



## General Membership Meeting



2024 REALTOR of the Year & Affiliate of the  
Year Presentations  
CE with Tim Reed



Date: **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (please note day)**  
Time: **11:30 a.m. CST**  
Place: **Portofino Grill in La Porte**  
Program: **2024 REALTOR of the Year and 2024 Affiliate of  
the Year Presentations**  
**CE with Instructor Tim Reed. Course: Indiana  
Agency Law—2 CE Hours for all Indiana Brokers**  
Cost: **\$18 with Reservations/\$20 for Walk-ins**

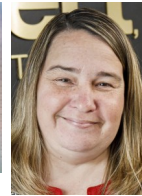
### **For Reservations:**

Those attending the meeting only may RSVP via email or phone! Please contact the Board office at 219-324-8120 or via email at [lpicar@lpicar.com](mailto:lpicar@lpicar.com) no later than **Friday, March 7, 2025**. Please have your check ready for our meeting, made payable to LPCAR. Thank you. If you do plan on attending our CE session you will need to register online at:

<https://www.laportecountyrealtors.com/membershipmeetings>

CE Attendees **must** register online. Please provide COMPLETE information including Address, City, State and Zip Code. All Indiana License Numbers begin with **RB** and **MUST be included in the registration**. Please review your entries prior to submitting the form! CE is free of charge for all LPCAR members. \$20 for non-members.

**Please review our reservation policy:** *Reservation Policy: We strongly suggest you make reservations in advance. Any reservation made and **not cancelled 2 hours prior** to the start of our event will be charged for the cost of the meal. Our locations are very accommodating with our reservations but we are required to call in a reservation number ahead of time and pay for that number. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!*



### Letter from the Board President

As we move into March, I wanted to give you a brief update. Your 2025 Board of Directors has voted to set up a 501c3 for the Deserving Children's Charity. This is something that has been discussed for many years and we feel that this would be a great time to finally get this off the ground.

Having the Deserving Children's Charity as a true nonprofit enables donors to make tax-deductible contributions, encouraging greater financial support. Creating a 501c3 empowers the association to make a greater impact in the community. We have missed some great opportunities over the years with potential givebacks and corporate sponsors so we feel that this is something that would increase our fundraising efforts.

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## 2025 Scholarship Information

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each, to area students who plan on pursuing further education after graduation or are currently attending a college or trade school and who are related to a REALTOR or Affiliate member of LPCAR. There will be **4 (four)** Scholarships available. Three will be available to any student related to an LPCAR member—REALTOR or Affiliate member, and one scholarship is available with the same criteria but with one additional requirement—the family member must have served on the board of directors—either in the past or a current board member. This is our Board of Director Service Scholarship! Eligible applicants may apply to both scholarships but may only be selected for one.



This award will be given to a person demonstrating outstanding community involvement who is planning to pursue further education through an accredited college, university, or trade school or are currently attending college or a trade school.

### Scholarship FAQs

1. **What is the eligibility criteria for the Scholarship?** To be eligible the student must be pursuing further education after graduation or must be currently enrolled in a college or trade school. Students must also be related to an LPCAR member—Affiliate of REALTOR—who is in active and in good standing. For our Board of Director Service Scholarship, the student must be related to a member who has served on the LPCAR board of directors—past or current.
2. **How does my student apply for the scholarship?** Applications are available for download on our website. Please make sure to provide the application to eligible students.
3. **What is the deadline for application submission?** The deadline to submit the application is April 30, 2025.
4. **How much money is awarded through the scholarship?** For 2025 each recipient will receive \$1000 for their further education costs.
5. **How many scholarships are awarded each year?** In 2025 there will be 4 (four) Scholarships available.
6. **How do I submit the application?** [Two copies must be sent to the board office via mail or may also be dropped off at the board office. \(please contact the office for drop off times/info\)](#)

The deadline for this year is April 30, 2025 (please note change in deadline). Please make sure your student applies as soon as possible. The application also requires an essay of 200 words or less explaining why the scholarship should be awarded. Any application received without the essay will not be considered during the selection process. It is important for the student to complete all parts of the application

Please download the application and have your student complete and send the form back by the deadline. Students of family members of LPCAR are eligible for this scholarship so we encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

## Mark Your Calendar!

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming CE Classes !

**March 12, 2025** - 11:30 a. m. CST at Portofino Grill (following membership Meeting). Course: **Indiana Agency Law for 2 CE Hours** approved for all Indiana Brokers.

**March 31, 2025**—Region 1 Delegation Day in Indianapolis

**May 5-6, 2025** - IAR Summer Summit in Madison Indiana.

To register visit: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/>

IndianaRealtors1/  
SummerSummit

June 10, 2025—General membership meeting and CE with Tim Reed at 11:30 a.m. at Portofino Grill, La Porte. Course: TBD

**INDIANA REALTORS®**

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NORTHWEST IN (NIRA) + LAFAYETTE  
LAPORTE COUNTY + WHITE COUNTY

**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**  
Indiana REALTOR® Building + Indiana State House

REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO ALL IAR MEMBERS

Let's show the power of Indiana's largest professional organization with strength in numbers at the statehouse.

These sessions are opportunities for in-person advocacy with state lawmakers at the Capitol.

## Letter from Board President—Continued

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Setting up a 501c3 involves a lot of different pieces and we are looking for a few volunteers to help with this project and/or be part of the new board of directors for this charitable foundation. If you have any interest, or have any skills that could help our efforts, please reach out to myself or the board office. We have already contacted an attorney and our accountant who will assist us. We look forward to moving this project forward.

Joins us for our March Membership meeting luncheon and find out who will be awarded the 2024 Affiliate of the Year and 2024

REALTOR of the year! Plus stay after and earn two CE hours with Tim Reed! Make your reservation online on our website. Details can be found in this newsletter

Don't forget to read the information regarding the new Fairhaven Simulation and challenge!

Please feel free to contact me any time for questions or concerns via email: [jaw1275@yahoo.com](mailto:jaw1275@yahoo.com) or my cell: 219-608-5614.

Have a great month!

Julie Wagner  
2025 Board President

## Member Benefit



## FOREWARN®

**FOREWARN** is a revolutionary application that allows agents to have instant due diligence on prospects. In seconds, with as little information as a phone number or name, LPCAR members can verify a prospect's identity, criminal records, bankruptcies, liens, judgments, address history and property records (state laws vary) all in one place, leading to safer and more productive interactions.



This is not only critical for your personal safety and efficiency, but also a benefit to your listing homeowners, providing an added layer of protection for their homes and families through your vetting of prospective buyers. Haven't set up your account yet? Please contact the board office for more information at 219-324-8120.

# LaPorte County Association of REALTORS Food Drive Fundraiser Quarter Paddle Auction

For Tickets Contact

Lyz Lukac :219-851-4911 Amy Blind:219- 608-4213  
Robin Umphrey: 219-363-9330

**April 13, 2025**

**Doors Open at Noon**

**Auction begins at 1pm**

**\$5 entry fee**

**includes 1 paddle**

**\*Ask about our limited  
VIP tables\***



**Location:**

**Silver Palace**

**1719 State St Suite C**

**LaPorte, IN 46350**

**Additional paddles  
available for  
purchase for \$5**

All proceeds will go directly to  
our 2025 LPCAR Annual Food  
Drive Campaign

-Ticket needed to enter

-Plenty of Parking

-Cash Bar

-Food available for purchase

**What to bring:**

✓ **Money to buy a paddle**

✓ **Money to buy food**

✓ **Quarters for bidding**

✓ **Friends and Neighbors**

✓ **Desire to have fun!**

LPCAR is a 501(c)6 a membership NOT for profit. The Food Drive Committee falls under that designation since it is operated by the association.

## Fairhaven 2.0—Take the Challenge for a chance at free 2026 Dues

Step into Fairhaven 2.0—NAR’s dynamic online simulation where real estate professionals tackle fair housing challenges head-on. Through realistic scenarios, practical insights, and historical context, you’ll explore key topics like steering, bias, disability accommodations, and standing up for clients facing discrimination.

This course helps ensure that your business practices comply with the letter and spirit of federal, state, and local law, as well as the Realtor Code of Ethics. **It also meets the new NAR fair housing training requirement that takes effect January 1, 2025.** Best of all, it’s free for NAR members. Your fair housing skills start here!

**Take the Challenge!** LPCAR will be holding a Fairhaven 2.0 challenge. Complete the Fairhaven course between March 1, 2025 and May 31, 2025 and you will be entered in a drawing for Free 2026 Dues! Who doesn’t love free dues? To be entered in the challenge, just print off your certificate of completion once you have finished the course and email a copy to the



board office. Entries must be received by June 1, 2025. Your certificate will look similar to this sample provided. (yes, I did take and complete the course). NAR Fairhaven reports will be used to confirm completion and verify each entry.

Remember—this course does satisfy the new NAR requirement: REALTORS® are required to complete Fair Housing / Anti-Bias Training upon becoming a member, and every 3 years thereafter, coinciding with the Code of Ethics training timeline. This requirement is in addition to the Code of Ethics training. Qualified training must be of not less

than 2 hours of instructional time. The training must meet specific learning objectives and criteria established by the National Association of REALTORS®. This requirement began January 1, 2025 with a deadline of December 31, 2027 for cycle 8. **Affiliates with an M1 number may also take the challenge for an entry for free 2026 Affiliate Dues!** (Affiliates—if you do not know your number or do not have a number assigned to you, please contact the board office for assistance)



La Porte County Association of REALTORS  
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 La Porte, Indiana 46352  
 Phone: 219-324-8120

Welcome to the Annual La Porte County Association of REALTORS Food Drive! This endeavor is to help the local pantries replenish their supplies for the less fortunate. No one wants a child or anyone in our community to go to bed hungry.

We are requesting monetary donations for this year's drive. Any amount is appreciated. Every cent of your donation goes toward buying food and all contributions stay in our community.

We will once again partner with a local grocery store and will be able to purchase our food at a reduced rate. This simple act of kindness helps so many!

Donations are being accepted through May 2025! Please make all checks payable to "La Porte County Association of REALTORS." You may use our GoFundMe page too... **(Please note the following if using GoFundMe link:** It will ask a donor for a "tip" to offset costs. You may elect to bypass the tip by entering "0" as the percentage amount. This is an optional feature added by GoFundMe but not required).

Please feel free to call anyone on our committee if you would like any additional information or if you would like someone to pick up your donation.

Thank you for your support and, as always, we are so grateful for each of you!

#### Food Drive Committee Chairs

Amy Blind  
 Pine Lake Realty  
 219-608-4213

Robin Umphrey  
 RE/MAX County Wide 1<sup>st</sup>  
 219-363-9330

Lyz Lukac  
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 219-851-4911

#### Committee Members:

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 Ashlan Siford/MTM Realty: 219-363-6315  
 Julie Wagner/Weichert Shoreline: 219-608-5614  
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QR Code for GoFundMe

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## Deserving Children Charity Foundation—Volunteers Needed



The 2025 Board of Directors have voted to create a 501c3 foundation for the Deserving Children's Charity. This will ensure that this worthy cause will continue for many years to come. Over the years we have missed out on potential donations and corporate sponsors simply because we did not have that true nonprofit status. While this has been discussed for many years, we finally feel that the time is right to begin this project.

We are looking for some passionate and dedicated volunteers to help us establish this new organization which will be dedicated to the Deserving Children's Charity. If you have any experience in legal filings, marketing, non-profit management or if you have a desire to help make a difference and are interested in being part of this team - we would love to have you help with this endeavor. Part of creating this organization will be to form a board of directors—this is a unique opportunity to be part of something meaningful from the ground up, shaping the organization that will have a positive impact on so many children in our community.



Whether you can contribute time, skills, or resources—every effort counts. If you are interested in joining our project, please reach out to our board president Julie Wagner, or you may contact the Board Office.

### **2025 Annual Food Drive—Ways to help!!**

As we begin our Food Drive community outreach project we are often asked how can members help.

**Item Donations**—Item donations are needed for the Quarter Paddle Auction. Small items, baskets, gift cards, etc are welcomed.

**Monetary Donations**—Contributions may be sent to the board office or you may contribute online at our GoFundMe page.

**Time**—Volunteers are always needed during our Distribution Day. Contact any of the co-chairs for more information.



**2024 Food Drive Distribution Day**

### **Membership Update**

Please help us welcome our newest LPCAR members.

**Jenn Gregg—@Properties Christie's International Real Estate**

**Rachelle McCaulley - Weichert REALTORS Shoreline**

*Managing Brokers—please remember to notify the board office with any changes at 219-324-8120 or via email: [lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net](mailto:lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net)*

*New members are invited to attend their first general membership meeting on us to be inducted and meet your colleagues. Please contact the board office for more information.*



**Eat Wings, Raise Funds**



# **LPCAR Deserving Children Charity**

## **Wednesday, April 16**

### **5-9PM**

#### **Dine-in & Carryout**

**Michigan City Buffalo Wild Wings®** will donate 10% of food sales back to LPCAR.

(Not valid on web or third-party delivery orders.)

Not including tax, gratuity, alcohol or promotional discounts).



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# March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The board office will be operating remotely until further notice. In-person office visits by <b>appointment only!</b> Please contact the office via email. Lockbox requests must be initiated through NIRA and appointment for pickup at board office must be made.</p>						1
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