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How about that Distinguished REALTOR® Award?! Since its inception in 1992, it has been awarded 23 times – that first time in 1992 to Larry Gingerich of Saskatoon. As most of you are aware, Larry passed away in 2017 and he was such a major presence, it's hard to believe he's no longer with us. And as I look at the list of REALTORS® honoured, I see that we are poorer for the loss of a few more: Ken Hansen, Norm Thorpe, Dennis Moe, and Elmer Klassen. All of these men were dedicated to the REALTOR® community and made major contributions to organized real estate.

So what does it take to join the ranks of the distinguished? According to the plaque provided by the sponsor, Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation, the award is meant: "To recognize an active member who demonstrates outstanding leadership and dedication to the real estate industry through Provincial Association involvement, including local board involvement and community service." That's a pretty tall order but the above gentlemen, along with the following individuals, have all done the heavy lifting required: Kathy Harvey, Murray Dollard, Marlene Williamson, Deb Sauder, Victor Martens, Reg Kotlar, Brad Gilbert, Karen Krawczyk, Cliff Iverson, Phillip Mack, Al White, Joanne Kerr, Wayne White and Len Wassill.

Once again, we are looking for that one REALTOR® who has gone above and beyond, and we're asking for your input. If you know someone who consistently shines in their effort to give REALTORS® a good name, let us know. Don't hesitate – there's only a small window left, nominations are due April 5th. We're looking forward to adding another name to the best of the best!

The award will be presented at the ASR AGM taking place at the Willows on April 12th. All members are invited to attend the AGM, and a lunch will be provided after the meeting.

If you have an opinion on this (or any other) topic, that you'd like to share, I'd like to read about it; you can reach me here. I wish you all a wonderful spring!

Patty

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