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**Kathy Schlegel Named Marin County REALTOR® of the Year**

Kathy Schlegel, a REALTOR® with LVP Marin in Novato, was named REALTOR® of the Year today by the Marin Association of REALTORS® at their annual awards luncheon and installation of officers and directors at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael.

The award is presented annually to an individual who represents the standards of judgment, high principles, high ethical standards, upstanding loyalty and devotion to the advancement and success of the association.

Schlegel was president of the association in 2006. She chaired the organization's education committee in 2004, 2005, 2008, and will chair the panel again in 2009. She will also serve as treasurer of the association next year.

She is a director of the California Association of REALTORS® and in 2010 will chair the Region 4 area that represents the counties of Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Solano, Lake and Coastal Mendocino. Schlegel has served several years on MAR's education, budget and finance, and membership committees, and is general manager of the association's subsidiary, MAR Business Services, LLC. She had a career in finance before entering the real estate industry. Schlegel did her undergraduate and graduate work in New York State and started her career as an investment analyst for Morgan Guaranty Trust Company in New York, N.Y.

After moving to San Francisco in 1975, Schlegel was a corporate loan officer for Bank of Montreal and director of the Geothermal Loan Guaranty Program for the U.S. Department of Energy. In the 1980s, she did a three-year stint in Washington, D.C. as a contracting officer for the Department of Energy and was manager, project finance for the newly created U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation.

Schlegel became a REALTOR® in 1990 when she joined Lucas Valley Properties, Inc. (now LVP Marin). She serves on the board of directors of Nativity Episcopal Church in Novato and Pacheco Valle Master Association. Schlegel lives in Novato with her husband Bill, son, Zack, and dog, Shakira.