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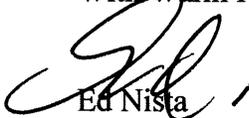
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To Whomever It May Concern:

Well now that I finally got done with that all consuming job - as president of the Western Maine Board of REALTORS® this past year - I've got a bit of time to reflect back on Gary Crocker's appearance at our REALTOR® of the Year dinner party last June at the Megis Lodge in Casco. I don't know who invited him - no one would admit to it - but he showed up and there he was - looking pretty much like he does in his pictures on the internets. He was friendly and sociable as we sat down to the dinner table with maybe 100 people on hand, and I arranged to have him sit right in front of me where I could keep an eye on him and next to our resident REALTOR® comedian Ben Tucker, and the two of them got along famously - you might think they were old buddies from high school catching up after 40 years. I got up and did one or two of my own jokes to warm up the crowd and then I introduced him as Maine Humorist, GARY CROCKER..... and then - he just took off like a rocket ship - with rapid fire stories and jokes and the whole place erupted in continuous laughter for the whole time he was up there. It's like you're not quite finished laughing at one of his stories and then there's a quick joke, another tale and then a yarn and before you know it - you realize that you just can't stop laughing, you're having difficulty breathing, your face hurts and your belly is all tightened up, and maybe your almost crying - and just when you think you can't take anymore, he right there with another one. There's really no good way to describe this fella - but I can tell you for sure that when he's done with his performance and the party's over - all you can do is think about how you might get him back next year because he's not only a barrel of laughs, he's a genuine person and a great guy to boot - a real pleasure to be around. Us REALTORS® here in Western Maine are just as pleased as punch that he showed up at our dinner party last summer. Does anybody know who invited him?

With Warm Regards,



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