

A monthly message from your FAR President

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I created this report because I want you to be in the know! I'm continually amazed at how much goes on at your state association — whether it concerns upcoming meetings, new programs or happenings in the Legislature (my favorite topic!). Got a question or suggestion for a future Riley Report? Email me at therileyreport@floridarealtors.org.

From Tallahassee to you. As you know, the Florida Legislature is in session this week to address the state's property insurance crisis. FAR's Vice President of Public Policy, John Sebree, will remain in Tallahassee during FAR's Mid-Winter meetings to communicate the state association's position on rates, coverage for vacation rentals and other issues affecting property owners. Be sure to read FAR's EarlyBird e-newsletter and visit your member Web site, floridarealtors.org, for the latest news (and John Sebree's blog) on the special session.

I, Nancy Riley. My friend and Florida's new governor, Charlie Crist, will take a break from the special session on Saturday to install me as your new FAR President. I look forward to seeing you at the Inaugural Banquet, 7 - 10 p.m. in Oceans 1-6.

Time change. A reminder that the Board of Directors meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday in Crystal C/D/E.

Pardon the dust. As you've discovered, remodeling is well underway at the Renaissance Orlando Resort. The atrium may be under construction, but the guest rooms are now deluxe. Let's ignore the dust and have a great meeting!

It's never too early to plan for Great American Realtor Days, a once-a-year opportunity for the Realtor community to come together as one and talk personally with your local representatives about issues important to you as businesspersons and critical to property owners. This year's event is scheduled for April 10-11. A list of hotels and other information is available at floridarealtors.org. Go to the "legislative" section or search on the keywords "Great American Realtor Days."

Tag, you're it. While you're at the meetings, be sure to pre-order your "Support Homeownership for All" license plate and get a free T-shirt emblazoned with the tag's picture. The Orange County Tax Collector's staff will attend the meetings and set up a pre-order station near registration, but any state resident may pre-order -- you don't have to be from Orange County. The license plate costs an additional \$27 – that's in addition to the state's fees for a tag, which includes a \$2 processing fee for the Department of Motor Vehicles. To pre-order, you'll need to bring a copy of your vehicle registration and insurance cards to the convention.

Nobody does it like you!