

Angie Ridley's 2009 President Elect Report

I have established email communications with the President-Elects of each chapter. We discussed blog vs email, we choose email at this time. If I haven't heard from them by email response, I called.

Jan. We discussed Membership and recruitment techniques

Feb. We discussed Ways and Means

I sent a challenge to the Elects to be positive...

Mar / April I asked the Elects to tell me the positive strengths of the chapter, weakness and what they would like to change.

April I asked the Elects to assist me with the topics of Leadership Day...

Jan: Flint, being a member of the Flint chapter I have the inside scoop. Anyways, Flint made \$11,500 in 16 days from the Texas Hold'em fundraiser. They budgeted for \$7,000. ☺ The meetings are not having as good of turn out as in the past, sign of the times, or meeting topics. **Membership expiring 2010= 25**

Feb 19: I attended Lake Pointe chapters Business Resource Meeting. The speaker was Michael Lothamer. Attendance was great. I was amazed at what I learned. Do you tell your clients that they must fight both the Assessed Value and Taxable Value at the same time to win a case? Did you know there is property tax relief for people poverty stricken? If you didn't know this information, you should ask Michael to speak to your members. I understand he speaks for "free".

- a. I then attended the Lake Pointe Chapter Governing Board Meeting. Lake Pointe was over loaded with work. We discussed process and procedures and asking members for assistance. We even discussed asking people that aren't members to assist. These people may find value, take ownership and join.

Mar 10: **Birmingham Bloomfield** is blossoming. They keep generating new members. They are not concerned about finances or membership at this time. Truly they are "Rocking". **Expiring 2010= 24.**

Mar 12: I attended Grand Rapids Business Resource Meeting. We learned about how credit reports really work and can be honestly changed. We learned how non-profits help in the assisting homeowners keep their housing and assist with getting the public on track with debt.

The visit to Grand Rapids was very nice. Laurie and I were both there. The turn out was good. They have 2 of our governing board bodies in the chapter so if there are issues I believe they would come forward.

March 13: **Washtenaw** was unique. Their Business Resource Meeting is held at 8:00am-9:00am. Members receive education at "No Charge". The breakfast, bagels, muffins, coffee and juice are sponsored. (According to Beth Graham, Lansing has moved their meetings to the am as well). There were 40-50 people in the room. The concept of get in, learn, share and go start your day was awesome. They had real estate attorneys in the audience attending the meetings. The website is not used at all at this time. I am trying to move them

to at least put the programs on the site. The Treasurer is not listed on the National site and National is showing Membership **expiring in 2010= 18**.

Mar 19 I revisited Lake Pointe to see how they were doing with their task is to ask. They asked for committee volunteers and rec. 4 volunteers. The newsletter was sent out and they seem to be gaining confidence. They are having 2 Texas Hold'em charity fundraisers to raise money for the chapter.

Mar 26: Rochester is having a lot of fun! Membership expiring in 2010= 32. They explain the value of WCR at the meetings. This chapter is really thriving. What's interesting about this chapter is the governing board serves 2 years in their elected positions. They would like to address this to the other members at the spring meeting. This may contribute to the stability of the chapter.

April 2: **Lakeshore** was very unique. This chapter's membership functions as a group, team. As they sat at different tables, the tables intermingled. Everyone was there together. This was fantastic to witness. The governing board meeting was before the program. The governing board is very energetic and most thankful that another state person attended the meeting. Beverly Scholten is the current President and also our Recording Secretary. This chapter was struggling to promote the value. I believe we put together a plan for different advertising avenues and value benefits. **Expiring 2010=13**

April 10: I attended Washtenaw Chapter again. Katie Colden went with me as Flint is going to have an meetings starting in May.

Washtenaw really is finding ways to promote the WCR Value. Susan said it was such an honor to have 2 state people in the room. Karen said it made their chapter feel very important that we have come. Laurie Koelling was also present. They had 1 new member in the attendance today. They stressed the need for membership at the beginning of the meeting when they were discussing value.

Karen Moorehead is very excited about speaking at the state meeting. She also is on top of the membership. She asked the for the chapters current roster info. I sent it and later will assist her with www.wcr.org .

April 15 visiting Saginaw Valley membership expiring 2010= 23 Per Robyn, they still feel like it's new and they are getting into the groove. Always the same people doing things. New Realtor members still joining. Financials are good! Very energetic! Very positive

North Oakland membership expiring 2010= 23, financial problems Dona is overwhelmed right now. Many troubles last year...per National at this point please submit Annual Report to move forward. March meeting cancelled.

April 16th visiting Livingston membership expiring 2010= 15 and one is the Treasurer, non-Realtor, we submitted the Annual report to move forward.