

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

### **RPAC Shows Growing Commitment from Members**

## Early Increased Contributions Start 2001 RPAC Cycle

**R**EALTOR® Political Action Committee investments for 2001 are off to an extremely auspicious start. A total of \$108,650 was raised by the end of February, compared to \$87,000 at the same time last year. To date RPAC has 2,638 investors,



while last year the number was 2,200.

"Members are really recognizing the importance of supporting RPAC, and how that financial support can translate to the support of issues that are central to the continued success of our real estate business," said 2001 RPAC Chair Sheila Davies. "We need to

continue to support RPAC with this same high amount of enthusiasm throughout the year, to ensure our continued success."

Fair Share Goals have been met by Clark County, Kittitas,

Northeast Washington, Port Angeles, Seattle-King County, and North Puget Sound associations. Clark, Kittitas, Seattle-King County and invested in RPAC, members will receive 10 sweepstakes entries, for 10 chances to win the prize trip. A \$25 investment receives one sweepstakes entry. The trip-donated by W.A.R. 2001 President Cheryl Ferrier— includes airfare and lodging for one week in the French Quarter for two people. This contest is open only to

REALTOR®

members and

applies to

investments

made Jan, 1

Dec.15, 2001.

The drawing

will be held

Jan.15, 2002.

"I want to

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RPAC Chair Shelia Davies accepts a check from Seattle-King County Association of REALTORS® President Peter Gomes and Ginger Downs

involve the luck of the draw, there is no gamble in making an RPAC investment," said WAR 2001 President Cheryl Ferrier. 

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www.JivaGraphics.com www.JivaDirect.com Seattle-King County, and North Puget Sound associations. Clark, Kittitas, Seattle-King County and North Puget Sound all are nearing their State Goals. Dues billing has helped a number of associations meet FairShare goals so early in the year.

Clark County earns special recognition for its investment increase: \$11,582 vs. \$1,500 at this time last year. Seattle-King County also is showing a marked increase: 1,500 investors have raised more than \$63,000 this year compared to \$44,000 last year. Snohomish-Camano County, Grays Harbor County and Yakima also are well above their 2000 totals.

2001 contributions from one lucky member will mean a trip for two to New Orleans. For every \$100 no gamble in making an RPAC investment," said WAR 2001 President Cheryl Ferrier.

"RPAC investments enable us to support political actions that are very important to our profession as a whole. We all are indebted to those who invest in RPAC, and we frankly all should be making the investment. This year, your investment could reap twice...through supporting our state association's political action committee and by winning a trip to The Big Easy."

Plus, members will once again have the opportunity to make RPAC investments via a silent auction at the Spring Business Conference in Ocean Shores.

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