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A Message from President Rollie Heckethorn:

Best wishes to all for a prosperous 2012! More than a wish, please allow me to pose a question to all members of the Androscoggin Valley Board of REALTORS® - What can we, as your Board of Directors, do for you this year to create an environment which will assist you in bringing your individual business to the level you desire?

We, as a Board, exist to serve you, our membership. In order to remain relevant, the Board is encouraging new ideas and suggestions for improvement which will benefit the entire organization. Speak up! Help us help you. Just as we look to our clients for input to enable us to serve them more effectively, we look to you for input to guide us in making decisions that impact all of us. Please know that you can contact the members of the Board if you have any questions or concerns which fall within the realm of general membership. Our contact information can be found in this newsletter.

It is vitally important for each of us to invest in our businesses. This can be done in many ways; volunteering comes to mind. If you are to consider a position on a committee or serve in some other capacity, please consider it. This kind of involvement fosters personal growth, and is usually a lot of fun as well as rewarding in the knowledge that you have helped make a difference.

In carrying the torch passed down by Immediate Past President Tanya Busch, we encourage members to suggest new affiliate members. It was a terrific goal and remains a worthy endeavor. If you have any questions as to what is expected of an affiliate or a list of potential types of businesses, please contact [Tanya Sirois](#) or myself.

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." Anonymous

If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at rollie@dunhamrealty.com or at Tim Dunham Realty - 729-7297.

Upcoming Membership Meeting:

The first 2012 membership meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Board of REALTORS®, sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank and Radon Done Right, will be held on Thursday, February 16 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The Buffet Breakfast & Membership Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. An education program "2011 Legal Update: Extended Version" will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. This course is approved by the MREC for 3 hours continuing education credit and instructed by Linda Gifford. Registration information is posted at <http://avbor.com>.

Affordable Housing:

The Board's 2012 affordable housing fundraiser will be a golf tournament at Martindale Country Club in Auburn. If you are interested in serving on the Golf Tournament committee, please contact [Rollie Heckethorn](#). Mark your calendars now for Thursday, August 2 and plan to participate. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

New Members:

In order to become a REALTOR® member, an individual must complete the membership application and pay a one-time application fee. Because we have provisional membership, new REALTOR® applicants become members as soon as they pay dues; however, they must take new member ethics when offered, live or online, in order to keep their membership privileges active. Applications are posted at <http://avbor.com>.

Meeting Schedule:

February 16 - Breakfast & "2011 Legal Update: Extended Version" @ Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn

April 19 - Breakfast & "Promoting Public Confidence Core Course" @ Location TBD

June 21 - REALTOR® of the Year Award Dinner @ Location TBD

August 2 - Annual Affordable Housing Golf Tournament @ Martindale Country Club in Auburn

September 20 - Breakfast, Annual Membership Meeting & "Code of Ethics" @ Location TBD

December 13 - Holiday Party @ Location TBD

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