

# CAR past presidents install Bay Area association presidents and officers

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Every major real estate market in has its own real estate association. In December and January, from the Island City of Alameda to the still open spaces surrounding Tracy and Stockton and on the peninsula as well, each of these organizations has their own unique Inaugural.

By handing over the reins or passing the gavel each year real estate associations effect a changing of the guard. These inaugurations and installations of officers are held at luncheons or dinners. Some are business dress and some are black-tie (optional of course).

Outgoing officers, with a smile and a handshake, turn over responsibility to the newly elected leaders. As these changes happen, the new presidents brace for the additional time and energy involved in accepting their positions. I tip my hat to all these professionals.

## Walker installed by Malta

When the gavel was passed, Eileen Walker of Alameda Realty became the 2009 president of the Alameda Association of Realtors (AAR). She took over duties from outgoing President Dianne

Richmond of Gold Coast Real Estate. The annual luncheon was held at The Oakland Yacht Club in Alameda with CAR Past President Vince Malta administering the oath of office.

Walker was born in San Francisco. She's lived in Alameda since age five. She is the mother of two children.

Eileen Walker attended Saint Joseph, Notre Dame and Holy Name College. She began her real estate career, after a successful stint as a Buyer for a major department store. This many-faceted position made her a natural for real estate.

She has over 20 years in the industry and is a longtime Realtor Associate with Alameda Realty. She has earned two real estate designations, CRS and e-PRO.

She held the position of AAR President in 2005. She was the association's treasurer several terms and a state director for CAR for many years. Walker participates, as time permits with many community and non-profit organizations.

A check presentation was made at the Inaugural. The Funky Formal Fund-raiser this year raised \$21,000 for the Alameda

Food Bank. AAR also supports Adopt-a-Classroom and the Alameda Education Foundation. On a lighter note the AAR Realtor & Affiliates Players presented a Land of OZ type skit.

Wish President Walker the very best at eileenwalker@yahoo.com. Find more association information at [www.AlamedaAOR.com](http://www.AlamedaAOR.com).

## Brown installs Cassidy

Envisioning a dynamic and positive future for real estate, the U.C. Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science was chosen as the perfect setting for the Berkeley Association of Realtors 2009 "Atomic Lounge" inaugural gala. In line with that theme sponsor tables donned the titles of Electron, Proton and Neutron. With the top sponsor, Coldwell Banker named Particle Accelerator.

Glamming it up with glitz and glitter attendees were dressed in "cocktail chic". Members of BAR enjoyed a buffet supper, a benefit auction and dancing.

Outgoing President Gene Della Maggiora of The Grubb Company welcomed the new 2009 President Tim Cassidy of Coldwell Banker. Special guest 2008 California Association of Realtors (CAR) President Bill Brown conducted the installation.

Cassidy was born in Carmel, but raised

in Washington D.C. He moved back to the Bay Area in 1979 and made Berkeley his home eight years ago. He earned an M.B.A. from the Hass School of Business at U.C. Berkeley.

After gaining years of experience working in the field of financial services, Cassidy launched his new vocation as a Realtor over six years ago. He enjoyed a stint with Red Oak Realty then joined Coldwell Banker this past year as a Broker Associate.

The inauguration was also a fundraiser for the association's "Youth, Arts and Education Fund". Cassidy spoke proudly of the four-year old fund-raising effort that benefits children by supplementing already established educational institutions. The recipients are located in Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Kensington. BAR's Homeless Workforce Housing Fund also benefited.

Say congrats to Cassidy at [tdcassidy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tdcassidy@sbcglobal.net) or contact the association at [www.BerkeleyAOR.com](http://www.BerkeleyAOR.com).

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