



Political Buzz

Maryland's RPAC Newsletter—Volume 5, Issue 3—With Over 24,000 Members



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Chair, MAR
RPAC Trustees

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The deadline for 2011 RPAC contributions is October 19th. I am happy to report that as of early September MAR has exceeded our State goal, but we still have a few local associations that are oh so close to (but not at) their goal. Let’s shoot for 100% at the local level!

Thanks to all who have contributed, all who volunteer on the local RPAC committees, and the RPAC Trustees, who are dedicated to MAR’s tradition of reaching our RPAC goal established by NAR.

Your RPAC investment has never been as important as it is now. Housing is under attack from every front, and our livelihoods as REALTORS® as well as the stability of our communities is at stake. Financially strapped governments at the Local, State and Federal levels are looking at increases in fees and taxes on real estate to shore up their depleted revenues.

Your RPAC investment goes directly to REALTOR® friendly elected officials or candidates who share our goals and support our issues. We also have access to the new pool of funds NAR has created for independent expenditures on behalf of "REALTOR® Champion" candidates. (Independent expenditures fund campaigns to support candidates but cannot be done in coordination with them.)

Your RPAC investment is critical to the future and to preserve the industry as we know it. Thank you for your support of RPAC.

What's Happening....

REAL ESTATE LEGISLATION Taking Effect October 1, 2011

The following is a partial list of new real estate laws taking effect October 1, 2011 in Maryland. For full list, go to <http://mdrealtor.org>.

HB 289/SB 410 – Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights-of-Way --Effective October 1, 2011: Authorizes local governments (on behalf of the state) to enforce the current prohibition against signs on state highway rights-of-way through an administrative fine and sign collection. The bill requires local jurisdictions to forego collecting fines for the first three months so that individuals would have advance notice about the new requirement.

HB 1049 – Dual Agency – Intracompany Agents – Effective October 1, 2011
Authorizes a broker to appoint another licensee in the office to designate the intracompany agents when both intracompany agents work for the same real estate team. The broker's designee may not be a member of that real estate team. Prior to this change, the broker of record was the only licensee authorized to designate intracompany agents for real estate teams.

HB 1109 –Return of Deposits – Effective October 1, 2011
Clarifies that brokers must follow the standard process for returning deposit money (an agreement by the parties, interpleader or the 30-day letter) when a buyer rescinds a contract of sale. Previously, the Real Estate Commission indicated that the deposit money for condos would have to be returned immediately following the standard process.

SB 285 – Inactive Status – Effective October 1, 2011
Requires real estate licensees on inactive status to reinstate their full license after 3 years of inactive status rather than 4 years. Also requires licensees on inactive status to keep up with continuing education requirements before being able to renew their inactive status after two years.

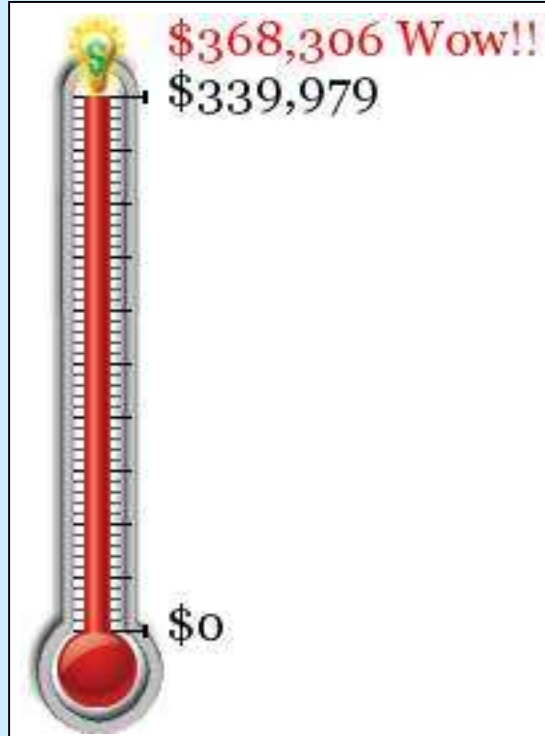
Carroll County Association of REALTORS® - RPAC Wine and Cheese Party 10-1-11



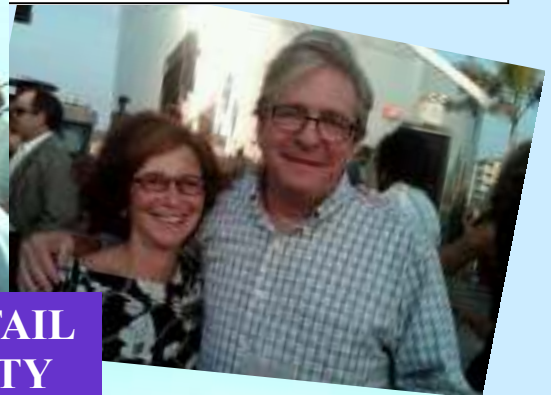
CCAR President, Marie Shantz and RPAC Co-Chairs, Janice Kirkner and Pam Stone hosted a Wine Tasting and Cheese Celebration for CCAR's 99 Club, Capital Club Members and Major RPAC contributors. A great way to say Thank You to RPAC contributors. Buzz Macintosh, Chair of RPAC Trustees and Gloria Farrar, 2010-2011 NAR Major Donor Council Member for Maryland were also present and joined in the celebration.



RPAC Fundraising Goal



*The Goal for our RPAC Fundraising efforts in 2011 was \$339,979. We exceeded that goal by **\$28,327!***
GO REALTORS®!



RPAC DONOR COCKTAIL PARTY IN OCEAN CITY



Sunday night September 11th at the Galaxy 66 Roof Top Bar was the location of the major RPAC donor cocktail party in Ocean City. There were nearly 100 major RPAC donors in attendance including dignitaries from NAR: Bill Armstrong Treasurer, Elizabeth Mendenhall Leadership Team, Kit Hale Region III Vice President, Scott Reiter Political Director RPAC, and Steve Harney the MAR Convention key note speaker. It was announced at the event by MAR RPAC Trustee Chair Buzz Mackintosh that MAR has exceeded the 2011 fair share RPAC goal for Maryland. He thanked all of the major donors for their support and dedication to RPAC.

Congratulations!



MAR RPAC Hall of Fame

Currently there are 37 members and associations in the Hall of Fame. Maryland Association of REALTORS® honors those who have contributed a minimum of \$15,000 to RPAC in their lifetime.

Anne Arundel County Association of REALTORS®

- JoAnne E Poole

Coastal Association of REALTORS®

- J. Thomas Carruthers III

Frederick County Association of REALTORS®

- William J. Armstrong III
- Frederick County Association of REALTORS®

Garrett County Board of REALTORS®

- Patrick Kane

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- Women's Council of REALTORS® Baltimore
- Michael H Yerman
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Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS®

- Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS®
- Harold Huggins
- Carole A Maclure
- Dale L Ross

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- Mary Antoun
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- Jay Webster
- Women's Council of REALTORS® Prince Georges County
- Wayne M Wyvill

Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS®

- Beverly Rasmussen
- Thomas Earnest

RPAC DONATIONS TIMES "3"



Please be aware that on the MAR website under "RPAC" there are *three ways to contribute to RPAC*. The first option is to contribute to RPAC online. It is secure and your contribution is sent directly to MAR. The second option is to print off the RPAC contribution form, which you can mail, fax, or drop-off at MAR for quick processing. The final option is the RPAC Major Donor Installment Form. This form is for members who would like to become a Major Donor Contributor by contributing \$1,000 or more to RPAC. This form allows you to break up payments into easy monthly installments.



Maryland RPAC 2011 Major Donor Contributors



(As of September 9, 2011)

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MAR 2011 RPAC Goal by Local Association/Board Fair Share \$15 as of September 8, 2011

<u>Local Board</u>	<u>2011 Goal</u>	<u>2011 Collected</u>	<u>2011 * President's Circle Contributions</u>	<u>Adjusted Total Collected for 2011</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% of goal</u>	<u>2012 Col- lected</u>
Anne Arundel	\$39,195.00	\$38,916.50	\$3,000.00	\$41,916.50	\$2,721.50	106.94%	\$0.00
Bay Area	\$4,550.00	\$4,605.67	\$0.00	\$4,605.67	\$55.67	101.22%	\$0.00
Carroll County	\$8,419.00	\$9,844.50	\$2,000.00	\$11,844.50	\$3,425.50	140.69%	\$0.00
Cecil County	\$5,129.00	\$5,447.00	\$0.00	\$5,447.00	\$318.00	106.20%	\$0.00
Coastal	\$14,331.00	\$14,853.00	\$0.00	\$14,853.00	\$522.00	103.64%	\$0.00
Frederick County	\$12,099.00	\$12,215.00	\$2,000.00	\$14,215.00	\$2,116.00	117.49%	\$0.00
Garrett County	\$2,014.00	\$2,048.00	\$0.00	\$2,048.00	\$34.00	101.69%	\$0.00
Greater Capital Area	\$91,084.00	\$103,179.25	\$7,000.00	\$110,179.25	\$19,095.25	120.96%	\$0.00
GBBR	\$45,904.00	\$40,455.00	\$2,000.00	\$42,455.00	(\$3,449.00)	92.49%	\$0.00
Harford County	\$18,055.00	\$18,247.50	\$0.00	\$18,247.50	\$192.50	101.07%	\$0.00
Historic Highlands	\$2,087.00	\$1,365.00	\$0.00	\$1,365.00	(\$722.00)	65.40%	\$0.00
Howard County	\$19,938.00	\$14,404.00	\$1,000.00	\$15,404.00	(\$4,534.00)	77.26%	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$2,025.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,525.00	\$3,525.00	n/a	\$0.00
Midshore	\$6,521.00	\$5,257.00	\$0.00	\$5,257.00	(\$1,264.00)	80.62%	\$0.00
Pen-Mar	\$4,275.00	\$3,809.00	\$0.00	\$3,809.00	(\$466.00)	89.10%	\$0.00
Prince George's County	\$45,730.00	\$45,707.50	\$7,000.00	\$52,707.50	\$6,977.50	115.26%	\$0.00
Southern Maryland	\$20,054.00	\$18,957.30	\$0.00	\$18,957.30	(\$1,096.70)	94.53%	\$0.00
Gr. Wash. Commercial	\$594.00	\$1,470.00	\$0.00	\$1,470.00	\$876.00	247.47%	\$0.00
Totals	\$339,979.00	\$342,806.22	\$25,500.00	\$368,306.22	\$28,327.22	100.83%	\$0.00

* NAR President's Circle contributions will only be reflected in the Real Time Receipts Report of this Workbook. The contributions will not be reflected in the remaining reports of this attached workbook as the funds were not given directly to MAR RPAC and therefore can not be counted for financial purposes.



***Congratulations to the Garrett
County Board of REALTORS for
being the
1st Local Board/Association to
reach and exceed their 2011
RPAC Goal!*****

100% RPAC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION FOR 2011



New Committee Year

The following committees that are 100% for 2011 include: Annual Conference, Equal Opportunity/Cultural Diversity, Executive, GRI Advisory Group, Legal Action Fund, Nominating, Partnership for Housing, and RPAC Trustees . Don't forget to give to RPAC. If you make your donation to MAR rather than your board, it will be counted quicker.

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Deadline to submit your entries for the next issue will be
Friday, January 6, 2012.