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**GCAAR Announces 2009 REALTOR® of the Year**

The Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS® (GCAAR) announces Silvia Rodriguez, of SILVIA International Realty in Rockville, Maryland, as the 2009 REALTOR® of the Year (ROTY). Silvia currently serves as GCAAR's 2009 Board Treasurer and has a long history of serving on state, local, and national committees. She currently serves as 2009 Chair of the GCAAR International Society, 2009 President of the Women's Council of REALTORS®, Chair of the GCAAR Budget Committee, has a current seat on the NAR International Operations Committee, and serves as one of GCAAR's NAR Directors. Among her many civic activities, Silvia is active in the Maryland Hispanic Real Estate Industry Association (MHREIA) and the Spanish Catholic Center.



Each year, GCAAR invites REALTORS® to submit award applications for this prestigious honor. Application submittals detail education, business conduct and practices, and civic activity on committees and in the community. Once chosen, GCAAR then announces its ROTY award winner as REALTOR® pick for the state-wide ROTY award. Silvia Rodriguez will now compete with REALTORS® across the state for the Maryland Association of REALTORS® ROTY Award. Congratulations Silvia!