation offered for cooperative services must be communicated to the other REALTOR® prior to the time that REALTOR® submits an offer to purchase/lease the property. (Amended 1/10)

• Standard of Practice 3-3

Standard of Practice 3-2 does not preclude the listing broker and cooperating broker from entering into an agreement to change cooperative compensation. (Adopted 1/94)

Standard of Practice 3-4

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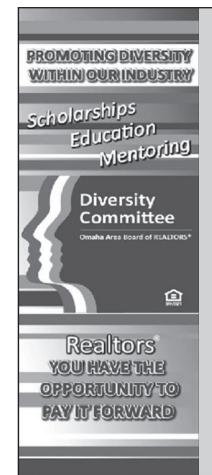
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- **05** Executive Committee
- **05** 2-10 Builders Warranty Class-MOBA Lower Level
- **10** Board of Directors at MOBA Conference Room
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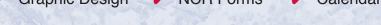
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