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**MORE THAN 250 ARE RECOGNIZED BY  
REALTY EXECUTIVES SOUTHERN ARIZONA**  
*Eight Agents Take Top Honors*

Realty Executives Southern Arizona celebrated a year of successes at a pirate-themed awards event held at the Westin La Paloma on March 28. More than 250 local agents received recognition for excellence and long service.

The Most Valuable Player Award was conferred on James J. "J.T." Tsighis. A former *Realtor of the Decade* and Realty Executives' Designated Broker for more than seven years, Tsighis also works as co-chair of Tucson Association of Realtors' award-winning Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) task force. This year, he was awarded Life Membership in TAR for his outstanding contributions to the profession.

Others who received kudos at the ceremony included:

Associate Broker Linda Nelson, GRI was chosen as this year's *Top Solo Residential Agent Award*. Nelson has been in real estate for over 18 years and has worked with Realty Executives Southern Arizona for five years. She also earned the *Diamond Award*.

Gary Best, ABR, CCIM, a 38-year real estate professional, received his fourth consecutive *Top Solo Commercial Agent* award. Best is the Immediate Past President of the Tucson Association of Realtors.

Associate Broker Peter DeLuca, CRS, GRI, who consistently ranks among the top 1% of local and national real estate professionals in homes sold, was given the *Top Double Diamond Award*.

Louis and Victoria Blass received the *Relocation Award* for the most outgoing referrals. This bi-lingual husband/wife team also received the Double Diamond Award and the Luz Community Service Award. The Blass team has been in real estate for four years and with the firm for three. The Blass Team was also awarded the #1 Agent Supporter by Pinnacle Mortgage.

Ronnie Spece received the *Rising Star Award*. Only the second recipient of the honor in the company's history, the award recognizes the most successful new licensee to graduate from the company's Executive Path program. In addition to the "Rising Star" trophy, Spece earned the Gold Circle and 100% Club sales awards, given to those

agents that achieve specific levels of sales. Completing his very exciting day, Pinnacle Mortgage recognized Spece as a Top 10% Supporter.

Top producer, Danny Roth was named *#1 Agent in Units*, and was the recipient of the *#1 Agent Chairman's Award* for his outstanding work in residential income and condo conversions.

**About Realty Executives:** Realty Executives Southern Arizona is the largest locally-owned real estate brokerage in southern Arizona and ranks in the top 125 out of nearly 90,000 real estate brokerages nationwide. An industry leader in agent training and use of technology to better serve clients, the company reached a milestone \$1,323,755,137 in sales volume in 2005. Realty Executives Southern Arizona is a member of an international network with offices and service partners across the US and in eight foreign countries.

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