



REALTOR® Association of Acadiana

Weekly REALTOR®
April 27, 2009

SAFETY FIRST

Safety Tips

You might not think of your job as being dangerous, but it can be if you're not careful!

Don't get stranded. Always keep your car's gas tank filled above a quarter-tank. Also, keep the following safety tools in the car: A charged cell phone, a battery jumper, a spare tire, and a roadside emergency kit that includes a flashlight and flares.

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Lunch and Learn - Scanning

JOIN US FOR LUNCH

and

"Learn How to Scan MLS Documents"

Tuesday, May 5th

Noon - 1 p.m.

Lunch sponsor:

Corey Albarado

Fairway Mortgage

Continuing Education
Course Added

June 16th "Business Ethics
and Legal Liabilities"
4 C.E. hrs. 9:00 - 1:00 RAA
Office

Request for Proposal - RAA Charities

Request for Proposal (RFP)

The REALTOR® Association of Acadiana has a donation policy in place which renews every three years. This is the renewal year and the Donation Task Force will recommend to the RAA Board of Directors up to three charities. The selected charities or non-profits will receive funds derived from the Gumbo Cook-off for the next three years. The average amount per year is around \$3,000 per charity if three charities are selected. The annual donation would take place around November of each year.

The Donation Task Force will only focus on real estate related issues or organizations. They may consider giving to an umbrella agency that has the ability to combine funds for a much larger over-all donation such as the Community Foundation of Acadiana (which has been a recipient of RAA funds).

If you know of an organization that meets the above criteria and would like it to be considered, please submit the following information to RAA by **May 15:**

1. A letter stating how the funds you receive from RAA would specifically be used over the next three years.
2. Tell RAA how your organization ties into real estate related issues.
3. What are your fundraisers - both in-house and those coordinated by others?
4. Submit a current financial statement.
5. Name of charity, association executive's name, address, email and contact phone numbers.
6. List of current board members.
7. Is your board willing to promote RAA fundraising events

Instructor: Joey Babineaux
 To Register:
Kathy@RealtorAcadiana.com

Outlook Training Offered

Outlook Training
Thursday, May 14th
10:00 a.m.
 To Register email
MaryS@RealtorAcadiana.com

Centralized Showing Service (CSS) Training

Centralized Showing Service

30-minute CSS training sessions will be offered every week immediately following the Basic MLS class. For more information or to register, email marys@realtoracadiana.com

CRS 206 Technology Offered in Baton Rouge

CRS 206 Technology
[Click Here for course flyer](#)



Instructor: Robert Morris
May 7-8, 2009
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Louisiana REALTORS®
4639 Bennington Ave
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

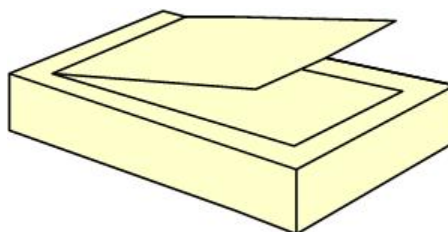
Early Bird \$295 - register 21 days prior to the course (CRS designees get 50% off the current registration fee.)
 *Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

For more information,

[from which they receive benefits?](#)

Please submit the answers to each of the seven questions to: REALTOR® Association of Acadiana, Donation Task Force, 1819 W. Pinhook, Ste. 115, Lafayette, LA 70508.

REALTOR® REMINDER - SCAN YOUR DOCUMENTS! DO NOT FAX!



ATTENTION REALTORS®

PLEASE SCAN YOUR MLS DOCUMENTS!!!

DO NOT FAX!!!
Scanning Instructions:
[Click here for MLS Maintenance Guide Pages 22-25](#)

RCA Signature Series

2009 Signature Series Speaker: JIM HOCHMAN

"Keeping Your Commercial Client Out of Legal Trouble"

May 19, 2009 8:30am - 12:30pm
 RAA Office
 4 CE Credits
 Seating is Limited - Register Today!

Cost:
 \$35 - RCA members \$50 - Non-members

To register, email marys@realtoracadiana.com
 Interested in becoming an RCA member, [click here.](#)

NEW from National Association of REALTORS®

Build Business Using the New Tax Credit: Free Webinar

NAR is offering a free webinar on building business around the first-time home buyer tax credit. A real estate pro who has conducted a consumer seminar on the credit will talk about marketing and the director of the H&R Block Tax Institute will talk about accounting issues. [Build Business Using the First-Time Buyer Tax Credit](#) will be Tuesday, April 28, at 3 p.m. Eastern.

Podcast: Legal Resources For Members

contact:
 Louisiana REALTORS®
info@larealtors.org
 1-800-266-8538
 PO Box 14780 Baton Rouge,
 LA 70898

NAR General Counsel Laurie Janik in a [podcast](#) identifies the legal resources available to REALTORS® for free or at cost on REALTOR.org.

NAR Flyer on Short Sales Concerns:

NAR has developed a flyer to communicate its initiatives on short sales. The document will be updated as additional steps are taken. For more info contact Jeff Lischer, jlischer@realtors.org 202/383-1117. Click here for flyer.

Suggested Caravan Schedule

Check front page of MLS for weekly caravan schedule.
www.lbrmls.com

CENTRALIZED SHOWING SERVICE (CSS)

HELP IMPROVE CSS!!!

WHEN FILING A REPORT ALWAYS INCLUDE:

- * PHONE NUMBER USED * TIME OF CALL
- * DATE * LISTING

Report problems to MaryS@RealtorAcadiana.com and she will contact CSS. Feedback is extremely important as is proper showing instructions from the listing agent.

2009 Continuing Education -

*****LREC will no longer offer continuing education.**

*****In 2009 TWELVE (12) hours of continuing Education are required for license renewal.**

RAA EDUCATION POLICY: MOST education courses are free of charge but there will be a \$25 cancellation fee for no shows if you do not cancel 24 hours prior to the class. Cancellations must be writing. (May be emailed). If cancellation fee is not paid within 30 days after notification, MLS privileges will be suspended until the fee is paid.

*****Real Estate license numbers are required. (HAVE YOUR LICENSE NUMBER AVAILABLE AT ALL EDUCATION CLASSES. IT IS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATES.)**

***To Register: Kathy@RealtorAcadiana.com unless otherwise indicated.

April 28th "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
 8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office

April 30th Basic MLS 2 C.E. Hrs 9:00 - 11:00 RAA Office
 Instructor: Janice Hebert

May 14th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
 1:00 - 5:00 RAA Office

June 1-5 (Post Licensing Tentative)
 June 9th "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
 8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office

June 16th "Business Ethics and Legal Liabilities" 4 C.E. hrs.

9:00 - 1:00 RAA Office Instructor: Joey Babineaux

July 14th "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office
July 21st "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
9:00 - 1:00 RAA Office

August 18th "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office
August 27th Commercial 2009 Mandatory
9:00 - 1:00 Lite Center
Louisiana Realtors Instructor: Randy Roussel
To Register call 1-800-266-8538

September 22th "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office
September 24th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
1:00 - 5:00 RAA Office

October 13th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
1:00 - 5:00 RAA Office
October 22nd "Business Ethics & Legal Liabiities" 4 CE hrs.
9:00 - 1:00 RAA Office
October 27th "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office

November Post Licensing
November 10th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
9:00 - 1:00 RAA Office

December 1st "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office
December 8th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
8:00 - 12:00 RAA Office
December 8th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
1:00 - 5:00 RAA Office

DESIGNATION Classes offered at RAA Office --Presented by Louisiana REALTORS
For more information and To Register:1-800-266-8538 or online www.Realtors.org
*****50% Tuition reimbursement for all NAR approved designation courses.**

June 10 & 11th ABR Instructor: Lynn Madison
June 12th REBAC (ABR Elective) Instructor: Lynn Madison
August 6 & 7th CRS 210 Contact Kathy@RealtorAcadiana.com

Quick Links

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