

# NAREOP

## DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

**“GUIDING LIGHTS OF KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE”**

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

I will begin this newsletter by introducing myself to those who might not know me. I am Sharon Lucas, CEOE, and I am your 2023-2024 NAREOP President. I became a member of this elite group when I retired in July of 2018 from the State of North Carolina where I worked in the education field for 34 years.

I would like to apologize for this being my first newsletter this year. I'm sure you all understand that we sometimes overcommit ourselves and such was the case for me.

I have streamlined some of my duties and will now have more time to dedicate to this wonderful association.

I hope each of you had a blessed Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with those you love most.

It is so hard to believe that Christmas is upon us already.

Time really seems to pass more quickly the older (more experienced) we get. I have a 2-year-old grandson and 5-month-old granddaughter so I'm very excited to spend

Christmas watching their expressions and the joy of

Christmas as seen through the eyes of a child.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. I pray that you will be able to

celebrate with family, loved ones and friends.

I will be traveling to Little Rock, Arkansas in January to attend the NAREOP Winter Board meeting. I'll share

Conference 2024 information when I return.

I hope that 2024 will be an amazing year for us all!



**SUBMITTED BY  
SHARON LUCAS, CEOE**

**NAREOP PRESIDENT,  
2023-2024**

*Merry Christmas*

# Hello

from the **Scholarship Committee of NAREOP**. We did a little different process this year which many of you may have noticed. My printer gave me a fit when it was time to print the tickets (like we've done in the past). The new approach was to still create the spreadsheet and assign a "ticket" number(s) to each donor. Then I installed a new app on my phone called **Raffle Numbers**. When the deadline had passed, I entered the first and last numbers from the spreadsheet, I hit enter and we had a winner.

Let's first give credit to the creator of the American flag afghan, our prize.

The yarn was donated by our own Ellen Gamel, as well as her time in making the flag. Many of you may have seen the flag at last year's conference. Ellen was gracious and made a 2nd afghan for this fundraiser's grand prize.

**WE RAISED A TOTAL OF \$735 FOR NAREOP SCHOLARSHIPS.**

**THANKS ELLEN!!**

Our winner is **Sarah Tierce** (Ticket #1123 to be exact). Congratulations to Sarah from Bakersfield, CA. The photo with this article is of Sarah with her winning prize.

Now on to Spring 2024 – we will be offering the gift card opportunity drawing once again so watch for the flyer announcing the fundraiser.

In closing a big thank you to each of our donors. It means so much to both my co-chairman, Linda Rush, and myself to receive the donations and be able to award the scholarships.

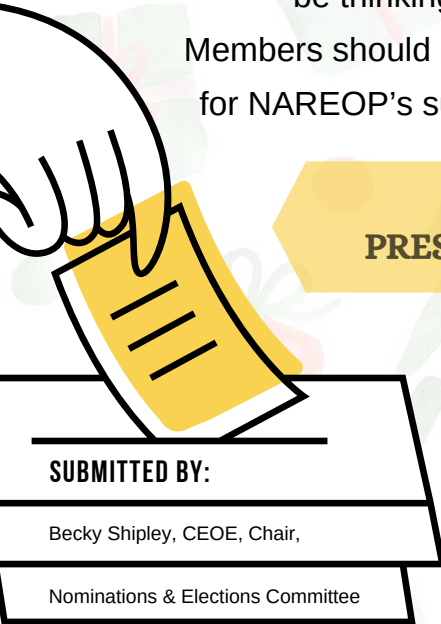


Submitted by:  
Linda Rush, CEOE and Becky Shipley, CEOE; Co-Chairmen  
Jackie and Anne L. Evans Scholarship Committee



# NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

This year's Nominations and Elections Committee is **seeking nominations** for candidates for the 2024-2025 NAREOP Board of Directors. NAREOP members should be thinking about the future of our association and its continued progress. Members should actively seek out members to nominate for office who will strive to work for NAREOP's success. Each member should seriously consider serving as a leader.



## THE FOLLOWING OFFICES WILL NEED TO BE FILLED: PRESIDENT ELECT                      VICE PRESIDENT                      SECRETARY

*\*To serve as an officer in NAREOP, the candidate must be a member and possess skills required to perform the duties of the office for which they are interested.*  
*\*All terms are for one year.*  
*\*Nominations will be accepted through **December 29, 2023**, and names of qualified candidates will be included in the President's January newsletter. Official ballots will be mailed/emailed to all NAREOP members by January 15, 2024, and must be returned to the Nominations Chairman by February 15, 2024. Results of the election will be announced in the President's newsletter in March 2024.*

### TO NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE, PLEASE VERIFY THEIR INTEREST IN SERVING AND INFORM THE NOMINATIONS CHAIRMAN, BECKY SHIPLEY, CEOE, AT [BECKYORR2013@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BECKYORR2013@GMAIL.COM).



*My Amazing Sister-in-Law Cathy's Carrot Cake*

2 1/4 cup self rising flour	<i>Icing (Mix and frost cooled cake)</i>
1 tsp baking soda	2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
2 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon	1 stick butter, softened
2 cups sugar	1 box confectioners sugar
1 1/2 cup vegetable oil	1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (I use pecans)
4 eggs well beaten	
3 cups grated carrots (I use 2)	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix flour, baking soda, cinnamon together - set aside. Combine oil and sugar, beating til smooth. Add eggs. Beat well til mixed. Stir in flour mixture. Add carrots. Pour into cake pans. I always have 5 or 6 layers. I don't know if it's my pans or the cake but I have a problem with it sticking, I've started using parchment paper. Bake 30 - 35 minutes.



This recipe takes time but is so worth it. My two-year old grandson has been asking GiGi to make this again for him since Thanksgiving.

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
**SHARON LUCAS, CEOE    NAREOP PRESIDENT**

# OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Per our NAREOP Guidelines and Procedures, the Nominations and Elections Committee should consist of five members, elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Unfortunately, we had only two members elected at the annual meeting. Becky Shipley is chairing this Committee and has recently reached out to last year's committee members to see if they would be willing to serve a second year. One member is returning so we now have three members of the Nominations and Elections Committee.

## **WE NEED TWO MORE MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE.**

Anyone interested should contact either Becky Shipley at [beckyorr2013@gmail.com](mailto:beckyorr2013@gmail.com) or Sharon Lucas at [lucasfamily4@skybest.com](mailto:lucasfamily4@skybest.com). This is a great opportunity to become more active in our wonderful association.

**SUBMITTED BY: SHARON LUCAS, CEO    NAREOP PRESIDENT**

“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time.”

Laura Ingalls Wilder

