



Alyce Walker Named 2007 Realtor® of the Year

Recipient Has Long History with CRRA, NCAR, Charlotte Community

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CRRRA named Alyce Walker, ABR, CRB, CRS, e-PRO and GRI, the 2007 Realtor® of the Year at the CRRA/CMLS Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon on December 14. Walker is a 36-year veteran of the real estate profession, and the 48th recipient of CRRA's highest honor.

Walker is a broker with Keller Williams Realty Ballantyne Area Market Center.

Decorated Realtor®

Along with her long list of Realtor® designations, Walker has a strong history within the real estate community. According to *Broker/Agent Magazine*, in which Walker was featured as a Broker/Agent of the Month for February 2007, Walker has founded and sold three successful agencies of her own: Walker/Sherard and Associates (1976-1978), Alyce Walker, Inc. Realtors® (1978-1987) and RE/MAX Masters Associates (1991-2001).

Chet Snow Jr. of Snow & Associates, Inc., calls her "truly a professional — knowledgeable and innovative. She has carried the Realtor® banner high above her head."

Walker has been instrumental to the association as well. The general membership elected her the first president-elect in 1985. Prior to this, the association's board of directors had appointed the president-elect. Walker served as president-elect in 1986 and as president in 1987. As part of her presidency, Walker was the driving force behind the creation of the Vane Mingle Award, which annually recognizes the association's top rookie agent.

Walker has participated in and chaired several CRRA and CMLS committees over the years, most recently the *Realtor® Reflections* Advisory Board.

At the state level, Walker has served as an NCAR board director, education and membership committees' member, and as an N.C. Real Estate Educational Foundation (NCREEF) board director.

Community Servant

Walker's dedication to the community extends beyond the real estate industry. She is a devoted member of Trinity Presbyterian Church where she sings in the choir as a soloist and teaches Sunday school. She has worked with the congregation's children as a camp counselor and youth adviser. She has presided over the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Junior Woman's Club of Charlotte, the SouthPark Civitan Club, the Charlotte

Civinettes and the North Carolina chapter of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA). In addition, she served as international president of the Meredith College Alumnae Association for two years.

Walker's other volunteer activities include fundraising for Habitat for Humanity, the March of Dimes, Heart Fund, United Way, Arts & Science Council and YMCA.

Road to Realtor®

Walker was born in Valdese in Burke County in 1932. As one of four children in a small-town family, she learned the value of hard work. She received a bachelor's degree from Meredith College in Raleigh, then completed post-graduate work at Peabody Institute in Nashville, Tenn., with majors in business and home economics. After volunteering in many capacities around Charlotte — and even starring in a local children's television program called "Princess Alyce: Castle in the Clouds" — Walker turned to real estate as a new career. **RR**

48th Realtor® of the Year

CRRA

- First elected President-Elect of CRRA, 1985
- 1987 CRRA President
- CRRA Board of Directors
- CMLS Board of Directors, 2003, 2004
- Shelter Providers Political Action Committee Enterprise (SPPACE) Fundraising Chair, 1988, 1989; Committee Chair, 1990
- Information Technology Advisory Group, 1999
- Legislative/Political Affairs Committee, 2002
- Education Committee and Chair
- *Realtor® Reflections* Advisory Board, 2007

NCAR

- NCAR Board of Directors
- Realtors® Institute Instructor-Graduate Realtor® Institute (GRI)
- Education Committee
- Membership Committee
- Appointed "Designated Speaker" for association
- Convention Committee
- North Carolina Real Estate Educational Foundation (NCREEF) Board of Directors

Awards, Honors, Designations

- Her agency recognized by *REAL Trends* magazine as one of the top 500 national offices
- 1999 International Woman Leader Award (in Athens, Greece) by Euro-American Women's Council
- Named RE/MAX Broker/Owner of the Year, 1995
- Charlotte Businesswoman of the Year Finalist, 1986, 1987, 1988
- Nominated as WBT's Woman of the Year, *Charlotte News* and Salute to Women Who Work, WBTV
- Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR)
- Council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers (CRB)
- Certified Residential Specialist (CRS)
- Certificate for Internet Professionalism (e-PRO)

