

Mountains Council Newsletter

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A Message from President Mark Schoenthaler:

Hello everyone and welcome to Spring! We have made it through a snowy and cold winter and look forward to a warm and busy summer.

In my January Newsletter, I noted that I would report back to you about the great experience I had on the Maine Habitat Home Build in Mobile, AL.

My wife, Paula, and I headed out on Saturday, January 12 and started the build on Monday, January 14. There were a team of 20 other REALTORS® from throughout the state that ended up working together for a week to build a home. When we arrived, the slab was in the ground and when we left, the house was framed, the windows in, the siding about 40% complete and the roof shingled.

It was one of the most satisfying things that I have ever done. To work along side other people to try to help a family with owning a new home was extremely rewarding. To see the amount of damage from Katrina, first hand, was eye opening. There still are vacant and damaged homes all along the coast and they will be years recovering from this disaster. We are fortunate not to have to worry about hurricanes where we live.

The team of REALTORS® became close friends and we are getting together next month to keep the fond memories alive. It was also satisfying to have my wife participate in the experience and we are committed to getting involved in another build in the near future. I encourage all of you to give back. The feeling is like none other.

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A Message from President Mark Schoenthaler (continued):

It was great to work along side the mother who is going to own this home. She was able to see what Maine REALTORS® are all about. So **thank you** to all of you that donated. I believe I represented Western Maine well. The first photo is a group picture of most of the Maine REALTORS® in front of the house. The second is a picture of Natasha, in red, the young lady that is proud owner of the home. The last picture is of me holding up a nail apron that Hammond Lumber supplied along with a generous donation to this event.



If you would like to contact me with ideas or comments, please do so at mark@noyesrealty.com, or call me at Noyes Real Estate Agency at 864-9000. I look forward to see all of you in June at our next meeting at Saddleback Mountain.

Upcoming Membership Meeting: The next meeting of the Mountains Council Membership is scheduled for Friday, June 13th. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.; Buffet Breakfast & Membership Meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. An education program “Negotiations” will be from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. A registration form is enclosed.

Membership Information: There are currently 125 REALTORS® and 6 Affiliate Members. Members may request a current membership roster mailed or e-mailed in Adobe Acrobat format, please e-mail tanya@mainerealtors.com.

Meeting Schedule: The schedule for the year is printed below.

June 13	Breakfast	Saddleback Mountain	“Negotiations”
September 12	Breakfast	Oxford Federal Credit Union	“New” Core Course – Title TBA
November 14	Breakfast	TBA	“Short-Sales, Foreclosures & Bankruptcy”
December 11	Dinner	The Boiler Room Restaurant	Holiday Party & 2009 Officer Installation

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☞ **Plan to Attend the Mountains Council Meeting on Friday, June 13th** ☛