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## SVBR Member News - January 2016

### President's Message

Dear Members,

*And then some....*

This is the motto of NAR for 2016, and I think it is words for us all to pay attention to. These words help to remind us that as Realtors®, we are to go above and beyond for not only our clients, but our organization, and ourselves. Working a little bit harder, and going out of your way to do that thing that might not have been expected, is what can set you apart from your competition, and what can line you up to do the best you can in the year moving forward. This reflects well on you as an agent and on the Realtor® organization. It makes buyers and sellers value the service that we provide, which is critical as the world moves more towards technology and away from personal service. This will help you to secure your financial future, and honestly it feels pretty good too.

In the same vein, I wanted to use the first newsletter of the new year to introduce my goals for our board in 2016 and how we can give a little "and then some" back to our members...

We are progressing steadily with the strategic plan. The goal of this is to help advance our board in the eyes of the public, to help them

### Save the Date!

#### SVBR Membership Meeting and CE Class (3 CE Credits)

Thursday, March 17, 2016  
 Breakfast Meeting: 8:30am  
 CE Class: 10:00am - 1:15pm  
 Location TBD

*details to follow soon!*

### December 2015 Market Statistics

The December 2015 Market Statistics reports are now available. A full review of the statewide market report can be seen at [VermontRealtors.com](http://VermontRealtors.com).

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see the value in having a Realtor®, and also to help you as members see the value you get from being a part of this organization. Part of this is pushing for CE at member meetings each quarter, keeping your brokers informed and educated so that they may inform their agents of the most up to date news, improving our board website functionality to make it a resource for our members, ensuring that our RPAC contributions work for us at the political level, and staying abreast of any and all members requests to help us work for you.

We are asking that any member who may so desire attend the next board meeting on Thursday, January 21, at Palmiter Realty Group Offices, 148H Route 100, Valley Center, West Dover. We are looking for any input you may have. We hope to move forward with exciting new changes and will keep you informed of those with emails and the website.

I am excited to be your President this year and hope that I can live up to the standards of those before me, and possibly help to push us forward even more.

Regards,  
Adam Palmiter  
SVBR President



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## RPAC Raffle Results

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the RPAC raffle at the SVBR Holiday Luncheon a success. The winners of the drawings were:

Joan Cook - iPad  
Jim Bellville - Folly's Gift Card  
John McPherson - Hazel's Gift Card  
Mikki Mills - Peter Haven's Gift Card  
Michael Granger - Four Columns Inn Gift Card

SVBR 2016 Officers with outgoing President John McPherson.

From left: Mary Cooper, Treasurer; Jennifer Armstrong, President-elect; Sigrid Pickering, Secretary; Adam Palmiter, President; and, John McPherson, Past President.

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### Save the Date for March 17 SVBR Membership Meeting and CE Class

The next SVBR Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17. The Meeting will be combined with the CE Class. "Code of Ethics". More details about registration will be sent soon.

REALTORS® are required to complete ethics training of not less than 2 hours, 30 minutes of instructional time within four-year cycle. The training will meet the specific learning objectives and criteria established by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of REALTORS® and meet 3 hours of continuing education credits toward your Vermont license renewal. The current four-year cycle will end Dec. 31, 2016.

This class has been approved for 3 hrs CE in VT or 2 hrs of Post-Licensure VT. It has also been approved for 3 hrs CE for NH.

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