

## Ann R. Thompson's Bio

Ann R. Thompson has been a member of GTR for over 35 years and is a Sterling R supporter of RPAC. From 2004 to 2006, Ann served as Director for GTR and Florida Association of REALTORS®. She has served and chaired several committees on both the local and state level. These committees included Professional Development, Affordable Housing, Fair Housing, Professional Standards, New Members Orientation. Just to name a few.

In 2005, under the mentorship of former GTR Broad President, Herbert Fisher, Ann was elected President of The National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), Bay Area Association of Realtists Chapter. Formed in 1947, NAREB challenged unfair housing and financing practices and continued to support equal housing opportunities.

As an instructor, Ann worked with various real estate schools and conducted several real estate sales training workshops for Brokerages. She co-created a Boot Camp training course for newly licensed REALTORS®. This training course has been instrumental in launching numerous successful real estate careers. One of her favorite quotes by Abigail Adams is "*Learning* is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."

The Greater Tampa REALTORS® awarded Ann with its Pedagogy Award for her valuable knowledge and instructional skills and abilities to bring forth higher professional standards, member satisfaction, and organizational value.

In addition to being a Code of Ethics Instructor, she is a Florida REALTORS® Faculty Member. She is approved to teach CE Express courses, Completing an Effective Purchase & Sales Contract, and Newly Licensed? Now What? Ann also teaches the following GRI courses: Fair Housing & Diversity, Contacts to Contracts and Goal Setting & Business Planning. She believes that those who experience genuine success in real estate recognized that their WHY is Service and NOT Status.

Ann is an active community member. She received the Speaker of the Year Award from Hillsborough County Public School Board. The recognition was for motivating and mentoring students on improving critical thinking skills and fostering healthy relationships. She was a FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council. The council works to facilitate communication between the County government and its diverse population. It addresses matters related to diversity that are important to everyone.

Ann is a proud mother of three adult children, and a dedicated Servant-Leader to her family, church, community, and profession.