



1963 and 1964

John R. Wood served two consecutive terms as President of the Naples-on the Gulf Board of REALTORS, in 1963 and 1964, when the Board had sixty-one real estate offices as members. It was in 1958 that John together with his wife, Wanda, opened John R. Wood REALTORS on Fifth Avenue, South in Naples. Woods office primarily concentrated on raw land sales. His sales slogan, “Walk on it- Before you Buy It”. Woods originally an Arkansas lawyer passed the Florida Bar and maintained that license for more than twenty years.

In 1967 John R. Wood was named Naples on-the-Gulf Board, REALTOR of the Year

In 1968 John R. Wood served as Chairman of the Education Advisory Committee of FAR.

For his professional and civic accomplishments John Wood was named Florida REALTOR of the Year at the 62nd NAREB Convention held in San Francisco in November 1969. The presentation of a silver engraved Paul Revere bowl together with congratulations, was made by NAREB President, John Cotton of San Diego.

John Wood became President of the Florida Association of REALTORS (FAR) in 1971.

In 1972 REALTOR John R. Wood was named Southeastern Regional Vice President of NAR.

He went on to serve as Director of NAREB Real Estate License Law officials.

Then in 1977 he served as Chairman of the Florida Real Estate Commission.

He became President of the National Association of REALTORS (NAR) in 1981.

John is a member of a presidential father and son team as his son, Philip Wood, served NABOR as President in 1986.

John served as Director of the Boy Scouts District SW Florida Council and served three years as Director for the local chapter of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

The Naples Board has benefited due to the respect and accolades earned by John R. Wood throughout the years due to his service to the real estate industry.

In 2003 he was inducted into the NABOR Hall of Fame.

In 2012 John R. Wood received the NABOR Ad Miller Award for outstanding services in protecting private property rights.

During Wood's tenure as president, the Board endorsed a program of no part-time sales people, and the requirement that each sales office must provide a telephone and desk for each sales person associated with that office.

- “At \$9.6 million, the value of new construction in Naples surpassed that of Fort Myers.”
- “Officials banned dogs on the beach, declaring them a health menace.” Naples Daily News
- “Events throughout Collier County are canceled after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.” Naples Daily News
- Collier County unveiled plans for a 6,00 square foot library on Central Avenue. Naples Daily News
- “Some 8,500 Collier County residents are registered to vote in the November 3 presidential election. There are 6,619 Democrats; 1807 Republicans and 77 Independents. Of the Democrats, there are 6,021 whites, 587 blacks and 10 Indians. Of the Republicans, there are 1,777 whites and 30 blacks.” Naples Daily News
- “Collier County voters go for Republican Barry Goldwater but Florida joins the rest of the nation and votes for President Lyndon Johnson.” Per the Naples Daily News
- “In 1964 construction began on Alligator Alley, aka, 'The road to nowhere'.” Collier News
- 'Raymond L. Lutgert began the Park Shore project turning 760 acres bordering 1.2 mile of coastline into the first Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the state of Florida." Per the Collier News