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A Message from 2022 DAAR President, Rich Blessing

Dear DAAR Members,

It feels as though my term as President just began, and yet here we are, entering the final quarter of 2022. Over the last nine months, I've witnessed firsthand the tremendous work and dedication our members put into propelling the Association to new heights. I have no doubt that together, we will continue that momentum to finish the year strong.

While many things have changed over the past few years, one thing that hasn't changed is the way our Association values coming together. Whether it's gathering to learn, to



give back to our Loudoun community, or to celebrate, it's clear DAAR's members appreciate the camaraderie our Association provides.

One way we come together is through our committee work, and last month DAAR opened its <u>2023 Committee Enrollment</u>! DAAR's committees are essential to our success, and their leadership plays a key part in keeping the wheels turning and bringing new ideas to DAAR. Committees have always been an incredible network-building opportunity, and provide the perfect chance to get involved in shaping DAAR's future. Applications are open until Oct. 31.



I'm also excited for the DAAR membership to gather again in just a few short weeks for <u>D3</u>, <u>our Annual</u> <u>Conference and Trade Show</u> on Oct. 12. This year's theme will be "Thriving in Any Market," and in the midst of this constantly changing real estate landscape, what a tremendous opportunity to learn together and make new connections with a full house of local business partners and REALTORS®. I hope you'll join us for an array of hot-topic discussions, including economic updates, business planning and hearing from our esteemed topproducer panel. We'll also rally together on Oct. 24 to give back to the local community through our <u>Charity Bowling Event and Auction, Sips & Strikes</u>. Bring your family, your friends, your colleagues, and let's pull together to raise money for our 2022 charitable partners at The Branch in Leesburg. I challenge all DAAR REALTORS® to assemble your four-person team to earn bragging rights (and a trophy!) in the tournament event, of course all in the name of giving back.

And finally, one of my favorite events of the year, mark your calendars and be on the lookout for invitations to our 2022 Holiday Party & Installation on Dec. 8 at Belmont Country Club. Let's come together to not only celebrate a fantastic year, but also to support our new leaders as they pledge their commitment to DAAR for the upcoming year.

If there's anything I have learned as DAAR President and in these post-pandemic times, it's that we must always help and support each other. I'm confident that as we close out the year, we will continue to come together to do just that.

As always, please reach out to me with questions or suggestions at <u>president@dullesarea.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Rich Blessing 2022 DAAR President