

North Dakota Association of REALTORS®

STATE NEWS



October 2001

HOME INDOOR AIR QUALITY MONTH

Governor Hoeven declared October as the "Home Indoor Air Quality Month". This first week concentrates on "Children and Second Hand Smoke".

Week 2 is intended to raise awareness about "Children and Asthma Issues". Week 3 will concentrate on Radon Issues and the final week is dedicated toward awareness of General Indoor Air Quality. Jesse Green, an Environmental Scientist with the ND Dept. of Health, stated that the 2 major concerns with indoor air quality is the presence of carbon monoxide and excessive moisture. The later of which creates the dangerous presence of mold. If you want to participate in some awareness activities you may call Jesse Green at 701-328-5188.

FANNIE MAE NORTH DAKOTA

In June of 1999 Fannie Mae opened an office in Bismarck with the goal of \$300 Million 5 year investment towards affordable housing initiative in North Dakota. The office was staffed in January 2000 under the direction of the Partnership Director Shirley Dykshoorn. The investment strategy is well ahead of schedule. Shirley announced that by the end of December 2000 the ND Partnership office had invested \$185 Million toward 2,356 units of affordable housing units.

RADON TRAINING IN MOORHEAD

Sandi Washek, Environmental Scientist with the ND Dept. of Health announced last month that a Midwest University Radon Consortium (MURC) will be offering a Radon Measuring Course Nov. 26-28 in

Moorhead. MURC will also be offering initial and CE courses for Radon mitigators Nov. 23- Dec. 1 in Moorhead. Any questions contact Sandi at 701-328-5188

NEW ALLIANCE WITH ELECTRONIC GREETING CARD COMPANY

eMailaCard.com, a provider of electronic greeting cards, is the newest addition to the REALTOR® VIP Program. eMailaCard offers REALTOR® hundreds of innovative, real estate specific eCards that convey messages to potential buyers and sellers about all phases of the property sales process including prospecting, financing, marketing, "just sold", and "thank you's." REALTORS® can add photographs, company logos and hyperlinks to each card. Under the agreement, eMailaCard will offer all NAR members preferred pricing on its personalized membership program. For more info, go to: <http://www.eMailaCard.com/NAR> or call 888-879-7070. Be sure to mention your NAR membership.

HOUSING RELIEF FUND

The NDAR Executive Committee has sent \$500 to the NAR Housing Relief fund and encourages all ND REALTORS® to donate individually to help the terrorist victims in Washington and New York. To date the NAR fund collectively exceeds \$4.3 Million. To make a contribution, which is tax deductible, or to request assistance, visit: <http://www.relief.realtors.org> or call 800-874-6500. Funds will be distributed through the REALTOR® Associations in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

VETERAN NAR LOBBYIST TO HEAD GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Jerry Giovaniello was named Senior Vice President and Chief Lobbyist of NAR September 17th, replacing Lee L. Verstandig. Giovaniello is a long-time NAR Vice President for Government Affairs and a 20-year veteran lobbyist with the division. "Under Giovaniello's leadership, the Government Affairs staff will continue its successful momentum on the banking issue as well as the total legislative agenda," said Terrence M. McDermott, NAR Executive Vice President. For more info contact: Steve Cook- 202-383-1014 scook@realtors.org

ND ERRORS AND OMISSION INSURANCE

The Real Estate Commission awarded a bid for ND E&O Insurance to RICE Insurance Company on October 2, 2001. According to Dennis Schulz and Cindy Grissom, the CEO for RICE Insurance, they are now in the process of applying for approval of this Insurance Program with the ND Insurance Commissioner. At the same time they are jointly developing a brochure and enrollment forms. It is expected that this process will be completed in the next 45 days. Every Broker will be directly notified by RICE Insurance Company as soon as its program is ready and available.

HUMAN RIGHTS MEETINGS

Governor Hoeven announced a series of meetings throughout our state to inform citizens and service providers about issues under the ND Human Rights act.

According to Dina Butcher, Human Rights Division Director, the series of

meetings were arranged in cooperation with area Chambers of Commerce, the ND Retailers Association, GNDA, the ND Rural Development Council, Small Business Development Center, UND Office of Workforce Development, Three Affiliated Tribes, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewas and the Fargo Human Relations Commission.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

10/23/01-12:00PM-Norway House-Bottineau

10/23/01-4:30PM-Sky Dancer Hotel-Belcourt

10/24/01-12:00PM- Lake Region State College-Devils Lake

10/25/01-12:00PM-UND Rural Technology Center-Grand Forks

10/25/01-7:00PM-NDSU Memorial Union, Prairie Room-Fargo

11/5/01-12:00PM-BSC Student Union, Prairie Room- Bismarck-Mandan

11/6/01-12:00PM-DSU North Campus-Dickinson

11/6/01-7:00PM-New Town Civic Center Auditorium-New Town

11/7/01-10:00AM-EI Rancho Motel-Williston

Individuals attending the noon meetings are encouraged to contact their local Chamber of Commerce for information on luncheon arrangements and reservations.

GOOD LUCK TO JANELLE

You all remember Janelle Kerr from Grand Forks, that enthusiastic Leader both in Grand Forks and on the State level. Ever wonder why she withdrew her candidacy for NDAR Vice President? Well she took a challenge with an exciting twist. She, her husband Mark, who's also a REALTOR® and family are moving to Mexico (not New Mexico). They have been selected to lead a Real Estate Marketing Team for RE/MAX properties in Mexico. Maybe we'll get a report on how and what she is doing. In any case we lost a good leader and wish her all the best of success!!

UPCOMING

October 4	Claus at Minot Board Leadership Training
9-10	RS 201- Fargo
9	Presidents Roundtable/Board visit- Fargo
9	Presidents Roundtable/Board visit- Wahpeton
14-15	Claus at Midwest Assoc. Meet-Alexandria
17	President Roundtable/Board visit- Dickinson
17	Presidents Roundtable/Board visit- Williston
18	Presidents Roundtable/Board visit- Minot
24-25	NDAR Leadership Summit-Bismarck/Mandan
Oct 31-Nov 5	NAR Meeting-Chicago
December 4-5	NDAR Committee and Directors Meet-Bismarck/Mandan
11-12	Year-end CE Courses- Bismarck