

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

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Coming into the third Quarter of the year we still see Membership building in the District as more and more impressive Leaders are stepping up to guide this organization into the future. We will concentrate on the restructure of WCR Chapters into Networks of professionals. These new networks will be working to make an even more powerful difference in their local communities with more involvement and interaction. Creative new ideas for Fundraising events that accomplish both community outreach and exposure for WCR continue to be planned as these Networks work to make a difference!

Fort Bend has a birthday this year and they are 30 years old and continue the celebration with another great event in September! This coming month they will put on their signature event Fundraiser, "Celebrity Waiter", with a Las Vegas theme on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6-10:30 pm at the Quail Valley City Centre Magnolia Ball Room. Your \$50 ticket includes dinner, music and entertainment and there will be a cash bar as well. Bring your credit card and shop the Silent and Big Board Auction as well as a Cake Auction benefitting the Fort Bend Women's Center. Their meeting programs for the upcoming Quarter include Infrastructure & Development in Fort Bend, Working with Investors, and Tax Appraisal tips. Currently this Network has 138 Members and is the Largest Network in Texas since 2015 and was awarded 2 National Recruiting Awards in Washington, DC. Angela Johnson, current President, has a great Legacy of Leaders advancing this Network into the future with an abundance of eager participants fostering great ideas from both Realtors and Affiliates.

I visited the Lake Houston Network this month and they had a very dynamic presentation by the new Humble Independent School District Superintendent that was both informative and thought provoking as she steps into her new District and learns her challenges. The turnout was very good and next year's President and current Texas District VP, Tom Gallagher, and the current Local Network President, Debbie Oder, spoke after the presentation with great enthusiasm about the plans for the coming year as they take themselves into the new structure of being a "Network". Their membership remains at 25 Realtors and 2 Affiliates and they admit the challenge of gaining new members has

been their toughest issue to overcome. In September they will have Ashley Rathburn, TAR Member Benefits Manager, speaking about all the great benefits available to Texas REALTORS. Then 2017 TAR Chairman of the Board, Vicki Fullerton, will provide TAR and TREPAC updates as well as speak about our "Stop the Hidden Property Tax" TAR Initiative for the 2017 Texas State Legislative year. They have no meeting planned for October, but have an upcoming program for November on the new Generation Park that will likely pack the room once again for these great meetings so make your plans to attend by visiting the website to RSVP.

Great Northwest Network's upcoming Meeting for September will feature Marvalette Hunter of 3D Visions Planning who will speak on the Houston High Speed Rail Debate. In October you will want to make plans to attend their Fundraiser Casino event, "A night in Vegas", which will be held on the 6th. The doors open at 6:30 pm at the Raveneaux Country Club and there will be a Silent and Live Auction. The party, which is Black Tie optional, will last well into the night and tickets are on sale now. Their Membership currently stands at 90 which includes 74% Realtor Members! This Network has a well-established line of Leaders to take it into the future with strong support from the Community.

Golden Triangle Business Resource Group continues to work to garner a higher level of recognition for themselves in a very unique environment where the local Realtor Association involvement is well established. Their President is a very devoted hard working supporter of WCR and Community support is her biggest challenge. They have worked diligently to keep the meetings well attended in the past with relevant programming in spite of low Membership numbers.

District "C" has a strong group of hardworking Networks that will continue to enjoy steady growth and attracting great Community Leaders into WCR. It has been a great experience to work with these very impressive Leaders and I thank you for the opportunity to serve!

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