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“SMASHING” COSTUMES ABOUND AT PUMPKIN BOWL EVENT - 10/23/2003

COLUMBIA, Mo. – It’s a royally difficult choice for any Cinderella: Do you strikingly roll to the ball in your pumpkin, or do you roll strikes with your ball at the Pumpkin Bowl?

Glass slippers are optional, but a Cinderella or two are sure to be seen rolling strikes and pumpkins at the Women’s Council of REALTORS® Pumpkin Bowl at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at Oakland Plaza Lanes. An assortment of princesses, witches, ghouls and goblins will be on display as they bowl to raise money for the organization’s professional education fund.

Expecting a crowd of about 130 people, event organizers hope to raise at least \$4,000 to help members take the requisite classes to attain professional designations such as the Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI), which is conferred by the National Association of Realtors and presented to Realtors who have completed a comprehensive education program in residential real estate.

“People are really excited about it; they have been talking about their costumes for at least two months,” said CJ Strawn, president of the Women’s Council of REALTORS®. “The Pumpkin Bowl provides a great way for our members to have some fun while helping to make it easier for them enhance their professional qualifications.”

The event will include many door prizes and awards for the best and second-best costumes. In addition, prizes will be awarded for first, second, third and last place in the bowling competition between four-person teams of realtors, affiliates, friends and family who will have paid \$60 to compete. Spectators who wish to participate in the proceedings but not bowl may purchase a ticket for \$5 at the door.

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