



June 2016 Newsletter

OMAHA CHAPTER
Omaha Nebraska

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Champions Run | 13800 Eagle Run Drive

11:00-11:45 am - Networking

11:45 am-1:00pm - Lunch & Program



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LIP SYNC



Thanks to all who sponsored, donated, participated and were entertained at Eat, Drink, Lip Sync! What a RECORD-BREAKING success!

We presented a check to Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$8,063.32!

Now it's time to make history at our GOLF EVENT!
We can do it, WCR!

The mission of the Women's
Council of REALTORS®

We are a network of successful
REALTORS® empowering
women to exercise their
potential as entrepreneurs and
industry leaders.

2016 Calendar & Upcoming Events

June

June 9th - WCR Business Resource Meeting – Champions 11:15am-1:00pm

June 16th - WCR Board Meeting @ OABR (9am-10am) - Open to all WCR Members

July

July 7th - WCR Golf Tournament - Pacific Springs

July 21st - WCR Board Meeting @ OABR (9am-10am) - Open to all WCR Members

August

August 11th - WCR Business Resource Meeting – Champions 11:15am-1:00pm

August 18th - WCR Board Meeting @ OABR (9am-10am) - Open to all WCR Members

At Your Service! We Want to Hear From You!

Did you know ...WCR has a Hospitality Committee? Laura Ousley is at your service if you know of any happenings pertaining to our WCR friends, be it joyful, serious, sad, encouraging, etc. Please contact Laura at laura@maximcr.com and she will serve as the voice of WCR to acknowledge anything that should be with cards, flowers, etc... whatever seems appropriate. If possible, share the address of the person or persons being acknowledged. Many thanks!

Also, if you have any great news to share in the newsletter, tell us all about it!



Meet Our Speaker

Restoring Lives One Amazing Gift at a Time

Through a tremendous amount of hard work, good will and prayer, Jason and Michelle Hurt founded Chariots 4 Hope while seeking to make an impact on behalf of those in need in the Omaha/Metro area. The not-for-profit restores vehicles and provides them to individuals who may have fallen on hard times, or who have otherwise been through insufferable circumstances. For such individuals and families, reliable transportation is often one of the most important pieces of the puzzle as they are working so hard to put their lives back together. The organization's goal is for everyone to own reliable transportation that allows them to maintain independence and to be self-sufficient in their communities.





13th Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, July 7th, 2016

Pacific Springs Golf Course

16819 Harney St, Omaha, NE

9:00 am Registration | 10:00am Shotgun Start

\$80.00 per Player -18 Hole, 4 Person Scramble

Includes Green Fees, Carts, Lunch and Dinner

Prizes, Drinks and FUN immediately following at the Pacific Springs Clubhouse

**Please Register Your Team Online at
www.wcromaha.com**

4 Free raffle tickets per team when registered before June 10th

**Teams must pay and provide captain contact
Information upon registration.**

YES! I would like to be a sponsor for (circle):

\$150 Hole Sponsor | **\$125** Beverage Sponsor | **\$250** Lunch Sponsor | **\$350** Dinner Sponsor

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Percentage of the proceeds benefits: :





13th Annual Golf Tournament

Sponsorship Opportunities

July 7th, 2016 | 9:00 AM Registration | Pacific Springs Golf Course

On behalf of the Omaha Women's Council of REALTORS, thank you for your continued support of this organization! We sincerely appreciate all that you do. If you are interested in sponsoring our 13th Annual Golf Tournament there are multiple levels to show your support, see below for details.

Golf Hole Sponsorship Cost is \$150.00 or \$190.00 with Reserved Golf Cart 18 Available!

This is our most popular sponsorship! You will have signage at the golf hole, along with an opportunity to be at the hole to network. There will be mention of your company throughout the dinner and on signage throughout the clubhouse. There may be a pin prize for the hole, such as longest drive, shortest putt, etc. Every golfer receives a list of the Golf Hole Sponsors.

Lunch Sponsors Cost is \$250.00 5 Available!

As a lunch sponsor, you will have the opportunity to attach a sticker or advertisement to each box lunch and be there to help distribute the lunches. Your company name will be included in the sponsor information that each golfer receives as well as mentioned at the dinner and on signage throughout the clubhouse.

Dinner Sponsors Cost is \$350.00 5 Available!

We are planning on a buffet dinner following the golf. Dinner Sponsors will have signage at each table, as well as on the serving tables. Your company name will be included in the sponsor information that each golfer receives, as well as mentioned at the dinner and on signage throughout the clubhouse.

Beverage Sponsors Cost is \$125 14 Available!

This sponsorship will put your company name on each golfer's 2016 WCR memorabilia. Your company name will be included in the sponsor information that each golfer receives as well as mentioned at the dinner.

Golf Teams Cost is \$320 36 Available!

Carts will be personalized with the golfer's names and companies. Prizes for top women's, men's and mixed teams. Receive 4 raffle tickets per team if registered online at www.wcromaha.com by June 10th!

Prizes Cost: \$25 Minimum Unlimited Available!

Golfers love door prizes! Here's your chance to donate your services, or maybe something golf related.

Be creative, it's your turn to make your company shine! Signage throughout the clubhouse.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of WCR and our Event!

Make checks payable to: Women's Council of REALTORS and mail to:

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We Learn. We Build. We Give.

Thank you for giving at the May Luncheon!



"In everything we do, we serve with respect, integrity and urgency."

**WCR raised \$672.00 at our May Luncheon
for Food Bank of the Heartland!**

Summer is an especially difficult time for families at-risk for hunger because children, who often eat breakfast and lunch at school, are on summer break, and families must account for these extra meals in their already tight budgets. Approximately 42 percent of children in Nebraska receive free or reduced school lunches.

Once again Food Bank for the Heartland is working to help these children and families in need this summer with our Kids Cruisin' Kitchen (KCK) program. In its sixth year, **Kids Cruisin' Kitchen** is a collaborative initiative with the Omaha Salvation Army.



Our June Spotlight Sponsor Is...

Bridget Vacha

Home Standards Inspection Services

We are a small business that is locally owned and operated by full time inspector Steve Vacha. We understand and own the service of a home inspection. We only hire inspectors who have backgrounds in construction. We are able to put items of concern into perspective.

Greetings! Who Are You & What Are You Doing Here?

Why do you love being a member of WCR?

It's great to be part of an organization that encourages and supports women in the workforce. I especially have enjoyed the educational speakers at the monthly luncheons.

Who got you involved in WCR?

When I started at Home Standards last December, Steve (Vacha) asked that I join and begin attending the meetings because Home Standards has always had a great relationship with the WCR. It was important to him and our company that I join the group and get involved right away.

What is your favorite WCR Activity?

I am a newer member, but so far I have really enjoyed the Eat, Drink and Lipsync night. It was great to see all the realtors and affiliates performing and just having fun with it. Who knew there was so much talent in the Omaha real estate community?!

Where is your favorite place you've traveled? Why?

I'd have to say San Diego. The weather was amazing and it was such a beautiful city. There were lots of beaches and historical sites to explore and it wasn't overcrowded.

What is a goal of yours that you want to accomplish this year?

To get involved in the community and join in as much as possible. Networking is so important and the WCR has provided such a great

opportunity for me to be able to meet people and learn about all kinds of different aspects of the real estate process.

What is one local thing that you have wanted to do?

The River City History Tours by the Durham Museum. Omaha has so much history that is right around us every day. I would love to have a guided tour and learn all about what happened where!

What do you think the future of real estate looks like?

I would be willing to guess that it will fluctuate (as it always does) but will stay fairly steady in the Omaha market- always with more focus on technology and efficiency!

What is the best business tip you have been given?

Listen- to your customers, your colleagues and your competition. You can always learn something.

What is the highlight of your life?

My husband, Jon, of course! Also- my dog, Wally.

What do you think the secret to life is?

Being a good person and appreciating the little things.





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President's View



You Make Our Network Successful!

This time of the year is one of the most fun for me! As a REALTOR®, I am always busy wrapping up the Spring rush and planning for ways to keep business going through the Summer. As a mom, I'm elbow deep in baseball...I'm writing this right now as my 10 year old warms up for an evening game. As the President of WCR Omaha, I am just back from the Mid-Year meetings in Washington DC with our leadership team.

Each time I've traveled with the leadership team, I am impressed with how strong our network is! Our leadership team is impressive, diverse and enthusiastic about the future of WCR in Omaha. As we spoke to WCR leadership from all of the country, we realized truly how blessed we are to have such committed and successful members, both REALTORS® and Strategic Partners. You are truly what makes our network so successful!

Our Golf Committee has been working hard to plan our annual Golf Event on July 7th. There are still some sponsor opportunities available, so please contact Jen Monjaras at 402-200-8554 to get involved. The golf teams are filling up quickly as well! You can sign up to sponsor or golf on our website www.wcromaha.com. It will be a fun filled day to benefit a great charity-Chariots 4 Hope!

I hope to see you all at our next luncheon on June 9th, we will have the opportunity to hear what Chariots 4 Hope does in our community. You can register as a guest on our website. If you have a friend you think may love the networking and education that WCR provides, bring them along!

Crystal Archer
2016 WCR President
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And Our June REALTOR Spotlight Is...

Terri Pruitt

Coldwell Banker - REA



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Greetings! Who Are You & What Are You Doing Here?

Name: Terri Pruitt

continually stable market.

Why do you love being a member of WCR?

Just joined, however, I like being empowered by other women in the industry.

Who got you involved in WCR? Well, it was between Monica Lang and Jane Eggenberg.

What is your favorite WCR Activity? I like all the social events because I get to meet new people and share ideas.

Where is your favorite place you've traveled? Why? Colorado, because my grandsons live there.

What is a goal of yours that you want to accomplish this year? I try every year to increase my sales from the year before.

What is one local thing that you have wanted to do? Get involved with a Dog Rescue program.

What do you think the future of real estate looks like? With me, it looks bright being the new Coldwell Banker Brand, have a Corporate Relocation Department, and the

What is the best business tip you have been given? To get anywhere in life you have to make sure you balance between your personal life, family, financial, spiritual, physical, mental, and business goals.

What is the highlight of your life? Family, friends, and my furry babies.

What do you think the secret to life is? Being happy, positive and being balanced in your life.



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Home Standards Inspections Services

June Spotlight Sponsor



It's been a busy year so far for the people at Home Standards Inspection Services!



First off, we would like to welcome **Robert Grohowski** to our team as a Home Inspector! Robert has been working in or around construction for most of his life and even had a remodeling business for a time. He took time off construction to join the U.S. Air force and obtain a degree in business. Robert has a vast general knowledge of home construction and we are proud to have him on our team!

Our own **Jon Vacha** is currently serving in his 2nd year as President of the Greater Omaha Chapter of ASHI (American Society of Home Inspectors). He represented Home

Standards and our Omaha Chapter at the National ASHI meeting in San Diego this past January. He also attended the Radon Stakeholders annual meeting this Spring and plans to attend another inspection conference this November. Jon is committed to our education and keeping us on the cutting edge of what's new in the home inspection industry!

Bridget Vacha has also been motivated by education. Since attending REBar Camp this April and seeing the "Restore Omaha" talk, Bridget has decided to volunteer her time on the Education Committee at Restoration Exchange Omaha (REO). REO is a local non-profit that is (according to their website) "dedicated to the preservation and restoration of older homes, buildings and neighborhoods in the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro through education and advocacy".

Last but not least, if you see **Steve Vacha** around town, please make sure to congratulate him on qualifying for the Boston Marathon! Way to go, Steve!

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