

# LOWER COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® NEWSLETTER



## Thank You For Being a Realtor® Member *A Message from the President*



We would like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you. Your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to our community make a lasting impact. Whether you're advocating for homeownership, supporting fellow members, or staying engaged in industry developments, your efforts help to strengthen both our organization and the real estate profession as a whole in our community.

Thank you for being a valued member of LoCAR. We appreciate your continued support and we look forward to growing together! Your support and involvement are what make this organization thrive. Our Board of Directors is dedicated to building a strong, dynamic association, and we've made great strides in key areas—creating vibrant committees, developing a solid strategic plan and succession planning, updating our systems and procedures, and refining our policies and bylaws. While there's still work ahead, we are confident we have the right team in place to make LoCAR a well-oiled machine.

If you have any questions or you are looking for ways to get involved, don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to connecting with you at our upcoming luncheon.

See you soon!

*David Thelin*



## Upcoming Committee Meetings

*Your input is valuable!*

**Community Service** Tuesday, March 4th 11:30 am @ **LoCAR**

**Fair Housing** Wednesday, March 5th 11 am @ **Eclipse Cafe at The Merk**

**Events** Wednesday, March 6th 1 pm @ **Teri's on Broadway**

**Education** Tuesday, March 11th 10 am @ **LoCAR**

**Membership** Friday, March 14th 2pm @ **LoCAR**

**Government Affairs & RPAC** Wednesday, March 19th 11 am at **LoCAR**

*Committees are a great way to get involved and make a real impact! The people who show up are the ones shaping decisions—so why not be one of them? Join us and help shape the future!*

# Members Taking Action!

## Hill Day



Twenty four LoCAR members joined more than five hundred from around the state for our Annual Legislative Hill Day. Led by Mike Wallin, Kristin Cheatley and Debi Trull, we met with our legislators and shared our concerns about proposals to raise the REET, raise the B&O and impose a new sales tax on real estate compensation! (and more). We advocated for lot splitting, subdivision and condo liability reform, promoted "Homes for Heroes" and we opposed Rent Control! Our WR legislative advocacy team in Olympia is the best! We're showing up and weighing in. We're investing in meaningful dialogue and advocacy.

## Realtor® Political Action Committee (RPAC)



Successful government affairs advocacy requires a seat at the table. Raising funds for political action is one way we can all contribute. Together RPAC is our nation's largest political advocacy group. Together we have already raised \$40,000 in 2025 towards our \$50,000 local RPAC goal! Every \$15 fair share helps! Special thanks to our major investors of \$1,000 or more! Watch for our next event to participate or join our committee and help us plan our next fundraising event.

## Meet & Greet Luncheon: County Auditor Carolyn Fundingsland



For two years the Cowlitz County administration building had been closed to the public on Fridays. Thanks to our advocacy and careful planning our Treasurer and Auditor have kept limited services available for real estate recordings on Fridays. This unique arrangement has been recently effected by short staffing. Following our recent efforts, the Auditor and Treasurer have renewed their commitment to our industry and will keep limited hours available to us on Fridays. Our advocacy matters and our voices were heard!

## Washington Realtors® and NAR... That's Who We R

WR Spring Conference registration is open now at [www.waRealtor.org](http://www.waRealtor.org). Members are encouraged to attend and participate. NAR Realtor® Legislative Meetings and Trade Expo is June 1st to June 5th in Washington DC. There is no charge for registration to attend. We will be meeting with our congressional delegation concerning our federal legislative agenda. 2026 NAR committee membership application period opens March 1st. Members are encouraged to review the committees and consider applying to engage and participate. For more information, email [michaelkwallin@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkwallin@gmail.com).

## Realtors® Giving Back in our Communities through RRF

**REALTORS® RELIEF FOUNDATION**

100% of funds contributed to the RRF will directly support victims of natural disasters. Our communities need your help now more than ever!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



<b>Membership Luncheon</b>	Pie@tros - Longview	<b>March 13th</b>
<b>Fair Housing Forum &amp; Class</b>	Cowlitz Event Center	<b>April 15th</b>
<b>Fair Housing Class at the Beach</b>	Adrift Hotel - Long Beach	<b>April 21st</b>
<b>WR Spring Business Conference</b>	Tulalip Casino - Marysville	<b>April 23rd-25th</b>
<b>Bowling Event</b>	Triangle Bowl - Longview	<b>May 14th</b>
<b>Community Service Beach Clean up</b>	Long Beach Peninsula	<b>July 5th</b>