

From our President, Kathy DeLorenze

Welcome to Women's Council of Realtors Gulf Coast Gazette. The newsletter has been a great communications medium. In this electronic age the newsletter and our email blasts have been a boon to keep in touch with all our members.

Please join us on January 25th at Visani's for an evening of Comedy, Patty Huro and her committee have started their work raising funds for the chapter as well as offering us a great chance to socialize and have fun. Call Patti if you need a ticket or two.

January's monthly meeting featured Bill Dryburgh speaking about the MLS Alliance. This should be available to our REALTOR[®] Members by month's end. As a tool the MLS Alliance should give us and other Gulf Coast realtors the ability to view the listings of all property along the west coast of Florida. At the board's installation on the 9th of January Bill was named "REALTOR[®] of the year" by our Board of Realtors for his efforts in our behalf regarding the Alliance. Be sure to congratulate him when you see him next. (Maryanne Mize from

Charlotte State Bank was named the "Business Partner of the year" by the board... Congratulations!). In February we can expect to hear Brian Presley with a program on our "Economic Outlook". Sharon and her committee have many great programs scheduled for us this year, so stay tuned to your email blasts and the board's message board for the time and monthly program topics. Be sure to come and bring a guest!

The mid winter meeting in Orlando is scheduled January 17-19 and the officers will be attending along with a few members of the Governing board. One of the main events will be installation of State officers. We are so proud to see Rosemary Mahoney installed as President Elect of State of Florida and Carol Pickford as Florida State Governor. Great job and congratulations ladies!

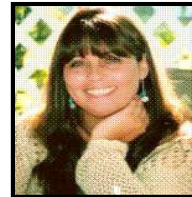
I am excited about the opportunity to serve as your President this year and look forward to building on the strong foundation laid by our past leadership teams. We have so many willing volunteers who make our chapter of Women's Council strong. Without our volunteers we would be lost... please



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*To be the premiere organization
for individual achievement.*

Women's Council Mission Statement

*We are a community of real
estate professionals creating
business opportunities, developing
skills for the future and achieving
our individual potential for
success.*

please join me in thanking those people who serve our chapter in all of the various volunteer capacities. Share business with them when you can; referrals and networking are cornerstones of Women's Council.

Remember if you have any suggestions, comments or would like a chance to volunteer and get involved, give me a call or email me at: Kathy@delorenze.com. It is in giving back that we gain great benefits: wonderful friends, business opportunities and the education of a lifetime. I look forward to hearing from each of you! Have a successful and prosperous new year.

Kathy DeLorenze

C-D BIA's 2007 Parade of Homes "Now Is the Best Time to Buy New" Draws 41 Entries

The Charlotte-DeSoto Building Industry Association is hosting the largest Parade of Homes in the history of the Association. "Held in the height of the buying season, February 3 – 18, the 2007 Parade of Homes has a total of 41 homes entered," reports Becca Nye of LandAmerica Lawyers Title and Chairman of this year's Parade. She added, "Our Showcase Sponsor this year is not just a single model, but features the master-planned golf community of Riverwood by Centex Homes."

The 2007 Parade includes home builders with models in Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, North Port, Cape Haze, Rotonda and Gulf Cove. Single-family and multi-family homes ranging in price from \$150,000 to \$675,000 will be on display and attract thousands of prospective new home buyers.

The Parade of Homes Realtor Tour will be held on Thursday, February 8th. Area agents are invited to tour as many models as possible while registering at each model for a valuable drawing.

Parade of Homes models will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sundays from noon to 5 pm. The Parade will run from Saturday, February 3 through Sunday, February 18.

Guidebooks for the Parade will be available at the *Herald-Tribune* and the C-D BIA office after February 1st. Once again C-D BIA is promoting Habitat for Humanity and the fine contribution they make to our community by including their model home as an entry in the Parade.

The Parade of Homes Reception and Awards Presentation will be held on Tuesday, February 27th at the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. Further information and invitations are forthcoming.

More information is available at www.cdparadeofhomes.com.

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A Note from Sharon Neuhoffer, President Elect

As a newcomer to the list of "Line Officers" it seems like I'm learning something new every day. I've become familiar with our chapter business plan (something that I didn't even know existed six months ago) and I'm learning how points are earned for chapter excellence awards. The biggest challenge to date has been arranging the 2007 programs. There are guidelines and timelines that are to be adhered and, of course, it is imperative that the programs interest our membership. This process is nearly complete and the years schedule will be announced very soon. I hope you like it!

See you at the February 7th meeting. Brian Presley of the Presley Advisory will be on hand to enlighten us with his 2007 Economic Forecast. This information can be very useful in our business so be sure to call in your reservation.

The Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte, North Port Chapter of Women's Council of Realtors held there Installation of 2007 Officers and 2006 Awards meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2006.

The following officers were installed:

Kathy DeLorenze, President
Sharon Neuhoffer, President Elect
Terri Lynn Stuthers, Vice President of Membership
Lorrie Tanksley, Secretary
Gail Dugas-Smith, Treasurer

The following awards were given:

Presidential Award- Nancy Bell, Becca Nye and Ken Rolland
Honor Circle-Terri Lynn Stuthers
Rising Star- Lorrie Tanksley and Gail Dugas-Smith
Extra Effort-Becca Nye and Odette Embury
Leading Edge-Ken Rolland
Founders Award-Connie Richhart
Affiliate of the Year-Karen Lyons
Realtor of the Year-Nancy Bell

For more information about Women's Council of Realtors local chapter please contact, Terri Lynn Struthers at 575-9775.

By Carol Pickford

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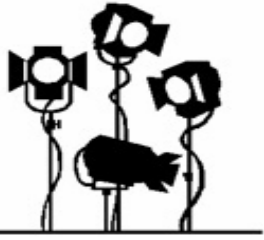
AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT

Robin Lindecamp

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Robin has lived in SW Florida for the last 32 years, working as a Residential Mortgage Specialist since 1992. She is married and has one son that she is very proud of, who is serving in the Air Force stationed in Germany at this time. Robin is very active in WCR serving as Treasurer for the years 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. She is a member of Kiwanis Club of Punta Gorda, Team Punta Gorda, and both local chambers. For all your Residential Mortgage needs, please call Robin at 941-205-2714

TOM HOPKINS'

The Champion Creed

*I am not judged
by the number of times I fail,
but by the number of times
I succeed.
And the number of times
I succeed is in direct
proportion to the
number of times I can fail
and keep trying.*

Queen of Hearts...

Don't miss out on this exciting chance to win! Have your ticket Drawn for a Chance to Win \$\$\$\$

Attend any monthly meeting at the Elks and get your tickets for the drawing, pick the

Queen of Hearts & WIN...



Don't Forget...

Canned Goods, Cell Phones & Eye Glasses are being collected at EVERY meeting. Collection boxes are available at the Board Of Realtors and the Prudential Florida WCI Realty Office, located in Punta Gorda.



Important Dates... Mark Your Calendars!

General Membership Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of every month.
Port Charlotte Elks Club
11:15am- 1:00pm
RSVP: Jeannie Davis
(941)423-3093

February 7, 2007
Economic Outlook
Brian Presley

Contact the Gazette
Do you know of something that you think should be mentioned here in the Gulfcoast Gazette? We'd love to hear about your ideas, and report your important news! To share your story, Contact Committee Chair:
Becca Nye: (941)204-7015 OR Rnye@landam.com

It's a Zoo Out There!

Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte/North Port Association of Realtors & Women's Council of Realtors

AFFILIATE TRADE SHOW

- Free Admission
- Door Prizes
- Free Giveaways
- Networking
- Hamburgers/Hot Dogs
- Don't miss this year's event!

REGISTRATION FOR TABLE

Name/Company:

Phone Number:

Table WITH or WITHOUT electricity:

Will you have a basket for drawing:

Send registration to Sharon Neuhofer via e-mail @ sharon.neuhofer@coldwellbankerflorida.com or fax 866-303-7057

Courtesy Rules: Affiliates must be a member of the Board of Realtors or WCR. Tear down shall begin no earlier than 2:00

