

MBOR Christmas Luncheon

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The Morgantown Board of REALTORS hosted their annual Christmas Luncheon on December 5th at the Pines Country Club. The Social committee organized the event which was co-chaired by Lisa Ware and Karen Gutta who were assisted by Katie Kennell, Paulette Metheny, and Eliza Alexander. The goal of the event was to celebrate the Season, raise funds for the Monongalia and Preston County Food banks, collect toys for Christian Help, and recognize members of the board for outstanding service.

“This was a community effort,” said Lisa Ware, Social Committee Co-Chair, as she spoke about how all the local Real Estate Companies, Banks, Attorneys, Appraisers and Inspectors came together to donate exceptional gift baskets that were raffled off to raise money for the food bank. This year there were over 50 baskets and gifts donated, and the raffle successfully raised \$3,865.00 for the Mon and Preston County Food Banks. The raffle was a huge success as we were able to raise \$1,831.00 dollars more than last year, each REALTOR and Affiliate who attended the banquet was asked to bring a toy which admitted the member into a bonus raffle for a Grand Prize. The Grand prize was a 46 inch flat screen television donated by United Bank. The Grand prize drawing generated over 100 toys for Christian Help to distribute over the Holidays.

In addition to a great meal prepared by the Boston Beanery, socializing among peers, and helping those in need, our President, Shelly Martin re-introduced some awards to recognize members for their outstanding service to the Board this year. The first award handed out was the “Rising Star” which recognized an up and coming member in our organization for their willingness to be involved and help MBOR this year’s recipient was Jessica Lipscomb from Houses and More Real Estate. The next award was the “Heart Award” which acknowledged Betsy Cilella of Coldwell Banker/Alliance for outstanding commitment to helping the community and compassion for other REALTORS. Shelly then presented the “President’s Award” to Josh White of Old Colony, REALTORS for his assistance to the President over the past year. The final award given out was the “Outstanding Achievement Award” which was presented to Pat Stewart of Pat Stewart REALTORS for over 40 years of enthusiastic service to the Morgantown Board of REALTORS. Pat has stayed extremely active in the Board over the years always looking to help and do what is best for MBOR. Pat is a Past President of MBOR and WVAR.

The Luncheon was huge success and gave our members an opportunity to give back. This time of year we should take time to socialize and enjoy the company of our friends and families and support those who need a little extra help. The MBOR wants to thank the Community for their support in 2013 and wishes you a Happy Holiday and prosperous New Year.