

# News Release

REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF PIONEER VALLEY



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## **KATHLEEN M. WITALISZ, WESTFIELD REALTOR® INSTALLED 2010 PRESIDENT OF THE REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF PIONEER VALLEY**

Springfield, MA – January 15, 2010 – On Thursday, January 14, 2010 the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV) installed their 2010 elected officers and directors during ceremonies conducted as part of the association's 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Banquet. The event was held at The Classical High Atrium in Springfield.

Kathleen M. Witalisz, a real estate professional since 1974, and owner of Witalisz & Associates for the past 10 years was installed 2010 president of the 1,700-member organization.

As president, Kathy will oversee the organization's activities and operations between meetings of the Board of Directors, and act as a liaison to the association's various committees. She is the official spokesperson for the association on issues related to the real estate industry and the local housing market. In addition, she represents the association as a director on the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® (MAR) Board of Directors.

As a dedicated member of the REALTOR® community, she has earned several designations including: SRES, Certified Senior Specialist; CSP, New Construction Specialist; CRB, Certified Residential Broker; ABR, Accredited Buyer Representative; CRS, Certified Residential Specialist; GRI, Graduate of REALTOR® Institute and LMC, Loss Mitigation Certificate.

Kevin Sears, President of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® administered the oath of office to the officers and directors. Other guests included Rob Authier, Chief Executive Officer and Steve Ryan, Legal Counsel, of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®.

A resident of Westfield, Kathy also serves as the President of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. She has served the REALTOR® Association in every leadership capacity and has been a member or chairman of almost every RAPV committee, most recently serving as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Other officers installed include: Vincent Walsh of Longmeadow as president-elect, Brian Sears of Springfield as treasurer, Christine A. Megliola, ABR, CRB of West Hatfield as secretary, and Mark D. Abramson, CCIM, CBR, GREEN of Greenfield as immediate Past-President. Directors installed include: Edward Alford, ABR, GRI, SRES, TRC, RSPS, CIPS, CRS, GREEN, AHWD of South Hadley, Carolanne Bright, GRI of Northampton, Corinne A. Fitzgerald, CRS, GRI, LTG, CBR, LMC of Greenfield, Dawn M. Henry, e-PRO, CHMS of Longmeadow, Gerald L. Jones, CRB, GRI, e-

PRO, ABR of Amherst, Karen King, CRS, GRI, CBR, e-PRO of Wilbraham, Will Pratt, CBR, GRI of Greenfield, and Sue M. Rheaume of Wilbraham.

Organized in 1915, the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley is a professional trade organization serving Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties.

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