

President's Newsletter

January 2016



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As your 2016 President, I would like to thank all of the newly installed Officers, Directors and Committee Members for their continued dedication and service to the chapter and the Appraisal Institute. They are a shining example of leadership and serve as an inspiration to all members. It was a great honor and pleasure to have Robert Marks installing the members of the 2016 slate and his support of this event. Bob is always ready to support and give his time to the chapter. I extend a special thanks to Tony Iaccio for his excellent leadership and stewardship of the chapter during his Presidency in 2015 and I strive to follow in his footsteps.

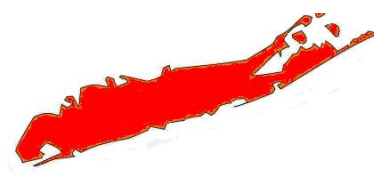
I would also like to thank the generous sponsors. Sponsorship of the chapter throughout the year is critical for its existence and successful operation. The sponsorship program helps us provide chapter education, programs, seminars and events. Our Sponsorship Chairs, Mike Scalia and Tonia Vailas are leading the efforts this year to gain sponsorships for our chapter and for events. I respectfully request your generous support of the sponsorship of the chapter to help us in our initiatives.

This year's evening meeting programs are off to a great start thanks to the efforts of Mike Scalia and Frank Notaro. I urge all members and professionals from real estate related fields to join us at our meetings.

The chapter is pleased to recognize the recipients of the 2015 Scholarship Award – Lori Coffey and Keara Cowan who were awarded their scholarships at the November installation. This award honors them for the commitment they have shown the appraisal profession, and encourages advancement towards the AI designation and growth in the appraisal industry. The 2015 Scholarship Fund was donated by James G. Taylor in memory of his wife Maureen Taylor.

Congratulations to all candidates who achieved their designations last year, are in line to complete their requirements in 2016, or in the next few years. Your hard work and sacrifice shows your commitment to the appraisal profession and the Appraisal Institute. I encourage you all to get more involved with one and other and the chapter. You are valued members of the chapter – you are its future! Matt Boylan and Don Franklin are your Candidate Committee team. I urge you to reach out to them. Candidate Guidance for General and Residential are led by Ron Haberman and Kevin Matheson and they are excited about helping you in the designation process and providing opportunities for your involvement in the chapter.

Our Education Chair, Tonia Vailas and the Seminar Chairs, Charissa Kwan and Anthony Marmorale are all working to provide the membership with educational offerings and



seminars that are topical and of interest to the membership. Some offerings are already planned and I urge you to keep checking our website for upcoming offerings.

The Special Seminars for Spring and Fall spear-headed by Frank Notaro and John Biordi and Anthony Iaccio and Kevin Broderick are already at work planning these special events and securing participants from the real estate and related industries. We'll keep you posted!

Charissa Kwan and Donald Franklin lead the External Relations Committee and are making great strides in their efforts to reach out to other practicing professional organizations engaged in allied professions.

A special thanks to John Biordi for his countless hours of work to help update our website and expand our social media presence. Follow our [Tweets](#) and postings on [Facebook](#). Speaking of technology, I'd like to thank Charissa Kwan for her valued efforts working with John and other committees to create exciting media announcements for programs and offerings.

I am honored and humbled to be the 2016 President of the prestigious Long Island Chapter. I pledge to work with our board, officers, members and the irreplaceable Francine Morgenstern in a unified effort to help the chapter realize its goals for the upcoming year and into the future. I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year!