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REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF PIONEER VALLEY ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF REALTOR® OF THE YEAR and AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

Springfield, Mass. December 20, 2024 – The REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley announced its annual award winners at the association's Holiday Luncheon on December 12, 2024, at the Log Cabin, Holyoke.

The 2024 award winners are:

- REALTOR® of the Year: Peter Ruffini, RE/MAX Connections
- Affiliate of the Year: Kristin Gravanis, Westfield Bank

The "Realtor® of the Year Award" is the highest recognition the association can bestow on a REALTOR® member. It is given to a member based on association activity, community activity outside the association, and business activity.



L-R: Peter Ruffini, RAPV President, Sue Drumm, RAPV President-Elect

A REALTOR® since 1996, Peter Ruffini of RE/MAX Connections serves as President of the RAPV Board of Directors in 2024. He has also served on Government Affairs, Strategic Planning, Bylaws and Policy, and Professional Standards. He continues to serve on the RAPV Board of Directors.

Peter has given back to the community through his involvement by supporting local charitable events and serves as the Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Registration for Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons.

He also actively serves on several committees at both the state and national levels, demonstrating unwavering commitment to advancing the RAPV profession and supporting its members. Peter holds 11 professional designations and certifications.

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The "Affiliate of the Year Award" is the highest recognition the association can bestow on an Affiliate member. It is given based on affiliate membership activities related to the association, community service in activities outside the association, and business activity.

A member of RAPV since 2007, Kristin Gravanis of Westfield Bank has served on the Community Service Committee.

Gravanis has demonstrated tremendous support to the association and community outreach and volunteered in RAPV's community service efforts through fundraising and helping and preparing meals at the Friends of the Homeless Volunteer program. ■



L-R: Kristin Gravanis, Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer of Westfield Bank, Sue Drumm RAPV President-Elect

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About the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley:

Organized in 1915, the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley is a professional trade organization with more than 1,800 members. The term REALTOR® is registered as the exclusive designation of members of the National Association of REALTORS® who subscribe to a strict code of ethics and enjoy continuing education programs.