

2005 REALTOR® of the Year - Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS®



PHIL FREEBOLD

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PRUDENVILLE, MI

Phil has been a member of Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS® since 1984, at which time he and several other area brokers started an independent multiple listing service known as Ros Co Multi-List, Inc. When the Ros Co Multi-List was acquired by Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS® and its Multiple Listing Service in 1998, Phil played a major role in helping make the acquisition and implementation a smooth transition for members. Phil has since served as the MLS chairperson, MLS committee member, Grievance and Professional Standards committee member and finally on the Board of Directors for Paul Bunyan MLS, Inc. Phil was elected Chairman of the Michigan Reciprocal Alliance Committee for all 12 member boards in 2004. He represents you well.

He has been a Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce member since 1987, taking an active role in four Tip Up Town programs, including being elected Mayor of Tip Up Town USA in 1995. He has been active with the Houghton-Higgins Elks Lodge since 1989, and was elected the Exalted Ruler in 1991. He is also a member of Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association through ERA Houghton Higgins.com, Inc.

Phil is an active member of St. James Catholic Church, and is presently Chairman of the Finance Council. He is also a Eucharistic Minister and is on the Greeters Committee.

Phil was first licensed as a real estate sales agent in 1973 for Kepler Realty in Houghton Lake. In 1984, Phil and Barbara worked as sales agents for Century 21 Professional. After obtaining his broker's license in 1986, Phil and his wife, Barbara, established Northern Brokers a year later. In 1999, Phil and Barbara joined the team at ERA Houghton Higgins.com, Inc., where Phil eventually took on the responsibilities as IT Director for the firm.

Phil and his wife Barbara celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on October 2nd. Having had a daughter and six sons themselves, they now enjoy their role as grandparents to six grandchildren and MAX!!! Max is a 10year old Ocicat, and Barb says Max is Phil's mascot. Max follows Phil from room to room and is his constant companion at his computer. Phil is an avid Ham operator and likes to play golf. He is most interested in anything computer related. It isn't work for him, it's just plain FUN!

Phil was nominated by Jo Ellen Serum, herself a former PBBR Realtor® of the Year.