



## Year End Message from 2006 President Carolyn Edwards

How can I ever thank you all for allowing me to be your President in 2006? I'm sure that you know how much I have enjoyed my year and it is because all of you have been so encouraging and helpful. I have enjoyed traveling across the state to many of your meetings and I appreciate your gracious hospitality.

I want to thank all of the staff for all of their hard work and support. They are truly a special group of people who work hard to make our association the best it can be for all of us. Many thanks to Cinda, Hunt, Anetha, Phil, Pat, Julie, and Roberta. Susie, our new EVP, has been wonderful to work with and is committed to making KAR the best state association in NAR. I really appreciate her friendship and her willingness to accompany and drive me across the state. Please continue to give her your support and suggestions. I have not had the opportunity to work with our new attorney, Doug Martin, but I know he will do a great job.

Your 2006 Leadership Team, Board of Directors and Delegates as well as the Service Area, Committee and Task Force members have always kept the interests of all members at the forefront when making decisions. They are a dedicated group of volunteers and I thank them for their dedication, support and willingness to serve. I especially want to thank Carl and Dot for always being there when I needed a shoulder and sounding board.



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- Carolyn Edwards

Together, we have had a very productive year. There have been new programs put in place and many that are still to be completed. The **RPAC video** is a success and I certainly want to thank Leslie Heath for a job very well done. I hope that all of the boards will take advantage of the **Local Area Government Affairs Support Program (LGASP)** and get a \$5.00 per member rebate. Phil is doing a great job with Government Affairs and RPAC and is keeping members informed about legislation. I also want to encourage all of the boards to remember the new **State REALTORS® Relief Fund** that has been established. There will be guidelines set for giving to and receiving from the fund. It is still not too late to give to the “**6 in 06 campaign**” for homebuilding in the Gulf area. There is another opportunity to be a part of the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast area called the Global Village and it is also a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. We have

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asked for more information and will be presenting the idea to you. It would require a team of 20 to go to an area for a build for a week next year. I have tentatively agreed to be the Team Leader so that we can investigate the possibilities. I would ask that each region choose 3 people to make up the KY team if we decide to participate. This program was brought to our attention the last part of November and we have asked for more information, but it might be a great way to help. I am also pleased that we can offer the **online pre-licensing course** so that boards

across the state may have an opportunity to be a revenue sharing partner with KAR. We continue to work to bring our **Bylaws** and **Policies** up to date. Anetha and KREEF have done a wonderful job with education this year, adding many new classes for our members. The **LeadershipKAR program** was very successful and is one of the best programs that KAR offers, so please take advantage of it! Hunt is doing a fantastic job with our communications and a **publication** is in the works. Our **building repairs** are being addressed under the watchful eye of Roberta and we will continue to work on it until it is “fixed”. These are some of the things that have kept me busy this year, but again let me say that it has been a wonderful experience.

I encourage you all to get more active in KAR and give Carl and his team the support you have given me. He will do a wonderful job, but needs all of you working with him to make OUR association the best that it can be!

Please never forget those we have lost this year, hold their loved ones in your hearts and prayers. I certainly thank all of you for the cards, emails, flowers, memorials and prayers in the loss of both of my parents. Your great kindness and support will never be forgotten.

To all of my dear KAR “family” - special wishes for a very prosperous New Year!!

*Carolyn*

## December Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors held a special called meeting on Monday, December 11 to make important decisions on several year end issues. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:



### **KAR Legal Counsel**

Doug Martin was chosen as the new legal counsel for the Kentucky Association of REALTORS®. Doug Martin graduated from the UK College of Law and practices with The Rigsby Law Group, PLC. Doug has handled a wide range of business, real estate, lending and litigation matters, including manufacturing facilities, hospitals, hotels, shopping centers and malls, office parks, multi-phase residential communities, condominium regimes and others. His clients have included national lenders, regional hospitals, multi-national corporations, nonprofit corporations, small businesses, developers, neighborhood associations and individual homeowners.

Doug served as General Counsel to the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development from 1993-1995, where he authored the Kentucky Investment Fund Act and the Kentucky Workforce Development Act. He has written and lectured on a range of topics, including real estate, condominiums, business organizations, taxation, lender liability, wetlands, government financial incentives, securities fraud and banking law. He presently serves as Chair of the KBA Section on Business Law, President of the Beaumont Neighborhood Association, Vice President for Long Range Planning with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra Board of Directors and is a member of the Commercial Property Association of Lexington. Doug lives in Lexington with his wife, Lee Ellen, and their two children, Reynolds and Ellie.

### **2007 Installation Dinner**

The Presidential Installation Dinner was returned to the Annual Convention in September. You may remember at the Board Meeting in September, the Installation Dinner was approved to be held in December for the upcoming year.

### **Organizational Standards for Local Associations**

The Board of Directors extended the National Association of REALTORS® Organizational Standards Criteria to one year for compliance by local associations across the state.



## Legislative and Business Meeting

February 6 - 8 • Frankfort, Kentucky

Holiday Inn • Capital Plaza

### Monday, February 5

3:00 p.m. - RPAC Training

*For Association Executives and local RPAC Chairs*

### Tuesday, February 6 & Wednesday February 7

Various Times - Service Area & Committee Meetings

### Wednesday, February 7

8:15 a.m. - Hill Visits

*Speak with members of the General Assembly about legislation impacting your business and the real estate industry*

6:00 p.m. - RPAC Award Ceremony & Legislative Reception

*Join us as we recognize RPAC contributors and welcome members of the General Assembly*

### Thursday, February 8

8:30 a.m. - Board of Directors & Delegate Body Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Free Predatory Lending Course

### Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn - Capital Plaza

(502) 227-5100

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*\*Reference "Kentucky REALTORS®" for a discounted room rate of \$79.*

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