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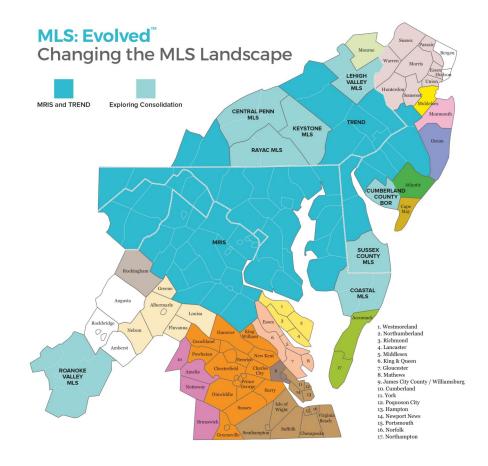
# RAYAConnection

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# How Will the MLS Merger Impact You?

RAYAC is hosting two town hall meetings for members to learn about a possible MLS merger with the new regional MLS (TREND and MRIS). Tom Phillips, CEO of TREND MLS, will lead the discussion and answer your questions. Shanna Terroso, RAYAC's Executive Officer, will talk about how the merger will impact RAYAC. To be informed about the merger, you need to attend one of these meetings.



Wednesday, March 2 2:00 pm at Hickory Falls 110 Hickory Lane, Hanover **Thursday, March 3** 10:00 am at Wyndham Garden 2000 Loucks Road, York

If possible, please RSVP. <u>https://mdweb.mmsi2.com/york/</u> If you haven't registered, but can attend one of the meetings, please join us.

# March

- 2 Hands on Helpers, 9:00 am
- 2 Spring Fling meeting, 11:00 am
- 2 MAPS Town Hall meeting, 2:00 pm, Hickory Falls, Hanover
- 3 MAPS Town Hall meeting, 10:00 am, Wyndham Garden, York
- 3 RAYAC Foundation, 2:00 pm
- 4 New Member Orientation-Module II, 8:30 am
- 8 CE: Zapping Zillow and Tripping Up Trulia, 8:30 am
- 8 CE: From Contract to Closing, 1:00 pm
- 8 Community Relations Committee, 1:00 pm
- 8 Political Affairs Committee, 2:00 pm
- 9 CE: Residential RE 101, 8:30 am
  9 CE: Helping Consumers
  Understand the Value, Technology, and Benefits of High Performance
  Homes, 1:00 pm, Gettysburg
- 9 Lockbox training, 2:00 pm
- 10 Golf Outing Task Force, 10:00 am
- 10 Program Social, 12:00 noon
- 15 DotLoop Bootcamp, 8:30 am
- 15 DotLoop Bootcamp, 1:00 pm
- 16 CE: Commercial RE 101, 8:30 am
- 16 Affiliate Committee, 9:00 am
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- 23 CE: FHA Handbook, 8:30 am
- 23 Lockbox training, 2:00 pm
- 24 CE: Working with Today's Seller, 8:30 am, Hampton Inn, Hanover
- 24 CE: Working with Today's Buyer, 1:00 pm, Hampton Inn, Hanover
- 24 Board of Directors, 9:00 am
- 24 Golf Outing Task Force, 12:00 noon29 RAYAC Blood Drive, 10:00 am-
- 3:30 pm
  31 CE: Commercial class, Navigating Commonwealth & Municipal Ordinances, Codes, and Regulations, 8:30 am

# April

- 1 New Member Orientation-Module I, 8:30 am
- 2 Spring Fling, 5:00 pm, UAW Union Hall, 3562 Gillespie Drive, York
- 5 Affiliate Networking & Education Event, 9:00 am, Out Door Country Club, 1157 Detwiler Drive, York

Meetings are held at the RAYAC Office, 901 Smile Way, unless otherwise noted.

# Hello Thirsty Thursday

The Program Social Committee is mixing up the mingling in 2016. Now our "happy hours" will be on the **third Thursday of every other month.** Make the change in your calendar NOW because we want to see YOU there!

# March 17, 2016 5:00-7:00 pm

# Rocks Lounge, C&D Bar & Grill

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# **Board of Directors Summary** February 11, 2016

## **Strategic Discussion**

### **MLS Merger**

- Directors discussed feedback from the DR/Manager meeting and a special Budget Finance Committee meeting.
- Additionally, Shanna Terroso formed an Advisory Council comprised of brokers and past presidents.
- The Board will hold a visioning session to determine what the association looks like without the MLS.
- Each Board member will reach out to several RAYAC members to get input on the merger and the services they value most.
- Town hall meetings will allow members to hear about the merger directly from the MAPS team and ask questions, plus ask questions specific to RAYAC.

## Reports

Directors received reports from the following committees:

- RPAC
- Hands on Helpers
- Affiliate
- Member Communications
- Spring Fling. Tickets for Spring Fling are on sale now for \$35 each. The event is held Saturday, April 2. (See page 12)



# **2015 RAYAC President Tony Thomas**

### Greetings everyone,

I just recently did a video with Patricia Carey from Berkshire Hathaway. I interviewed Pat because I wanted people to get to know her as she is the first PAR District Vice President from RAYAC in the last 20 years or so. After the interview, I realized that maybe the membership doesn't know me. So, since this is March (my birthday month), I decided to share a little bit about myself.

### Q: Who are you?

A: My name is Tony Thomas. I was born and raised in Baltimore. I graduated from Randallstown Senior High in 1992. From there, I went on to study at The Baltimore City Community College and finally, I studied accounting at the University of Maryland. I was

married in 1994 to my wife of 22 years Tawanda and we have three beautiful children Taylor 21, Theodore 19, and Torrey 15. We relocated to York in 2007.

### Q: What did you do before you were a Realtor?

A: I was a stock broker/financial advisor for American Express and M & T Bank.

### Q: How many years have you been a Realtor?

A: I have been a Realtor for 8 years. I started at Coldwell Banker, then moved to Jack Gaughen, then to Keller Williams and now back to Coldwell Banker. My wife joined the business in 2011 and we now have a five member real estate team.

### Q: How did you first get involved with RAYAC?

A: Back in 2008, it was very tough to get appointments. However, I needed to assure my wife that I was out working, so I joined a few committees so that I could say that I had appointments that I needed to be on.

### Q: In what capacity have you previously served RAYAC?

A: I have served on the Golf Outing, City Living, Program Social, and Budget Finance committees. I have also served two years as a Director, two years as Board Treasurer and one year as Board Vice President.

### Q: What are the most important issues you will be working on this year?

A: I am very much involved in exploring the potential merging of Multiple Listing Systems with MRIS and TREND, and more importantly, researching the impact of such a move on the association. I am also interested in bringing back a YPN (Young Professionals Network) chapter to RAYAC and I am also championing a record year to increase the number of RPAC major donors.

### Q: What have you learned so far?

A: I have always worked with RAYAC staff; however, being President has given me the opportunity to work with them on a more intimate level. I am astounded by their professionalism, energy, and dedication to the organization. I am also impressed with Shanna's leadership as she has not even been in this position for a year.

### Q: What do you like about being President?

A: I am a people person and being President allows me to get out and about and meet new people.

### Q: What don't you like about being President?

A: I am not a long meeting person. I have to keep moving. Sometimes, I have to attend all day meetings. Since I recently quit drinking coffee and caffeine drinks, I am really going through it on those days.

### Q: How can the membership get in contact with you?

A: Well, they can always email me at <u>Tony@TRGmoves.com</u> or they can send me a message on Facebook. I have a Facebook page called "Rayac Prez 2016". This page has association information and updates. This will allow you to stay in the loop as we move forward through the year.





# From the Executive Officer

# Taxes

### by Shanna Terroso, RCE, e-PRO

What was that saying by Benjamin Franklin, the only certainty is death and taxes? If you are in real estate we certainly know that to be true and April 15<sup>th</sup> seems to come around faster each year. But at RAYAC we have tried to make filing your taxes a little easier for you this year. Any invoices

that you have paid to RAYAC in 2015, are available on your online member account. When I say anything, I mean everything from items you purchased in the RAYAC Store and receipts for events that you paid to attend, to your REALTOR dues and any payments for classes. All receipts can be easily printed from your account. All you need to do is visit RAYAC.com and click on the Pay Bills Link. Or you can watch this video we created to see just how easy it is.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bV15EHBJj2I&feature=youtu.be

I know filing those taxes is never fun, but we hope this member service will make it a little less painful.

# **Leadership York Executive Connections**

Registration is now open for the 2016 Executive Connections program. Do you know of executives new to our area who could benefit from connecting with other managers, vice presidents, and CEOs as they meet established community leaders? Leadership York's Executive Connections course helps participants learn about area systems, services, and culture so they can understand the area in a deeper way and be inspired to make a positive impact on the future of York County. They will have time for networking, thought-provoking presentations, and

light refreshments – all in an intimate, interactive setting.

For supplies for your welcome kit, and registration materials, click <u>HERE</u>. Contact Leadership York at (717) 846-5323 if you have any questions.





# **Membership News**

### **New Members**

Catherine Aguilar, BH Homesale (W) Beth Ann Buenaventura, BH Homesale (E) Douglas Callahan, Country Home RE Advantage Mark Fonti, Joseph A Myers RE Becky Geldmacher, KW Keystone Michelle Gemmill, BH Homesale (D) Donna Harbold, BH Homesale (W) Ahmed Islam, BH Homesale (D) Nathan Johnston, KW Keystone Sherry Lease, RE/MAX New Beginnings Angela Lucabaugh, BH Homesale (E) Mark Macklin, Equity PA Tammy Rivera, BH Homesale (G) Ann Rotz, Rotz Commercial Pamela Sammons, Sammons Appraisals Peter Smith, BH Homesale (CD) Prudence Smith, BH Homesale (W) Joy Springer, BH Homesale (SH) Connie Staub, New Beginnings Realty John J. Wiga, Royal Square Prop. Mngt.

### **Member Changes**

Scarlett Amspacher, Riley & Assoc. DanYelle Batts, KW Keystone Jalyssa Beatty, CB Res. Brok. (YQ) Rose Beaverson, McCallister & Myers Brianna Crone, McCallister & Myers Chris Edwards, CB Res. Brok. (YQ) Robert Everly, CB Res. Brok. (YQ) Cynthia Folckemer, CB Res. Brok (YM) Matthew Goshert, Country Home RE Advantage

Ray Hoover, RE/MAX Quality Service Lois Kikola Ambrose, CB Res. Brok. (YM)

Leroy Moore, C21 Core Partners Elisa Schwenk, KW Keystone Kaya Sterling, CB Res. Brok. (YQ) Tawanda Thomas, CB Res. Brok (YQ) Tony Thomas, CB Res. Brok (YQ)

#### Member Drops None

### New Office/Brokerage None

### **Office Changes**

Royal Square Property Mngt. Address change to 110 East King Street York, PA 17401

## **Office Drops**

None

## **New Affiliates**

Pillar to Post Inspections Andrew Wolfe 37 Virgina Ave. Shrewsbury, PA 17361 (717) 472-6168 www.pillartopost.com/andrewwolfe

# **Affiliate Changes**

None

### **Membership Stats**

(as of 1/20)							
	2016	<u>2015</u>					
Designated REALTORS	124	120					
REALTORS	912	800					
Pending Applicants	12	15					
Total REALTORS	1048	935					
Affiliates	88	82					
Total Members	1136	1017					

## **Affiliate Drops**

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# Mark Your Calendar!



# Learn about Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance

**Thursday, March 24** 10:00 am-12:00 noon RAYAC classroom

REALTORS should attend to learn how to save your clients money and lenders should attend to learn how to participate in the York Housing Assistance Program. To sign-up, contact Marissa Bankert at <u>Marissa@rayac.com</u> or 717-843-7891 ext. 108.

## Have You Been a Member for 40 Years?

If you have 40 years of continuous membership and one year of service to either RAYAC, PAR or NAR, contact Shanna Terroso to be nominated for REALTOR Emeritus status. Shanna can be reached at <u>shanna@rayac.com</u> or 717-843-7891 ext. 106. **The deadline to apply for REALTOR Emeritus status is March 24.** 



# Help Save Lives RAYAC BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 29 10:00 am - 3:30 pm RAYAC Classroom



To schedule an appointment, contact Shanna Terroso at (717) 843-7891 ext. 106 or register online at <u>www.redcrossblood/account</u> Login and enter sponsor code/keyword: RAYAC



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Let's Get Fresh!

# Tuesday, April 5, 2016 Out Door Country Club

1157 Detwiler Drive, York

It's that time of the year when we crave fresh air, fresh food, fresh flowers and fresh ideas to boost our business. REALTOR members will have the opportunity to network with our valuable Affiliate members in a relaxed tradeshow atmosphere followed by an educational Appraiser panel presentation.

### Join these Affiliate members:

360 Tours of York American Property Examiners First American Homebuyers Protection Freedmont Mortgage GMH Mortgage M&T Bank Mortgage MYclosing LLC PeoplesBank Pillar to Post Inspections S.A.F.E. Inspection Services Stock and Leader Union Community Bank White Rose Settlement Services On. York Traditions Bank

9:00-10:20 amTradeshow and breakfast10:20-10:40 amAward prizes and remarks, RAYAC President Tony Thomas10:40-11:30 amAppraisal panel back by popular demand

Affiliates - <u>Click here</u> for more details and to reserve your booth. Only 14 tables are remaining! **REALTORS** - Registration is FREE; however, you MUST <u>register online</u> by Tuesday, March 29.

Contact Marissa Bankert at Marissa@rayac.com or call (717) 843-7891 ext. 108 with any questions.



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# 2016 CLASS SCHEDULE For more details on each class and to register, go to: <a href="https://mdweb.mmsi2.com/york/">https://mdweb.mmsi2.com/york/</a>

Mondays, 4/18, 4/25, 5,2 & Wednesdays, 5/11 & 5/18:	Broker Course: Residential Property Management, 30 hours CE and 2 required broker credits. (Location: RAYAC) 9:00am-3:00pm
March 8, 8:30am-12:00pm: 1:00pm-4:30pm:	Zapping Zillow and Tripping Up Trulia, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC) **Well Over 1/2 Way Full From Contract to Closing - Don't Derail Your Sale!, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC) **Wait List Started
March 9, 8:30am-4:30pm:	Residential Real Estate 101, 7 hrs. RE CE. Mandatory class for new licensees. (Location: RAYAC) **Over 1/2 Way Full
March 9, 1:00pm-4:30pm:	Helping Consumers Understand the Value, Technology, and Benefits of High Performance Homes, 3.5 hours real estate and appraiser CE. (Location: Gettysburg) <u>Click HERE to Register</u>
March 15, 8:30am-12:00pm: 1:00pm-4:30pm:	Managing Online Transactions for Consumers (Dotloop Boot Camp), 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC) Managing Online Transactions for Consumers (Dotloop Boot Camp), 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC)
March 16, 8:30am-4:30pm:	Commercial Real Estate 101, 7 hours real estate CE. Mandatory class for new licensees. (Location: RAYAC)
March 17, 8:30am-4:30pm:	Real Estate Essentials, 7 hours real estate CE. Mandatory class for new licensees. (Location: RAYAC)
March 23, 8:30am-4:30pm:	FHA's New Appraiser's Handbook: Learn It To Protect Your Liability, 7 hours RE and appraiser CE. (Location: RAYAC) **Well Over 1/2 Way Full
March 24, 8:30am-12:00pm: 1:00pm-4:30pm:	Working With Today's Seller, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: Hampton Inn-Hanover) **Wait List Started Working With Today's Buyer, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: Hampton Inn-Hanover) **Wait List Started
March 31, 8:30am-12:00pm:	Commercial Class - Navigating Commonwealth & Municipal Ordinances, Codes, and Regulations, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (RAYAC)
April 6, 9:00am-12:30pm: 1:00pm-4:30pm:	Financing in the Brave, Old World, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC) Use the Right Form at the Right Time, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC)
April 12 & 13, 8:30am-5:00pm:	Designation Course: Certified Negotiation Expert I, 15 hours real estate CE and 1 broker credit. (Location: RAYAC) Click HERE to register
April 19, 8:30am-4:30pm:	Residential Real Estate 101, 7 hours real estate CE. Mandatory class for new licensees. (Location: RAYAC)
April 20, 8:30am-12:00pm: 1:00pm-4:30pm:	Anatomy of an Appraisal, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: Hilton Garden Inn-Gettysburg) **Well Over 1/2 Way Full Zapping Zillow and Tripping Up Trulia, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: Hilton Garden Inn-Gettysburg) **Well Over 1/2 Way Full 1/2 Way Full
April 21, 8:30am-12:00pm: 1:00pm-4:30pm:	Working With Today's Buyer, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC) Working With Today's Seller, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC)
April 28, 8:30am-4:30pm:	Real Estate Essentials, 7 hours real estate CE. Mandatory class for new licensees. (Location: RAYAC)
May 3, 8:30am-12:00pm: 1:00pm-4:30pm:	Best of the (Legal) Hotline, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC) Top 10 Common Costly Mistakes in a Residential Agreement of Sale, 3.5 hours real estate CE. (Location: RAYAC)

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### **LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION**

Deadline to complete continuing education and renew your real estate license with the SREC is May 31, 2016.

Credits taken between 6/1/14 - 5/31/16 will count toward the 14 hour CE requirement for renewal. The 2016 renewal will begin in March. The SREC will mail notices to your employer address 2-3 months prior to license expiration date.

Click HERE to see renewal fees.

### **NEW LICENSEE INFORMATION**

If a license is issued between December 1, 2013 and November 30, 2015, the licensee will need to complete the two state required courses by May 31, 2016 to renew.

#### The SREC Required Courses:

- 1. Real Estate Essentials 7 hr general module
- 2. Choice of: Residential Real Estate 101 or Commercial Real Estate 101 7 hr specific module

If a license is issued between December 1, 2015 and February 29, 2016, the licensee will need to renew the license by May 31, 2016, but will be exempt from CE.

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"Mike was a fabulous instructor and very knowledgeable." - Mendy Mendenilla Janke

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"Mike uses his own experiences to clearly give examples of the why and how to use his courses and materials." - Carolyn Boyle

"Mike Perry knows the material, teaches it well, and makes it interesting." - John LeCates

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## Saturday, April 2, 2016

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Beer and soda, plus BYOB.

Jars, pull tickets, raffles, dancing and music all night.



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### \$35/ticket, must be 21+ to attend

For tickets, contact Marissa Bankert at <u>marissa@rayac.com</u> or 717-843-7891 ext. 108.

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Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \*

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\* On Tuesday mornings the office opens at 10:00 a.m. because of a staff meeting.

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# RAYAC CHARITY GOLF OUTING

# THURSDAY, JUNE 9

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# January Sold 1/1/16 MLS Statistics by School District

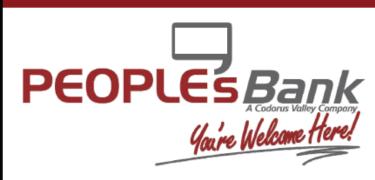
School District	<u># Sold</u>	<u>d</u> <u>Dollar Volume</u> <u>Avg. Sale Price</u>		Median Sale Price	
York County					
Central	26	\$4,780,850	\$183,879	\$150,000	
Dallastown	28	\$4,909,339	\$175,334	\$150,750	
Dover	18	\$2,821,950	\$156,775	\$156,700	
Eastern	15	\$1,963,150	\$130,877	\$113,500	
Hanover	10	\$1,109,100	\$110,910	\$115,450	
Northeastern	22	\$3,499,550	\$159,070	\$174,450	
Northern	17	\$3,935,248	\$281,089	\$242,450	
Red Lion	22	\$3,036,994	\$138,045	\$123,900	
South Eastern	9	\$1,848,300	\$205,367	\$210,000	
South Western	26	\$3,638,187	\$139,930	\$141,900	
Southern	16	\$3,210,945	\$200,684	\$179,000	
Spring Grove	12	\$2,075,050	\$172,921	\$147,525	
West Shore	15	\$1,440,599	\$110,815	\$117,000	
West York	21	\$2,538,400	\$120,876	\$124,900	
York City	19	\$1,021,500	\$53,763	\$42,500	
York Suburban	17	\$2,579,100	\$151,712	\$150,000	
York Total	288	\$44,408,262	\$154,195	\$144,850	
Adams County					
Bermudian Springs	9	\$1,769,125	\$196,569	\$194,900	
Conewago Valley	18	\$2,944,894	\$163,605	\$144,400	
Fairfield	2	\$364,500	\$182,250	\$182,250	
Gettysburg	3	\$593,835	\$197,945	\$190,835	
Littlestown	13	\$1,998,575	\$153,737	\$142,000	
Upper Adams	3	\$203,900	\$67,967	\$52,500	
Adams Total	48	\$7,874,829	\$164,059	\$151,200	

# York County MLS Statistics Monthly Comparison

YORK CO. Monthly Comparison	1/15 TOTAL	1/16 TOTAL	15-16 % CHANGE	1/15 MEDIAN SOLD PRICE	1/16 MEDIAN SOLD PRICE	15-16 % CHANGE	1/15 AVG. SOLD PRICE	1/16 AVG. SOLD PRICE	15-16 % CHANGE
Total sold/ settle	267	288	+8%	\$135,000	\$144,850	+7%	\$145,121	\$154,195	+6%
Co-broke	209	226	+8%	\$136,000	\$148,000	+9%	\$146,556	\$157,559	+8%
In house	58	62	+7%	\$119,650	\$125,225	+5%	\$139,950	\$141,935	+1%
New	727	661	-9%			Active	2,032	1,870	-8%

# Adams County MLS Statistics Monthly Comparison

ADAMS CO. Monthly Comparison	1/15 TOTAL	1/16 TOTAL	15-16 % CHANGE	1/15 MEDIAN SOLD PRICE	1/16 MEDIAN SOLD PRICE	15-16 % CHANGE	1/15 AVG. SOLD PRICE	1/16 AVG. SOLD PRICE	15-16 % CHANGE
Total sold/ settle	56	48	-14%	\$156,000	\$151,200	-3%	\$182,006	\$164,059	-10%
Co-broke	31	30	-3%	\$169,900	\$151,200	-11%	\$187,599	\$160,611	-14%
In house	25	18	-28%	\$149,900	\$167,367	+12%	\$175,070	\$169,806	-3%
New	141	120	+15%			Active	536	520	-3%



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## Thursday, March 10

2:00-3:30 pm

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# MLS CMA - Comparative Market Analysis

## Wednesday, March 16

2:00 - 3:30 pm Registration required. This class will show you how to create a CMA brochure including a CMA search, create reports, add a subject property, insert adjustments to comparables, graphs, etc.

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## Tuesday, March 22

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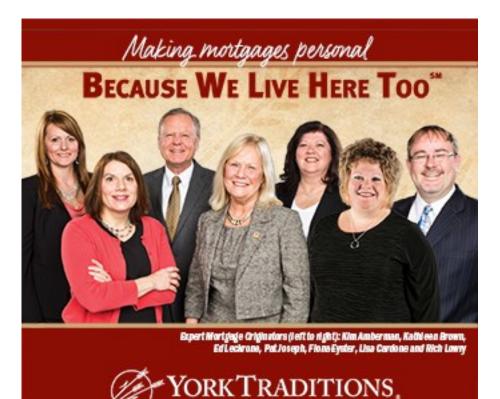
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# **Practicing Professionalism**

### **Better Dispute Resolution**

New ombudsman services at local associations can keep disagreements from escalating into more severe problems.

BY CAROLYN D'AGOSTA. Reprinted from January 2016 REALTOR® Magazine: http://realtormag.realtor.org/law-and-ethics/ethics/article/2016/01/better-dispute-resolution

REALTORS® distinguish themselves by their professionalism, which is rooted in our Code of Ethics. Over the past year, the Professional Standards Committee has been focused on raising the professional bar in our industry, enhancing the tools used by our state and local associations for resolving misunderstandings and disputes—those that occur between REALTORS® and those that happen between REALTORS® and their clients and customers.

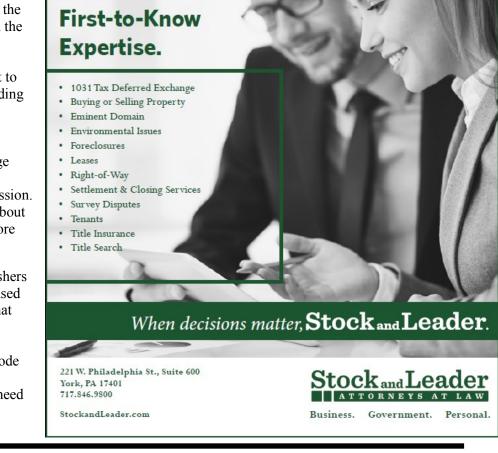
Minor professional disagreements, such as who has responsibility for trash removal from a home before buyers move in, have sometimes escalated into bigger problems because an association lacked a system for dealing with such grievances.

The available options have long varied among REALTOR® associations, but the trend is clear: A wider array of tools can help increase professionalism by ensuring that disputes and disagreements are resolved quickly and fairly. Our long-held ethics enforcement, mediation, and arbitration procedures for handling monetary disputes and other ethics complaints have also undergone a thorough review.

It's an ongoing process, but we made great strides last year. For example, as of Jan. 1, 2016, all associations are required to offer ombudsman services to their members, clients, and customers either directly or through an agreement with other associations. The program offers an opportunity for informal resolution of an issue related to a communication breakdown. Already some associations are using the program to great effect, so broadening access to REALTORS® at all associations is a step that will help make dispute resolution more effective for everyone.

Finally, the committee has been working on the Commitment to Excellence initiative, which the NAR Board of Directors passed last year to increase professionalism all across the REALTOR® community. Our Commitment to Excellence Advisory Board, which is a standing subgroup of the Professional Standards Committee, is hard at work designing the Commitment to Excellence Program, which will use brand-new methods and cutting-edge research to help REALTORS® thrive while exemplifying the highest ideals of our profession. I encourage you to visit realtor.org to read about the Commitment to Excellence and learn more about the work we're doing.

As the Professional Standards Committee ushers in a new era of professionalism, we are focused on new programs, policies, and initiatives that address your feedback and promise fair yet streamlined enforcement of professional standards policies. We want to ensure the Code of Ethics remains timely and relevant in its second century, and give you the tools you need to distinguish yourself as a REALTOR®.



# Leaders of the PAC!

Thank you to all members who support RPAC especially these RPAC leaders. So far in 2016, RPAC raised \$20,377. Our goal is \$28,000.

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# **Legislative Link**



# PAR's Update on the Budget

The state's 2016-17 budget plan was outlined by Gov. Tom Wolf during the second week of February, despite the fact that the state has been operating without a complete 2015-16 budget for nearly nine months. Wolf proposed a \$32.7 billion fiscal 2017 budget that would add \$200 million of funding for K-12 public schools and another \$110 million to early and special education programs. Including pension contributions, the budget would be nearly \$33.3 billion.

His new plan calls for a personal income tax rate of 3.4 percent (it's currently 3.07 percent), retroactive to Jan. 1. At 3.4 percent, Pennsylvania would rank 39th among the 41 states that tax personal wages. The proposed increased would move Pennsylvania into the top 10 of all states in terms of combined state and local tax burdens. The income tax increase will generate \$1.294 billion through 2016-17.

Unlike last year, Wolf's budget proposal does not change the current 6 percent sales tax rate. But it does apply that tax to three categories previously exempted: basic cable television services, movie theater tickets and digital downloads. **The sales tax would not apply to real estate services.** If approved, Wolf's budget office has these changes generating \$414.6 million in 2016-17.

He proposes raising the state tax on a pack of cigarettes from \$1.60 to \$2.60. The increase is expected, in its first full year, to raise an additional \$468.1 million for the state budget. For the first time, a state tobacco tax on non-cigarette tobacco products, including chewing tobacco, snuff, large cigars, e-cigarettes and loose tobacco would also be included. The proposed tax, set at 40 percent of wholesale price, would raise about \$136 million for the state, according to Wolf's figures.

Wolf is again asking for the new severance tax on gas produced from Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale natural gas reserves. The shale tax would be set at 6.5 percent, generating an estimated \$217.8 million for the state next year, after revenues collected under the current impact fees are removed and delivered to counties and local governments.

Wolf's plan would generate about \$100.9 million through a .5 percent surcharge on insurance premiums paid on property, fire and casualty insurance policies to fund local emergency responders. The rate is currently 2 percent. A proposed 11 percent increase in the existing tax on banks and other financial businesses would generate a projected \$39.2 million for the state annually.

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