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SEE YOU AT THE TOP!

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ANOTHER BANNER YEAR

It's hard to believe that spring is here after having a banner year last year; we are off to a great start for 2017 at Realty Executives Southern Region.

The Regional Awards have been sent to each broker. I hope you all have received your award. Thank you for your outstanding production. International has recently

published the finding showing Realty Executives averages 32% more closed transactions than the industry standards. Again, another great achievement! Thank You.

I'd like to recognize and acknowledge Realty Executives Lifestyle Group in Clermont, FL for being a sponsor and part of "Citrus Rocks Tower," a one day music benefit for Ronald McDonald Houses of Central Florida. I have attached some photos. It was a very good turnout. When you or your office is involved in community support please events let me know at Zig@isellsr.com, so that I may share your information with the Region.



"SEE YOU AT THE TOP"

Congratulations Everyone!!!

Ranking is determined on "actual" gross commission closed through February 2017. Congratulations to these Outstanding Executives who achieved an Award Level in January; **especially the 5** of you who achieved an Award in the first month of the year. Congratulations **Jeanne Duncan and Debaran Hughes** for achieving the 100% Club Award in January!!!

100% Award							
1	Jeanne Duncan Debaran Hughes	Knoxsville Knoxsville	3	Kathy Abruzzo	The Villages		
Gold Executive Award							
1	Sally Love Noel Gilbreath	The Villages Knoxsville	3	Kathryn Knowles Mary Crawford	Lake Mary Melbourne		
Silver Executive Award							
1	Nilitia Thompson	Knoxsville	10	Sandy Jones	Knoxsville		
2	Debra Whaley	Knoxsville	11	Sharon Bailey	Knoxsville		
3	Quint Bourgeois	Knoxsville	12	Dave Moore	Knoxsville		
4	Kriston Wilson	Knoxsville	13	Ray Gaudet	Knoxsville		
5	Rebecca Fritschie	Knoxsville	14	Tammy Garber	Knoxsville		
	Cindy Wise	The Villages	15	Wanda Hendryx	Seymour		
6	Ciriay Wise						
6 7	Lisa Hagerman	Knoxsville	16	Gary Koontz	Knoxsville		
-	•	Knoxsville Knoxsville	16 17	Gary Koontz Jeanne Dukes	Knoxsville Knoxsville		

Below is the award level **you could obtain** if you continue to close business at the current rate. Closings through February the closed gross commission is **annualized** to see what could be obtained if the closing rate continues.

Pinnacle Award

1 Jeanne Duncan Knoxsville 2 Debaran Hughes Knoxsville

Double Diamond Award

1 Kathy Abruzzo The Villages

Diamond Award

1	Sally Love	The Villages	19	Wanda Hendryx	Seymour
2	Noel Gilbreath	Knoxsville	20	Gary Koontz	Knoxsville
3	Kathryn Knowles	Lake Mary	21	Jeanne Dukes	Knoxsville
4	Mary Crawford	Melbourne	22	Karen George	Knoxsville
5	Nilitia Thompson	Knoxsville	23	Pam Morgan-Robertson	Knoxsville
6	Debra Whaley	Knoxsville	24	Scott Shippy	Savannah
7	Quint Bourgeois	Knoxsville	25	Jay Blevins	Knoxsville
8	Kriston Wilson	Knoxsville	26	Mel Bernstein	Lake Mary
9	Rebecca Fritschie	Knoxsville	27	Bo Caldwell	Knoxsville
10	Cindy Wise	The Villages	28	Bunky Doxsee	The Villages
11	Lisa Hagerman	Knoxsville	29	Mike Owens	Knoxsville
12	Joe Fox	Knoxsville	30	John Mello aka Dog Gone Good	The Villages
13	Tyler Fogarty	Knoxsville		Team	
14	Sandy Jones	Knoxsville	31	Jon Brock	Knoxsville
			32	Sherry Zirakojou	Lake Mary
15	Sharon Bailey	Knoxsville	33	Amy Schlosser	Knoxsville
16	Dave Moore	Knoxsville	34	Troy Jenkins	Sarasota
17	Ray Gaudet	Knoxsville	J 4	HOY JEHKIHS	Jarasota
18	Tammy Garber	Knoxsville			

100% Club Award

1	Frank Weiskopf	Knoxsville	18	Angela Cody	Knoxsville
2	Dick Brower	Knoxsville	19	Mark Foust	Knoxsville
3	Wendy Hoffman	Clearwater	20	Nancy Britton	The Villages
4	Christian Merrill	Knoxsville	21	Forrest Murphy	Seminole
5	Ray Cooper	Knoxsville	22	Peggy Schaefer	The Villages
6	Gidget Jackson	Marathon	23	Tracy Southard	Knoxsville
7	Donna Bailey	Knoxsville	24	Matt Craft	Knoxsville
8	Todd Hill	Cornelius	25	Francis Pierce	The Villages
9	Kerry Queener	Knoxsville	26	Jeff Larue	Knoxsville
10	Betty Cooper	Knoxsville	27	Melissa Anderson	Knoxsville
11	Leslie Rotella	Knoxsville	28	Yvonnca Landes	Knoxsville
12	Beth Pankratz	Knoxsville	29	Nicholas Nicaud	Knoxsville
13	Jackie Mills	Knoxsville	30	Thomas Jostes	Knoxsville
14	Kim Miller	Knoxsville	31	Laura Harrison	Seminole
15	Stephen Johnston	Greensboro	32	Wesley Shotwell	Knoxsville
16	Donna Tallent	Knoxsville	33	Teresa Rogers	Johnson City
17	Timothy Hathaway	Knoxsville	34	Michelle Smith	Knoxsville

35	Malloy Properties	Clearwater	71	Mark Murphy	Seminole
36	Jesus Garcia	Lake Mary	72	Daniel Parker	Knoxsville
37	Judy Brewton	Knoxsville	73	Randy Temple	Knoxsville
38	Chip Huber	Knoxsville	74	Kim Edwards	Knoxsville
39	Cissie Smith	The Villages	75	Rene' Jenkins	Knoxsville
40	Paige Widener	Knoxsville	76	Tara Hayes	Knoxsville
41	Brian Shelby	Knoxsville	77	Doyle Webb	Knoxsville
42	Tammie Hill	Knoxsville	78	Casey Stooksbury	Knoxsville
43	Judy Danner	Central FL	79	Maria Ubilus	Central FL
44	Denny Koontz	Knoxsville	80	Cole Edwards	Knoxsville
45	Ashley Finney	Knoxsville	81	Derrick Merritt	Maynardville
46	Terri Mason Perry	Knoxsville	82	Tami Dawn Jones	Clearwater
47	Angie Gibson	Knoxsville	83	Nathan Way	Knoxsville
48	Jamie Seal	Knoxsville	84	Tish Hickman	Knoxsville
49	Christine McInerney	Knoxsville	85	Pamela Zibell	Clearwater
50	Caroleanne Vorac	Seminole	86	Elizabeth Hamil	Knoxsville
51	Aaron Fowler	Knoxsville	87	Dawn Kilby	Hickory
52	Sherry Paul	Knoxsville	88	Mandy Street	Knoxsville
53	John Gorry	The Villages	89	Becky Hale	Johnson City
54	Andrea Spires	Johnson City	90	Chris Barnes	Knoxsville
55	Lois Bonacci	Lake Mary	91	Annette Oliverio	Knoxsville
56	Laura Jensen	The Villages	92	Johnny Weston	Knoxsville
57	David DiGioia	Cornelius	93	Marie Gerrick	Knoxsville
58	Pamela Owen	Knoxsville	94	Julie Hedges	Johnson City
59	Claudia Kester	Central FL	95	Michael Klanot	Sarasota
60	Iwona Wajszczak	Sarasota	96	Jordan Coleman	Knoxsville
61	Carrie Dougherty	Knoxsville	97	Carolyn Bolden	Hickory
62	Sam Daugherty	Knoxsville	98	Pete McClain Jr.	Knoxsville
63	David Koenig	Orlando	99	Mary Ann Patton	Johnson City
64	Mike Murphy	Seminole	100	Amy King	Knoxsville
65	Marion Krick	Lake Mary	101	Phyllis Harrison	Bristol
66	Bev Shive	The Villages	102	James Cottrell	Greensboro
67	Tammy Gerdts	Bristol	103	Linda Mieczkowski	Central FL
68	Floyd Humphreys	Hickory	104	Mary Grant	The Villages
69	Vicki Everbach	Knoxsville	105	Robin Myrick	Knoxsville
70	Lindsay Dicus-Harrison	Seminole			

Gold Executive Award

1Niva SantosLake Mary3Cathy DelorenzoSeminole2Russell OrlowskiKnoxsville4Susan CalabreseKnoxsville

5	Jason Fulmer	Central FL	37	Phyllis Edington	Knoxsville
6	Mark and Kim	Lake Mary	38	Verda Hill	Knoxsville
7	Harrington Cheryl Hatfield	Knoxsville	39	Lisa Vineyard	Knoxsville
	•	Central FL	40	Julie Haines	The Villages
8	Kay Chang		41	Adam Sharp	Knoxsville
9	Glenda Wilson	Lenior	42	Beckie Colvin	Knoxsville
10	Terry Goodson	Knoxsville	43	Karen Shelton	Johnson City
11	Scott Tomlinson	Clearwater	44	Andrew Sharits	Knoxsville
12	Steve Hill	Knoxsville	45	Sally Karmarada	Central FL
13	Beth Larson	Savannah	46	Ryan Fogarty	Knoxsville
14	Linda Meese	Knoxsville	47	Charles Copenhaver Jr.	Knoxsville
15	Kim Isenberg	Knoxsville	48	Stephen Smith	Knoxsville
16	Charles Fethe	Knoxsville	49	Jana Webb	Knoxsville
17	Martha Hancock	Knoxsville	50	Rusty Ensor	Knoxsville
18	Alvin Sanders	Savannah	51	Chiara Petro	Knoxsville
19	Julie Koontz	Knoxsville	52	James Thomas	Knoxsville
20	Jeff Linginfelter	Knoxsville	53	Richard Crabtree	Clearwater
21	Margaret Lopez	Ocala	54	Terri Kerr	Knoxsville
22	Debby Gibson	Johnson City	55	Wafa Sulaiman	Knoxsville
23	Alan Long	Hickory	56	Lynn Walsh	Lake Mary
24	Robert Berube	The Villages	57	Iris Greer	Knoxsville
25	Geralyn Vilar	The Villages	58	Jim Umstead	Central FL
26	Ellie Howe	Knoxsville	59	Amy Goodlett	Knoxsville
27	Cal Cundiff	Clearwater	60	•	Hickory
28	Susan Stout	Knoxsville		Chris Spencer	·
29	Mac Tobler	Knoxsville	61	Martin Fugate	Knoxsville
30	Charles Wilson	Knoxsville	62	Victoria Duever	Johnson City
31	William Gallaher	Knoxsville	63	Penny Lawerence	Lake Mary
32	Vicki Glardon	Knoxsville	64	John Melton	Knoxsville
33	Penny Vierling	Seminole	65	Laura Ashley	Bristol
34	Kenneth Kirby	Knoxsville	66	Megan Stansbury	Knoxsville
35	Maurice Natour	Knoxsville	67	Marcee Blackmon	Knoxsville
36	Frank Melino	The Villages			

Silver Executive Award

1	Jeanna Penton	Knoxsville	7	Tom Fethe	Knoxsville
2	Tim Cogburn	Knoxsville	8	Cindy Gates	Knoxsville
3	Larry Arth	Sarasota	9	Scott Wilson	Knoxsville
4	Robert Spangler	Knoxsville	10	Lisa Esposito	The Villages
5	David Roberts	Knoxsville	11	Jerry Collins	Knoxsville
6	Steven Doty	Knoxsville	12	Steven Hardison	Knoxsville

13	Tonja Doty	Knoxsville
14	Kelly Bolden	Hickory
15	Hector Gomez	Sarasota
16	Anne Barrier	Hickory
17	Jim Grider	The Villages
18	Brian Howard	Knoxsville
19	Ted Fisher	Knoxsville
20	Steve Amburgey	Central FL
21	Darrell Biggs	Seminole
22	Pam Raymond	Seminole
23	Eric Muffutt	Seymour
24	Sharon Brookshire	Savannah
25	Liza Bryan Acheson	Knoxsville
26	Michael Duever	Johnson City
27	Douglas Ewell	Knoxsville
28	Mark Bissell	Knoxsville
29	Karol Clark	The Villages
30	Randy Susong	Knoxsville
31	Dana Webb-Sims	Knoxsville
32	Robert Derouen	Johnson City
33	Emily Wyrick	Knoxsville
34	Lisa Roder	Lake Mary
35	Michael Finley	Knoxsville
36	Sandra Giraldo	Ocala
37	Penny Rogers	Knoxsville
38	Janet Maloy	Clearwater
39	Debra Davis-Johnson	Knoxsville
40	Nathan Piotrowski	The Villages
41	Marie Hodge	Bristol
42	Jerry Headrick	Knoxsville
43	Alice Sciarrino	Sarasota

44	William Taft	Sarasota
45	Tabatha Ogle	Knoxsville
46	Hamlin, Laura	The Villages
47	Julie Hash Spivey	Knoxsville
48	Cristina Vieira	Knoxsville
49	Elizabeth Frank	Hickory
50	Marian Henry	Clearwater
51	Jeffery Eric Jones	Clearwater
52	Ann Grubb	Knoxsville
53	Bill Cox	Hickory
54	Daniel Green	Knoxsville
55	Carl Knudsen	Savannah
56	Mitzi Horner	Knoxsville
57	Ronald Bastek	Sarasota
58	Sara Gavin Venczel	Middle TN
59	Mia Johnson	Bristol
60	Susan Niedergeses	Knoxsville
61	Milford Leedy	The Villages
62	Steve Keirsey	Knoxsville
63	Susan Hicks	Knoxsville
64	Keith Paul	Knoxsville
65	Matthew Thomas	Knoxsville
66	Annette McCullough	The Villages
67	Alice Pigott	Knoxsville
68	Judy Collins	Knoxsville
69	Ian Drummond	Lake Mary
70	Melissa Hall	Bristol
71	Dolores Wilson	Seminole
72	Karen Robertson	Knoxsville
73	Donna David	Knoxsville







YOU!

National Association of REALTORS Industry Update Excerpts!

Existing-Home Sales Stumble in February

WASHINGTON (March 22, 2017) — After starting the year at the fastest pace in almost a decade, existing-home sales slid in February but remained above year ago levels both nationally and in all major regions, according to the National Association of Realtors®.

Total <u>existing-home sales</u>, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, retreated 3.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.48 million in February from 5.69 million in January. Despite last month's decline, February's sales pace is still 5.4 percent above a year ago.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says closings retreated in February as too few properties for sale and weakening affordability conditions stifled buyers in most of the country. "Realtors® are reporting stronger foot traffic from a year ago, but low supply in the affordable price range continues to be the pest that's pushing up price growth and pressuring the budgets of prospective buyers," he said. "Newly listed properties are being snatched up quickly so far this year and leaving behind minimal choices for buyers trying to reach the market."

Added Yun, "A growing share of homeowners in NAR's first quarter HOME survey said now is a good time to sell, but until an increase in listings actually occurs, home prices will continue to move hastily."

The median existing-home price for all housing types in February was \$228,400, up 7.7 percent from February 2016 (\$212,100). February's price increase was the fastest since last January (8.1 percent) and marks the 60th consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of February increased 4.2 percent to 1.75 million existing homes available for sale, but is still 6.4 percent lower than a year ago (1.87 million) and has fallen year-over-year for 21 straight months. Unsold inventory is at a 3.8-month supply at the current sales pace (3.5 months in January).

All-cash sales were 27 percent of transactions in February (matching the highest since November 2015), up from 23 percent in January and 25 percent a year ago. Individual investors, who account for many cash sales, purchased 17 percent of homes in February, up from 15 percent in January but down from 18 percent a year ago. Seventy-one percent of investors paid in cash in February (matching highest since April 2015).

First-time buyers were 32 percent of sales in February, which is down from 33 percent in January but up from 30 percent a year ago. NAR's 2016 Profile of Home

Buyers and Sellers — <u>released in late 2016</u> — revealed that the annual share of first-time buyers was 35 percent.

"The affordability constraints holding back renters from buying is a signal to many investors that rental demand will remain solid for the foreseeable future," said Yun. "Investors are still making up an above average share of the market right now despite steadily rising home prices and few distressed properties on the market, and their financial wherewithal to pay in cash gives them a leg-up on the competition against first-time buyers."

According to Freddie Mac, the <u>average commitment rate</u> for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage inched up in February to 4.17 percent from 4.15 percent in January. The average commitment rate for all of 2016 was 3.65 percent.

Properties typically stayed on the market for 45 days in February, down from 50 days in January and considerably more than a year ago (59 days). Short sales were on the market the longest at a median of 214 days in February, while foreclosures sold in 49 days and non-distressed homes took 45 days. Forty-two percent of homes sold in February were on the market for less than a month.

Distressed sales — foreclosures and short sales — were 7 percent of sales for the third straight month in February, and are down from 10 percent a year ago. Six percent of February sales were foreclosures and 1 percent were short sales. Foreclosures sold for an average discount of 18 percent below market value in February (14 percent in January), while short sales were discounted 17 percent (10 percent in January).

Single-family and Condo/Co-op Sales

Single-family home sales declined 3.0 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.89 million in February from 5.04 million in January, and are now 5.8 percent above the 4.62 million pace a year ago. The median existing single-family home price was \$229,900 in February, up 7.6 percent from February 2016.

Existing condominium and co-op sales descended 9.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 590,000 units in February, but are still 1.7 percent higher than a year ago. The median existing condo price was \$216,100 in February, which is 8.2 percent above a year ago.

Regional Breakdown

Existing-home sales in the South in February rose 1.3 percent to an annual rate of 2.34 million, and are now 5.9 percent above February 2016. The median price in the South was \$205,300, up 9.6 percent from a year ago.

The National Association of Realtors®, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing 1.2 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

EXECUTIVE MARKETING UPDATE

By Ken Durkee



Premium brand. Entrepreneurial freedom. Congratulations to those Executives who closed five or more sides in the month of **February 2017**.

This is Outstanding!

Congratulations to all Executives who continue to do outstanding production! Here are the names of the Executives and their Companies' names.

NORTH CAROLINA

Steve Johnson 5 sides **REALTY EXECUTIVES** Greensboro

GEORGIA

Alvin Sanders 6 sides **REALTY EXECUTIVES** Coastal Empire, Savannah

FLORIDA

Kathy Abruzzo 10 sides **REALTY EXECUTIVES** in The Villages

Laura Jensen 5 sides **REALTY EXECUTIVES** in The Villages

Sally Love 7 sides **REALTY EXECUTIVES** in The Villages

Cindy Wise 6 sides **REALTY EXECUTIVES** in The Villages



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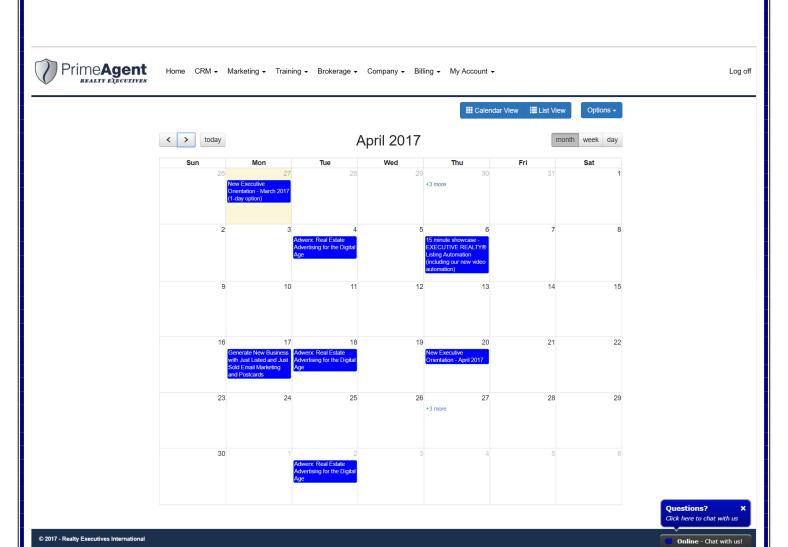


On the next page is the April 2017 training calendar and please note that part of that calendar is a **New Executive Orientation** given on April 20th.

With all the new benefits that Realty Executives has inserted into PrimeAgent, which is our very own dashboard to all the Realty Executives products and services. Since it has been upgraded so much during the past two years, if you have not taken the training, you may end up missing a lot of programs and systems that will work directly for you and your clients that could bring you more income.

We encourage you to sign up for this Orientation whether you are brand new or you have been with us for some time. There is so much that has been added to the Realty Executives programs and systems during the recent years. It is free. Please log onto PrimeAgent and click onto the training tab and sign up.

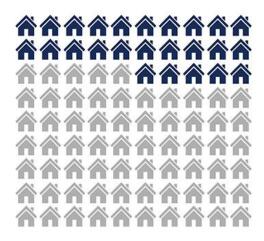




Find out how to use the Brand More Efficiently:

Attend the Training and see your transactions grow:

Remember



32% more closed

transaction sides completed by Realty Executives agents than the industry standard

