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February 10, 2012

## **This Week's Events:**

Gold Coast Real Estate Investors Association  
Gold Coast School of Real Estate – Tamarac Location  
**Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
7:00PM – 10:00PM

Social Media and Internet Marketing  
Charles Rutenberg Realty Fort Lauderdale  
**Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
10:00AM – 1:00PM  
\*\*\* Refreshments will be served\*\*\*

Short Sales, Foreclosure and Bankruptcy... What options are there!  
Charles Rutenberg Realty Fort Lauderdale  
**Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**  
10:00AM – 12:00PM

Charles Rutenberg Realty Kick-Start 2012 Social  
Chart House (next to Shooter's)  
3000 NE 32<sup>ND</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33310  
**Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**  
5:30 – 7:00PM  
Drink Ticket & Appetizers Provided

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- ❖ **ALL Board class schedules available at [www.rutenbergonline.com](http://www.rutenbergonline.com)  
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- ❖ **1099's have been mailed**
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- ❖ **Transaction Desk is the best virtual assistant! Everyone should be using this application....**
- ❖ **License Renewal March 31 is coming quick! Get your CEU's**
- ❖ **Cyndi out of office Thursday Feb 9-16.**

**Enjoy your weekend and thank you for being professional and ethical in all you do.**

-Cyndi

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## CRR Matches Your \$5 Donation!!

January & February \$5 per transaction donations are allowing low income elderly and veterans stay in their homes!



**"Rebuilding Together BROWARD COUNTY".....  
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Charles Rutenberg Realty and Rebuilding Together Broward County are partnering to support the mission of "Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low income homeowners". Rebuilding Together provides home repairs and safety modifications to very low income elderly and disabled homeowners as well as veterans at no cost to the homeowners. Our objective is to improve the homeowners' quality of life, allowing them to stay in their home and age in place with safety, comfort and dignity.

In the months of **January and February** your closing contributions will not only go to Rebuilding Together Broward but **Charles Rutenberg Realty will match your donations.**

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#### **NAHB: Nearly 100 house markets improving**

Seven Fla. metro areas have shown consistent improvement for at least six months, with Miami new entrant on latest list. [Read more.](#)

#### **Apartment industry continues recovery**

Survey: Multi-family market continues upswing as developers play catch-up to growing consumer demand for rental housing. [Read more.](#)

#### **What customer service means today**

Not long ago, Realtors were gatekeepers of information; today, clients want someone to seamlessly manage a transaction. [Read more.](#)

#### **Fannie Mae gains more short-sale authority**

Five mortgage insurers now allow Fannie to complete a short sale or deed in lieu of foreclosure without pre-approval. [Read more.](#)

#### **Second home market may see increase**

Some experts think baby boomers will soon snap up cheap vacation properties, rent them out now and retire in them later. [Read more.](#)

#### **Key states closer to foreclosure-abuse deal**

Settlement could help owners behind on loans, send checks to robo-signed ex-owners and ease buyers' access to credit. [Read more.](#)

#### **Property disclosure disputes could increase**

NAR's Legal Scan: 67% of real estate pros predict an upswing in disputes because of the increase in short sales. [Read more.](#)

#### **Aid for military families facing foreclosure**

Hope Now, a private lender alliance, will start to focus on military families at risk of foreclosure. [Read more.](#)

#### **Class action suit filed against Citizens**

Fla.-run insurer accused of inflating home replacement costs as backdoor way to raise rates without state approval. [Read more.](#)

#### **NAR: More deals falling through**

In Dec., one-third of real estate professionals report that a contract failed to close, up from 9% one year earlier. [Read more.](#)

#### **Fannie Mae expands online home bids**

An Orlando-area pilot program goes national. Realtors now submit offers online and track status through HomePath.com. [Read more.](#)

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