



Texas Chapter Connection

*"I will see you
soon, as I sing
my way across
Texas!"*

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

You all know that I love to sing, and before the year is out I know there will be a song to capture the essence of our 2006 WCR Texas Chapter. The first verse will speak of the fantastic beginning we have had this year in our Texas Chapter. Our state meeting in Austin was a complete success, and much of that is due to our first ever WCR Committee Day. We had 17 sessions with over 100 people participating. The Executive Team was "blown away" by all the participation and brainstorming.

Due to this success, we will again have Committee Day on September 13th in Arlington at the Fall Meeting. If you are not on a state committee now, just email me and you may start participating now. The Black and White Mystery Theatre on February 13th was a smashing hit – who knew that we had so many talented members! At our meeting on the 14th, we voted changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules, and they will be posted on the web site soon.

At our Awards Luncheon, we had a record crowd and for the first time gave two scholarships in the name of two of our past national presidents from Texas. The "Joan Deal" scholarship went to Dana Cottingame of the Dallas Chapter, and the "Rosanna Sumner" scholarship went to Linda Villareal of the Brownsville Chapter. We honored our new Member of the Year – Becky Hill, 2006 National Financial Secretary, plus the Affiliate of the Year – Debbie Figueroa, 2006 Texas Marketing Chairman. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Last, but not least, our Educational Seminar that same afternoon had another record crowd of 180. It was standing room only to hear Wayne Morgan on "The Future of Real Estate." We could not have asked for a more perfect ending to a wonderful state meeting. Mark your calendars for our Fall Meeting and Installation in Arlington on September 13th and 14th where the song will continue.

The next verse will discuss the many chapters I have already visited this year, and will go on to express that I cannot wait to see the rest of you. The hospitality and warmth that has been shown to me only proves what a wonderful group of people belong to our organization. You are recruiting and retaining members, and your meetings are adding value to your real estate communities.

I am very proud to be your President this year. I will continue to watch each of you develop your skills for the future and achieve your individual potential for success. I will see you soon, as I "sing" my way across Texas!

Carol Reynolds
Texas Chapter President

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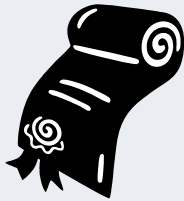
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*"Don't miss this
one! Sign Up NOW!"*



*"WAY TO GO
DEBBIE!"*



*"Show US the
MONEY!"*



LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION

Leadership/Membership Orientation will be held in **Galveston October 19-22, 2006** at the Historic Tremont Hotel in the Strand District. We are requesting the help of all WCR Chapters to get 200 "Goody Bag" items for the give away bags. Those items can be shipped to Linda Sheinall at Coldwell Banker 4920 Seawall Blvd. Suite A, Galveston Tx. 77551

An island theme will be the hit with fun in the sun theme. Remember to bring all your line officers.

Donna Newding Chairperson

AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

Amazing, honored and grateful are words that I use to best describe the acknowledgement I received from the Texas Women's Council of Realtors on February 12th. I never imagined that four years ago when David Burton asked me to help him carry a box at a state meeting in San Antonio, that my agreeing to do so would lead me to be recognized as the 2005 Texas WCR affiliate of the year.

When you volunteer to serve on a committee, you do so with the intentions of helping the organization. You never step into the role expecting anything more than a thank you. Chairing a committee was such an educational experience for me. I not only learned from my leaders who were there to guide me, I also gained knowledge from the committee members through their ideas and their commitment to make things happen, something I will always be grateful for.

Being nominated for the 2005 award, along with Kim Rager of the Austin chapter was rewarding in itself. I only hope that I can follow in the footsteps of those before me, spreading the word that WCR is truly "Where it all comes together."

Debbie Figueroa

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WAYS AND MEANS

The 2006 Mid Winter Dinner Theatre was a great success. Being the 1st event of the year we had a few challenges. There were 22 chapters that participated, and 167 attendees. Thanks again to our upper level advertisers: Countrywide Home Loans, KB Homes the Houston Division, Dan Godlewski of Cimarron Hills Golf & Country Club, El Paso Del Norte Chapter, and the Southwest Dallas Chapter. We raised \$2795 in the silent auction and had a net profit of \$9854.29. This is the 1st year we've had everyone that attended stay till the end of the event. I'd like to thank my co-chair Shannon Drake, all the TDVPs, and the executive team. Thank you again to everyone who attended and volunteered.

Ways and Means Chair

Kim Rager

Cornerstone Mortgage Company

Austin Chapter



*"Don't FORGET the
Deadline of March
31, 2006!"*



STATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES COMING!

By Pat Farrell

Over the years the Standing Rules have been expanded or reduced to accommodate the information thought necessary to run the chapter. Since the Standing Rules require approval each time they change, it has been cumbersome and expensive to provide copies of a document that frequently runs between 13 and 19 pages.

In an effort to not "reinvent the wheel" the bylaws committee will be working over the summer months to finalize a set of guidelines that will contain "how-to" information for current and upcoming officers. This document will contain items that do not require a vote to be accepted and will include items like who buys the President's pin and who is responsible for setting up for the Installation ceremonies.

The Plan is to have a finished product for the meeting in September.
Stay tuned!

CHAPTER AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Chapter Awards Committee was newly formed this year to assist local chapters with the 2006 required procedures that WCR National has put into effect. The committee would like the local chapters to please forward all ideas and practices that have been helpful to your chapter so we can share them with other Chapters. E-mail:

floencedrake@remax.net or jill@jillbrown.com.

Deadline Reminders – STATE CONTEST:

- March 31, 2006. Total members as March 2006. Call all your members who have not renewed to renew their membership before the deadline.
- Keep monthly copies of all documentation that you will need to submit for Year 2006. Chapters have saved documentation on Computer and also monthly hard copies.
- Most Chapters have delegated the responsibility of keeping the Chapter's documentation to one person. It varies by chapter, but the Pres-Elect seems most appropriate.

Florence Drake, Chair; Jill Brown, Vice-Chair

" 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!"



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Technology Committee

As your Technology Chair, once again, I was in the presence of wonderful company at this years Winter Meeting in Austin, Texas, Feb 10 & 11, 2006.

Our group came together to discuss our State Chapter Website. We, on the committee, all agreed our site was a tool for resources where all members could go to find fellow members, minutes posted of State and National meetings and other valuable information. You will see reduced content, leaving only the specific tools our members can use. Please visit www.wcrtexas.org for those improvements. Our goal is to test and have working links to other resources our members can benefit.

Please help me thank all on my committee, Pat Farrell, Ashley Conlon, Charlene Lambert, and all those members who joined us at our meeting on 2/10/06.

Thank you; your input was extremely valuable to the meeting and to all of our fellow members.

Technically Speaking,
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GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS...

PRESIDENT: Carol Reynolds GRI, LTG & PMN

- 1.Full Name: *Carol Elaine Jerome Prine Reynolds*
2. Name of Company & Title: *Lone Star Title, Director of Marketing*
3. Where were you born? *Naked in Ft. Worth*
4. WCR Chapter you belong to? *El Paso Del Norte "the best in the West"*
5. Are you married? *Yes – 30 years to St. Durwood*
6. Do you have and if so how many Kids/ Grandkids? *7 fantastic children & 14 wonderfully talented grandchildren*
7. Favorite Hobbies/ Activities? *Playing with & watching my grandchildren ~ Golfing with my husband ~ Laughing with my friends*
8. One thing no one would know about you? *I am an open book – just ask & I will tell all!*

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Linda Sheinall LTG,PMN

- 1.Full Name: *Linda Hortense Sheinall*
2. Name of Company & Title: *Coldwell Banker United; Vice President, Branch Manager – Galveston office*
3. Where were you born? *Galveston Texas*
4. WCR Chapter you belong to? *Houston Bay Area*
5. Are you married? *No, I'm single*
6. Do you have and if so how many Kids/ Grandkids? *No kids, thus no grandkids*
7. Favorite Hobbies/ Activities? *I like to read but I prefer to read articles and short stories that can be finished in one sitting. I like to play card games, monopoly and dominoes or any game that involves strategy*
8. One thing no one would know about you? *Most people don't know that I'm a classically trained pianist because I rarely play in public but the piano my parents bought me when I was five is my most cherished possession.*



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1. Full Name: **Mary Ann Jeffers**
2. Name of Company & Title: **Coldwell Banker D'Ann Harper Realtors**
3. Where were you born? **Spartanburg, South Carolina**
4. WCR Chapter you belong to? **San Antonio**
5. Are you married? **Married to Joe Jeffers**
6. Do you have and if so how many Kids/ Grandkids? **I have three children of my own, 2 boys and 1 girl, Chuck is 45 years old, John is 35 years old and Raegan is 31 years old. I have one grandchild who is the love of my life and his name is Logan and he is 3 years old and Chuck is his father. I have a Step-son who is 50 years old and his name is R. C. and a Granddaughter who is 24 years old.**
7. Favorite Hobbies/ Activities? **Love to dance, music and just enjoy my family. Love going to Church**
8. One thing no one would know about you? **I love playing sports and Coached my son's little league team and won the Championship that year. I was the first woman to Coach in my home town.**

Treasurer: Barbara St. Germain

1. Full Name: **Barbara St. Germain**
2. Name of Company & Title: **Sandlin Custom Homes; Ft. Worth, Tx.**
3. Where were you born? **South Bend, Indiana**
4. WCR Chapter you belong to? **North East Tarrant County Chapter**
5. Are you married? **Divorced, and single**
6. Do you have and if so how many Kids/ Grandkids? **3 Grown Children: Michael, Debra, and Matthew. 6 Grandchildren: Jack, Jared, Logan, Hershell, Hannah and Harrison**
7. Favorite Hobbies/ Activities? **My very favorite activity is spending quality time with my Grandchildren. I also love reading, and do every chance I get!**
8. One thing no one would know about you? **I have never been on a Cruise and would love to.**

Immediate Past President: Charlene Lambert

1. Full Name: **Charlene Lambert**
2. Name of Company & Title: **Coldwell Banker United, Realtors, Outgoing Referral Coordinator**
3. Where were you born? **Houston**
4. Chapter you belong to? **Montgomery Co**
5. Are you married? **Yes**
6. Do you have and if so how many Kids/ Grandkids? **4/5**
7. Favorite Hobbies/ Activities? **Traveling with my Husband and reading**
8. One thing no one would know about you? **I can't think of anything. My daughter has already told all.**

Upcoming Events

- **May 18-21, 2006- NAR/WCR Mid-Year Meetings in WASHINGTON, D.C.** at the Capitol Hilton Hotel
- **July 13-16, 2006- WCR Tri-Regional Conference(Regions I, VII & IX), Myrtle Beach, SC**
- **August 4-6, 2006- WCR Leadership Academy in Chicago- LCP's-Elect ONLY**
- **September 13-14, 2006- TAR/WCR Fall Meetings in Arlington**
- **October 18-22, 2006- WCR State Leadership Orientation**, for all Local Chapter Officers & Committee Chairs, Historic Tremont Hotel, Galveston, Tx.
- **November 8-12, 2006 – NAR/WCR National Conference in New Orleans**, (Location tentatively scheduled) at the New Orleans Marriott

ARTICLES AND NEWS NEEDED...

If you would like to contribute an article, have a topic you would like for us to feature or if you have any news to be included PLEASE take the time to email it to me. We would like to have a great variety.

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