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March 4; 10:00 am Quarry Oaks

RPAC FUNDRAISING TASKFORCE

March 9; 2:30 pm OABR Boardroom

SOCIAL EVENTS

March 11; 10:00 am OABR Education Center

YPN COMMITTEE

March 12; 1:30 PM Granite City

AFFILIATES COUNCIL

March 17; 9:00 am

OABR Education Center

EVENTS

GPRMLS LISTING SUBMISSION POLICY

March 12; 10:00 am OABR Education Center

OMAHA BEEF REALTOR® NIGHT

March 28; 5:00 pm Ralston Arena

Members Get REcharged!



The 2nd annual REcharge! 2020 was a huge hit! This year, a record-breaking number of people joined to plug-in to the most energized REALTOR® event of the year on February 25, 2020.

Keynote speakers Stefan Swanepoel and Ryan Held spoke at the Ramada Plaza Omaha Hotel & Convention Center along with over 30 other speakers. Attendees then hopped over to cocktail hour to eat delicious hor d'oeuvres, discuss the breakout sessions from throughout the day, and have a drink or two!

Thank you to all of our speakers and sponsors who helped make this event a success including First National Bank of Omaha, Centris Federal Credit Union, Gershman Mortgage, Inspectix Home Inspections, and ServiceOne.





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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Susan Clark, 2020 President



Spring Has Sprung!

REcharge! 2020

I would like to begin with a big thank you to all who attended and supported REcharge 2020! Stefan Swanepoel took a deep dive into the ever changing real estate industry and provided us with his outlook for the future. We had power packed panels all day long and extremely educational sessions on business building, technology, and more!

We are thrilled to say we exceeded our expectation for attendance and are raising the bar for REcharge 2021! A save the date will be out soon, so keep your eyes peeled...

Nebraska REALTORS® Association Annual Convention

Mark your calendars for the 103rd annual Nebraska REALTORS® Association Annual Convention, April 6-8, 2020. This is a great time to learn more about your state organization. The NRA governance meetings are open and all REALTORS® are welcome! There are several great CE class options that I encourage all of you to attend, including some R classes.

Plus... Plan to attend President Coram's Hospitality Reception on Monday, April 6th from 5 pm - 6:30 pm and the Young Professionals Networking Social on Tuesday, April 7th from 5 pm - 6 pm! I will see you there!

OABR Education and Safety Committees

Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® is looking to grow our Education and Safety Committees! These committees meet once a month or less. Joining a committee is a great way to get involved without huge time challenges. If you have considered getting involved, but haven't yet... now is your time!

Join Education Chair Crystal Archer for the March monthly committee meeting on March 11th at 8:30 am and Safety Chair Jill Anderson for the April committee meeting on April 16th at 2 pm. Both take place at OABR, so mark your calendars!

Spring has sprung! Stay safe out there!

Susan Clark, 2020 President





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PERSONALS

Condolences to **Karen Jennings** of BHHS Ambassador Real Estate on the recent loss of her cousin.

Condolences to **Kelly Jourdan** of Nebraska Realty on the recent loss of her uncle.

Condolences to **Erin Trescott** of First National Bank on the recent loss of her Aunt.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

See the full membership report at:
OmahaREALTORS.com/membership-report

JANUARY ACTIVITY	МО	YTD
New REALTOR® Members	65	65
Reinstated REALTOR® Members	4	4
Resignations	19	19

MEMBERSHIP

(As of January 1)	2020	2019
Designated REALTORS®	194	197
REALTOR®	2743	2522
REALTOR® Emeritus	69	67
TOTAL REALTORS®	3006	2786
Institute Affiliate	67	67
Affiliate	187	232
TOTAL AFFILIATES	254	299

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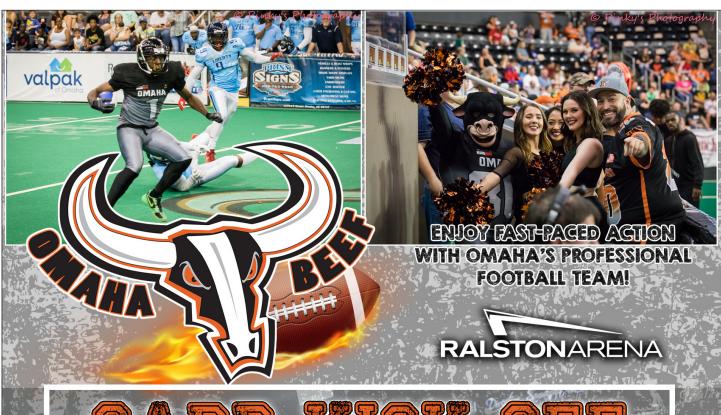
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WEDNESDAY, FERUARY 19

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The 29th Annual Chili Cook-Off really provided a blast from the past! We had great support from multiple offices and overall the food drive raised more than \$3,300 or enough for 10,000 meals for the Food Bank of the Heartland.

Congratulations to our lucky raffle prize winners: Jonathan Jameson, Andrea Lane, Sheri Grimes and Francisco Serrano.

Darla Bengtson of Nebraska Realty won the wine frige that was donated by the Affiliates Council. The 1st place winner for donations-per-REALTOR® was Regina Kotchin Real Estate who raised \$231.29 per REALTOR®. 2nd place was DVG Realty with over \$15 per-REALTOR® donated.

This year multiple offices won the Grand Giver Award by surpassing the \$1,000 mark. For the first time both BHHS Ambassador and RE/MAX Results earned their spot on the plaque. Congratulations!

Nebraska Realty went beyond the \$3,000 total this year and became a third-time Grand Giver. The Affiliates Council became Grand Givers for the 7th time! Since 2014 our Virtual Food Drive has raised almost \$28,000 for the Food Bank for the Heartland. We are thankful to be part of such a caring and giving real estate community. Thank you to everyone for their donations and time benefiting the Food Bank for the Heartland.

Wendy Walker, Cobalt Credit Union



Congratulations to the Chili Cook-Off winners:1st - Tim Jensen with Nebraska Realty; 2nd - Lisa Miers, First Bank; 3rd - Sarina McNeel - Nebraska Realty.













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CONGRATULATIONS, DAKOTA SMITH!



Congratulations to OABR member Dakotah Smith upon his appointment to the Douglas County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is responsible for updating and maintaining compliance with the County's Comprehensive Development Plan. He will join fellow OABR member and current OABR President Susan Clark on the Planning Commission.

The vote to approve Dakotah was unanimous by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. The term expires May 31, 2021.

We commend Dakotah for stepping up and taking on this responsibility with our local government!

GO-ASHI Greater Omaha Chapter American Society of Home Inspectors

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AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT

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BY ERIC PETERSEN, P & P INSURANCE AGENCY

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The Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is what we used to call the "100 Year Flood" area. It is more specifically the area that has roughly a 1% chance of flooding each and every year. To equate it to your homeowner, over a 30-year mortgage, this amounts to about a 26% chance (Not 30% as the actual yearly is a little less than 1%) that they will experience a flood on their property. The likelihood of flood damage is greater than the likelihood of damage by a fire. FEMA is in the discovery portion for remapping the area. While this could take as long as a couple years, we should expect the SFHA to increase based on recent history.

How does that effect homeowners and real estate sales? First, if the property is in a flood zone today the buyer and seller should work together on the flood insurance as they may be able to transfer prior to the sale. There may be a few different options and costs depending on how and when the property is transferred. Additionally, areas just outside of current flood zones may be mapped into a flood zone on the next surveys. It is best to consider this when working with your buyer or seller.

A property owner does not need to be in the SFHA to purchase flood insurance. Lenders require flood insurance if a property is in the SFHA, and it can be



pretty expensive. Flood insurance outside of the SFHA is pretty reasonable, and may be a good idea for some properties. If the neighborhood drains towards your home at the bottom of the cul-de-sac for example, you may want flood insurance. The definitions of a flood are pretty liberal on the flood policies, but you will want to make sure your clients know what they are before purchasing flood insurance.

As a REALTOR®, you have surrounded yourself with professionals that can give you and your clients advice and guidance. Your Insurance professional can determine the flood plain, but also if the home might have other flood or water concerns based on the local terrain. Find a professional you trust, and have them lay out the options for your clients to make an educated decision.





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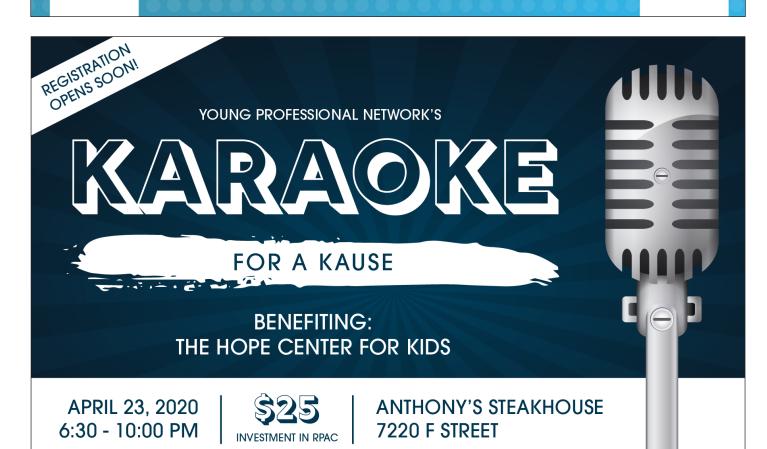
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