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Local REALTOR® Dale Gross Receives REALTOR® of the Year Award from the Iowa Association of REALTORS®

CLIVE, IOWA (Oct. 20, 2008) – The Iowa Association of REALTORS® (IAR) recently announced Dale Gross of Atlantic as its 2008 REALTOR® of the Year. The IAR presented the honor and other special awards at its Inaugural Gala on Sept. 17 in West Des Moines.

Gross has been a licensed REALTOR® in Iowa for more than 30 years, and the broker and owner of Meyer & Gross Real Estate Company since 1978. Dale has earned three of real estate's highest professional designations, including the GRI (Graduate REALTOR® Institute), CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), and CRB (Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager).



IAR's 2008 REALTOR® of the Year, celebrates with Larry Pickering of Des Moines, last year's recipient.

Terry Knapp, president of the IAR, says Gross has made many valuable contributions to the association. "Dale is a true asset to our team. He is talented, compassionate and dedicated to helping buyers and sellers in his community, REALTOR® colleagues across the state, and our organization as a whole," explains Knapp. "He is always willing to jump in and help when needed, and is most deserving of this high honor."

Gross was surprised, yet honored to receive the prestigious award. “I have always felt that service to others is the first goal of a great real estate company. If you put a commission ahead of the best interest of your seller or buyer, you lose. However, throughout my years in real estate, I have won in so many ways,” says Gross. “I have a great staff of eight, long-term sales agents, a group of brokers in our community that understands cooperation and the best interests of the public, REALTOR® friends across the state because of involvement in the IAR, and a family that understands how my work ethic has been a positive influence on them. I am extremely honored to receive this award from IAR, a truly great organization.”

Gross has been a member of the Iowa Association of REALTORS® since 1978 and has been active on the communications, legislative and education committees, serving as past chair for the communications and education committees. Gross is currently a member of IAR’s Board of Directors. Gross has also served in various leadership roles on the West Central Board of REALTORS®, including president, secretary/treasurer, and member of the executive committee.

Gross contributes a great deal of time and energy to his local community as well. He is active in the Rotary, and has served as chair of its annual fundraising event and past president. He is a member of Za-Ga-Zig Shriners and the Atlantic Chamber Ambassadors. Gross supports numerous local organizations including, Boy Scouts, American Legion Baseball, YMCA Partnership for Youth, Ronald McDonald House, Food Pantry, Lions Club and the Crisis Center.

The Iowa Association of REALTORS® is the state’s largest real estate professional organization representing more than 7,000 members and affiliates.

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