

Thomasville Area Board of Realtors®



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Meet the New Association Executive

T. Sanford Giemza has lived in Thomas County for nine years, along with her husband and two daughters. She has been involved in numerous non-profit organizations including Women's Forum, Keep Thomas County Beautiful, Junior Service League, Kiwanis, Thomasville Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Landmarks, Thomasville Family Connections and the Brevard County Veterans Council. She is very excited to be working with the Thomasville Area Board of Realtors and is looking forward to meeting everyone.

REALTOR ACTION PARTY

While members are eating lunch, Peggy Slappey from the Realtor Action Party will introduce the program and explain how members can participate. She will also discuss "Call to Action" requests that Realtors receive.

Board of REALTORS® Meeting

Monday

April 20, 2015

12:00 Noon

Plaza Restaurant

Special Guest Speaker

Darlene Taylor
State Representative

**"What is Happening at
the State Level"**

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Meet our Affiliates

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Services
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Bernie Hall
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Bank
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Have you called an Affiliate Today?

Thomasville Area Board of Realtors Officers and Committee Chairs for 2014

**We
are
here
to
serve
you!**

Board of Directors

Sonja Clark, President
Pam Davis, Vice Pres/Treas
Melvin Darby, President
Wilma Cashman, Executive Officer
Local Directors: Susan Bennett
Dan Crocker
Len Powell
Sarah Ruddell-Thompson
Scottie Thompson
Eugene Witherspoon
State Directors: Mike Corbitt
Emily Eckels

Committee Chairpersons

Awards – Emily Eckels
Community Service - Rebecca Sanford
Current Events - Dan Crocker
Education - Marilyn McRee
GAR State Grievance - Sarah Ruddell
GAR State Professional Standards
Julie Bryan, Pat Glenn, Fran Milberg
Len Powell, Lisa Taylor
Homes – Teri Gainey
Hospitality – Mary Golden
MLS – Len Powell
Membership – Melvin Darby
Programs – Len Powell
Public Relations - Dan Crocker
Political Liason/RPAC –
Mills Herndon



Happy Birthday!

April

3 - Paige Vaughan
5 - Colleen Phelps
7 - Mark Harrell
7 - Christopher Meares
9 - Peggy Corbitt
9 - Marcia Love
14 - Jason Copps
14 - Russ Taylor
21 - Lorie Garrett
21 - Fran Milberg
25 - Sarah Ruddell-Thompson
27 - J T Jones

May

2 - Marcianne Benton
4 - Dayna Hardy
5 - Brian Lameier
9 - Larry Lennard
10- Loretta Blietk
14 - Helen Whitney
18 - Brook Johnson
18 - A J Taheri
21 - Peggy Hampton
22 - Rodney Jackson

June

3 - Marilyn McRee
8 - Jason Brinson
8 - Kathy Palmer
16 - Norris Bishop
16 - Emily Eckels
16 - Lisa Taylor
18 - Len Powell
22 - Russell Chubb
24 - Linda Boyd
25 - Tiffani Jones
27 - Marlene Bienes
28 - Carla Stephens



WELCOME BACK
Colleen Phelps
Canopy Road Realty

Welcome!!
NEW REALTOR
Hunter Drew
The Wright Group

GRI - Callaway Gardens

The 2015 GRI Week-Long program will be held July 13 - 18, 2015 at the Lodge & Spa at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain. Program will feature courses Two and Three - Course One is only being offered on line in 2015 as the program transitions into a new format. Registration is open and GRI Courses are eligible for GAR Scholarships.

LEGAL HELPLINE

GAR has an exciting new benefit for members. The Legal Helpline was established to assist Georgia REALTORS with their questions regarding ethics/ arbitration, contract forms, and license law. Service is free for all members.

Go to www.garealtor.com all you need to get started is your NRDs number

Mark your Calendar and Save the Date -

GAR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

October 21-22, 2015, Macon Centriplex, Macon, Georgia

All current officers, incoming officers and committee chairs are encouraged to attend this conference.

Have you joined the Realtor Action Center?

The Realtor Action Center keeps members informed of important bills and legislation in Washington, D.C. that are vital to the Real Estate industry.

NAR will send you Calls for Action whenever there are bills under consideration by Congress that they feel require mobilizing the collective power of our 1.1 million members in support of, or in opposition to.

It is our goal to limit these Calls for Action to only those bills of major importance. So please take the opportunity to make your voice heard.

RPAC - REPRESENTING YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS

REALTORS® are business people and know that the best way to do business is to maximize return on investment. So, how does RPAC help a REALTOR®'s business? CONSIDER THIS:

- **National Flood insurance:** Passage of the 5-year reauthorization will bring certainty to real estate transactions in more than 21,000 communities nationwide where flood insurance is required for a mortgage.
- **Mortgage Cancellation Relief:** This full Senate package will extend the mortgage relief provision for an additional year. The package also includes a relief provision to limit the impact of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) in '12 and '13 and renews the 15-year cost recovery for leasehold improvements through 2013.
- **Short Sales:** NAR-supported legislation was passed in August 2012 that issues new guidelines to enhance and streamline the short sale process. This includes changes such as increased hardship eligibility, a fixed arm's length affidavit, alignment of deficiency waiver policies and improvements to property valuation guidance.

That's money in your pocket and added back to your business' bottom line. RPAC is an investment; your investment in your business.

REAL ESTATE LICENSEE ALERT!

On July 1, 2015: required hours of continuing education increase from 24 to 36.

On July 1, 2016: 3 of the 36 hours must be on the topic of License Law.

NOTICE TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS OF RULE CHANGES

The Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board adopted changes to the "Appraiser Classifications and Their Education, Examination, and Experience Requirements" Rule and the "Courses" rule. These Rules implement the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria required as of January 1, 2015 as established by the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) of The Appraisal Foundation. These Rules are effective as of January 1, 2015.