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Tucson REALTORS® name Cartun and Booth as 2016 top award winners

TUCSON, Ariz. (Nov 23, 2016) – The Tucson Association of REALTORS® (TAR) honored its top-performing 2016 members this week at ceremonies led by National Association of REALTORS® 2017 First Vice President John Smaby.

The association's 2016 award winners are:

- **REALTOR® of the Year:** Sue Cartun, Keller Williams of Southern Arizona
This award recognizes an individual member who contributes to TAR and the overall real estate industry as a strong leader, and is a valuable asset to the general community. (Bio below)

- **Affiliate of the Year:** Bekki Booth, National Home Warranty
Affiliates are key non-REALTOR® members and supporters of TAR and are honored for serving with leadership and distinction.

- **Rookie of the Year:** Glen Nowack, Cobb Realty
Corporate Community Achievement Award:
Long Realty Company
Tierra Antigua Realty

This honor recognizes a company that demonstrated exceptional commitment to making our community better. It is one of the more competitive categories because so many companies do many good things during the year.

- **Florence Johnoff Community Achievement Award:** VIP Mortgage
This award recognized an Affiliate company and the collective efforts of its employees in community service and involvement in TAR. Johnoff was the association's first woman president in 1977 and a leader in civic service.

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- **Roy P. Drachman Community Achievement Award:**

Rosey Koberlein, CEO Long Realty Company

This honor recognizes a REALTOR® for community service and involvement who advances the profession. It honors Roy Drachman, a well-known Tucson REALTOR®, and innovative commercial developer and generous philanthropist.

- **Outstanding Service Award:**

Lisa Suarez, EMS Realty, Inc.

Max Fisher of RE/MAX Trends

This award recognizes individuals who serve TAR and the broader industry with distinction.

- **Committee of the Year (2):**

REALTORS® Of Arizona Political Action Committee

Government Affairs Committee

As TAR's top-performing committee, this volunteer group, was honored for advancing the goals of the association.

- **Honorary Life Members:** Walter and Rose Giorgianni, Tierra Antigua Realty

To be considered for this honor, an individual must have been an active TAR member for at least 30 years. During that time they must accumulate at least 15 total years of volunteer service to our association. This achievement is in tribute to their professionalism, expertise and dedicated willingness to serve their peers and industry.

About 200 people attended the TAR Annual Installation and Awards Ceremony at the Hilton El Conquistador Hotel on November 18. Tom Heath of Nova Home Loans served as emcee.



Sue Cartun is currently an owner partner and Operations Manager of Keller Williams Southern Arizona. Until March 2016, she served as the company's Designated Broker, personally responsible for more than 3000 closed transactions per year since KWSA's inception. Prior to her management career in real estate, Sue was a successful agent, achieving top awards consistently, and named as one of "500 Most Powerful Women in Real Estate" by RISmedia. Sue has been a featured speaker at National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), National Women's Council of REALTORS®, CR, and Arizona Association of REALTORS® (AAR)

conventions. Cartun has written, been featured and quoted in numerous real estate articles in local, state and national publications. In 2016, Sue was named a member of NAR's REALTORS® Political Action Committee Hall of Fame. At the AAR state level in 2016, besides fulfilling her AAR Director role, Sue has been diligent in serving on the subgroup and full work group for the revision of the AAR state residential resale contract, which will be introduced in February 2017. At the Tucson Association of REALTORS® level Cartun has served as President, on the Board of Directors, and various committees as well as Vice Chair of the recently formed Advisory Board for the newly Regionalized Multiple Listing Service of Southern Arizona (MLSSAZ). As an active member with Women's Council of REALTORS® and has served in many leadership roles in past years. Cartun has also served as past president of Comstock Children's Foundation.

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