

WCR LIVINGSTON NEWSLETTER

Calling all Members!
If you are interested in stepping up to a Board of Directors position, please let Patty or Nicole know. We encourage you to take the next step & get more involved! September elections are just around the corner!



WE EMPOWER EACH OTHER!

Well, the 2ND Quarter started off with the increasingly popular Bras 4 a Cause in April. More on that later but you know that was a good time for sure! In May we learned of State & Local real estate updates from Michelle Brant & Carol Griffith. We are proud of them both & grateful they took the time to share their world with us.

Also in May, a few of us made it to DC to attend the NAR/WCR Mid Year Conference. It was especially nice because our Chapter was awarded 2 honors: Silver for Chapter Excellence & 3RD Place for National Recruitment & Retention. That is third place in *THE ENTIRE COUNTRY!* Woo Hoo for us! We plan on using the \$200.00 prize money towards a Scholarship Fund to help local school kids somehow.

We closed out the Quarter with our Member Appreciation Party at Burroughs Tavern. It was a fun evening to get together & relax with each other. Quite a few of our Members were honored for their participation & dedication with our Chapter & different Charity Events that WCR sponsors.

We are fortunate to have such involved Members and it shows. It shows in countless ways through their efforts to help give back to our Community. I'll close with the WCR Mission Statement: *We are a network of successful REALTORS, empowering women to exercise their potential as entrepreneurs and industry leaders.* Thank YOU for being such an important part of our Chapter!

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Accepting our Award in DC!

****Announcement!**
We have limited space if you are planning on attending the MAR convention. Talk to Patty by August 18th for availability & requirements.



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS FOR HELPING TO RAISE \$6350 TO HELP THOSE WITH BREAST CANCER!



2011 Bras4aCause was a record breaking success donating to ACS "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer"

APRIL 14 AT WAS AN EVENING TO REMEMBER! This year's extravaganza had 25 brave & courageous men walking the runway at Crystal Gardens. The goal was to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. It was a night of emotion as everyone in attendance has been touched by this terrible disease. Joe Hune was outstanding as this year's MC. Carol Griffith shared her story & our judges had their work cut out for them. Melanie & George Moses, Barb Hess & Bill Rogers gave all the men high marks as did the 300, mostly women, who cheered for their favorites.



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LCAR EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

Announcements will be made next week for the 2011 Realtor of the Year, Affiliate of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year, so I hope you're all able to attend the General Membership meeting on Wednesday, July 13th at 11:30-Crystal Gardens. This is the time of year when we reflect on members who represent professionalism, give back to their communities, and contribute to the future of their business by taking advantage of one of the greatest benefits of their local membership-the networking opportunities. We are fortunate to have several deserving candidates for these awards. Having observed the thought and consideration our past winners put into making these selections, I realize that their task is not an easy one. During this process, I realized how many of those same people are WCR members, and have also given of their time and expertise to support major charitable events, such as Bras for a Cause, and in some cases have served Women's Council in some capacity. Many of the members understand that through offering their time, getting involved, making a difference in the future of their business, organization, association, is key to enjoying personal and professional happiness in their daily lives. Not to mention the wonderful friendships you gain as a result! We get back what we are willing to give. I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You! to each and everyone who consistently give their time and support to LCAR and WCR. I am proud to be a WCR member and enjoy the great educational programs for personal & professional development, the networking opportunities, and the upbeat, positive environment this council creates.

Barb Hess

Executive Vice President, Livingston County Association of Realtors

WCR AFFILIATE UPDATE

Most Precious Things Are Always in Disguise

The other day when I was driving in my car between sales calls, I heard a song that struck me so hard it inspired me to write this article. Peter Himmelman wrote a beautiful yet profound song when he created "Always in Disguise". During these busy months it is so easy for us just to dash from one appointment to the next not really paying attention to life. When I am in my car I am usually thinking about what I am going to say at my next appointment or about the details of my next closing. These habits are important – we do want to be prepared and professional - but sometimes we get so wrapped up in the "busyness" that we forget why we are really here.

I was experiencing a stressful day so I turned up my music so I could just relax and breathe and that's when I understood the profound meaning of "*Most precious things are always in disguise.*" We all have heard the saying "blessing in disguise", but I think life is more than that – life is truly *precious!* During busy times, like summer, we sometimes forget this important message. Life has a funny way of waking us up to remember. Sometimes life really shakes us up.

As most of you know, I have experienced several deaths of family members, most recently my grandson. But when my daughter almost died, I realized beyond a shadow of a doubt how "precious" life really is. This message certainly came to me in "disguise". It took a tragedy to wake me up and realize how precious my daughter is to me. Sure I always loved her – said it every time I talked to her – but almost losing her made me feel it to the bottom of my soul.

Why does it take a sad event to wake us up? Who knows? But I believe it is life's way of reminding us what is important. Sometimes the most difficult customer we deal with is the one who has a most *precious* lesson for us. The deal that we thought would never get to closing is the one we learn the most from. We don't understand why bad things happen to good people, but maybe it's all about learning and taking in the beautiful message of how precious life – our life – our family's and friend's lives are! So instead of getting frustrated with circumstances or people, maybe we should be looking for the lesson or message *in disguise*. Let's work hard together and learn from each other and our circumstances. We have our WCR family – let us all remember how *precious* that is.

Happy Summer!

Beth Ann Clauser, Cislo Title



Presenting \$6100 to Jennifer Acker,
American Cancer Society

We have July off to enjoy the Summer but mark your calendar for our August meeting:
"What You Need to know About Today's Appraisals"
with the always popular Mike Wilbanks!

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!
Natalie Goodwin-VanOyan
Victor Bals**

2011 GENERAL MEMBER MEETING AGENDA

January 20 WCR Member Mixer

February 17 Motivational Coaching

March 17 Go Green! Air Quality & Lucky Drawing!

April 14 Bras4aCause 6PM Crystal Gardens

May 26 Realtor/Broker Panel

****May 12-15** Mid Year Meeting Washington DC

June 21 Member Appreciation Party

July Summer Break

August 18 What You Need to know About Today's Appraisals

September 15 Cultural Preferences with Buying & Selling Houses

****September 27-30** MAR Convention Amway Grand

October 27 Con Ed with Carol Bullion

November 17:How to Stay Healthy with Dr. Craig Gill

****November 9-13** National Conference Anaheim CA

December 8 Annual Holiday Auction

All meetings at the LCAR Office at 2980 Dorr Rd. at 11:30 AM unless noted.

Meetings are FREE for Members & \$5.00 for Guests

*Interested in Joining?
Contact Stephanie Taylor-Allan
VP of Membership
GET READY!*