



### From the President -

Happy April – Happy Spring to everyone! For those attending the 2016 NAEOP Annual Conference, we are a little over 100 days to the start. It’s always a sign that the next event is coming when the amount of emails begin to increase.

Plans are continuing for the NAREOP 2015-2016 Board meeting in St. Louis. I have begun working on the agenda and annual report booklet for NAREOP’s Annual Meeting. Just a reminder to send me your board member report if you haven’t already done so. As many of you are aware, we were saddened by the resignation of Rebecca Reynolds as our Celebration of Life Chairman. With that resignation, Darlene Hovorka and I will be conducting the ceremony. Please remember to send me any names of NAREOP members or their immediate family that have passed away so we can remember them during our ceremony.

One of the main business items for both the Board meeting and the Annual Meeting will be the proposed changes to the NAREOP Procedures Manual. NAREOP members unanimously approved the proposed changes to the NAREOP Guidelines on the ballot. Rebecca Crabtree has been busy working on the appointments for the 2016-2017 NAREOP Executive Board – I encourage you to get involved and provide support for our great Association.

The season of Spring – reported by one website I visited as a “time of phenomenal renewal. The earth reawakens from her slumber, and explodes with new life. In our own lives, Spring can be symbolic of starting new projects, sewing new seeds and coming forth with new ideas.” ([www.whats-your-sign.com](http://www.whats-your-sign.com)). I love Spring. I love watching the seeds transform into plants, the buds transform into beautiful flowers and the leaves on the trees spring forth with bright green leaves. No

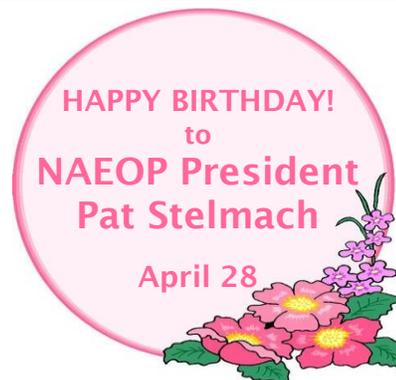
matter where you live in our wonderful United States, Spring has arrived or will be there shortly. For us in Central California, we’ve already had days in the 90’s, then we have a few weeks of bearable heat before the continuing dry heat. Spring seems to bring renewal in all parts of our lives. For many, the Spring season is also a time to increase physical activity and enjoy the outdoors. It’s also a time to renew our commitment of community service. Reach out to your local, state or national associations. It’s always easier to let someone else provide the service, but then you miss out on the personal rewards of knowing you and your actions made a difference.

As you go through each day, always remember to “Live every moment, Love beyond words, and Laugh every day!”

Hugs,  
Becky



“Despite the forecast,  
live like it's spring.”  
— Lilly Pulitzer



## Important April Dates

### Scrabble Day

**Date When Celebrated :** Always April 13

Scrabble Day celebrates the popular board game. It's been popular around the world ever since. People young and old enjoy this game.

Scrabble was created in 1938 by Alfred Mosher Butts. It is sold by Hasbro, Inc.

It's very easy to celebrate Scrabble Day. Just get out the old board game, dust it off, and play a few rounds with family or friends.

### International Moment of Laughter Day

**Date When Celebrated :** Always April 14th

International Moment of Laughter Day is a special day that will put a big smile on your face. The objective of this day is to get people to laugh, and to laugh more often. After all, "laughter is the best medicine".

Moment of Laughter Day is also known as *National Moment of Laughter Day*, and plain old *Moment of Laughter Day*. We don't care whether you celebrate today as a local, national, or international day. What's important is that you bring about laughter (and happiness) to those you come in contact with today.

To celebrate this special day, simply tell jokes or do funny things that cause people to laugh. A smile is not a good enough reaction. Successful participation in this day results in whole-hearted laughter.

### Take a Chance Day

**Date When Celebrated :** Always April 23

If you are a gambler, you will just love this day. Today is "Take a Chance Day". This sounds pretty risky (but fun) to me.....

Life is filled with risks. To get what you want, sometimes you have to take a chance. And, today is created to do just that. Today is the day to take a chance on virtually any object or goal. Will it be love? will it be luck? Or, just lollipops? We hope you fully participate in this day, and that you attain everything you seek. So go ahead and take a chance. As they say "Nothing ventured, nothing gained".

If you are in love and a little afraid of taking the next step, perhaps today is the day to take a big leap. After all, it's somewhat coincidental that today is also Lover's Day.

### National Honesty Day

**Date When Celebrated :** Always April 30th

National Honesty Day encourages us to be honest today, and every day. We honestly believe you try your best to be honest.

Honesty is a great virtue. If we want people to believe us when its important, then we need to be open and honest all of the time. We all know about the boy who cried wolf. When a wolf actually appeared, no one believed him.

Celebrate National Honesty Day in a completely open and honest way.

To be totally honest, there are few rules for this special day.....just be honest.

This is referred to as a "National" day. However, we did not find any congressional records or presidential proclamations for this day.

