

Anthony Zifcak

Realtor

Woonsocket



ANTHONY ZIFCAK, a Realtor in Woonsocket, has been involved with real estate since he was 18 years old. In fact, he claims to be the oldest real estate broker in his city in point of service.

Born in Mapleville in 1916, Anthony was asked by a lawyer to operate a real estate and insurance office that he was given to run when the owner abandoned it in 1934. And although the state was not granting licenses to anyone under 21, he was able to obtain a broker's license because he was the only person operating a real estate office in the city. He had to learn on the job, literally, both occupations.

After two and a half years he switched to another firm for the next five years and opened his own office a month before Pearl Harbor in 1941. He has been a Realtor since 1949, first with the Pawtucket Board because there was no Woonsocket Board yet established.

With offices in the Stadium Building in Woonsocket, his real estate and appraising activities are chiefly centered in northern Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. Appraising of real estate takes up most of his time professionally and he thanks the late Parker Webb of Boston for getting him involved in that phase of the business.

Among his appraising clients are the Industrial National Bank of Providence and the Medway (Ma.) Savings Bank. He also has worked assisting employee relocations with such clients as Allstate and Nationwide Insurance. He has done considerable appraisal work as an expert witness in Bay State and R.I. courts.

Anthony holds the SRPA designation of the Society of R. E. Appraisers, the largest of the professional appraisal groups. In 1942 he successfully completed the American Institute of R. E.

Appraisers' course of studies at Boston Univ. and in 1950 the advanced course given by the Institute at Harvard Univ.

A national director of the NAR for four years, he is also a member of the Realtors National Marketing Institute and the World Federation of R. E. Brokers, FIABCI, which he serves as a member of its membership committee.

A believer in advertising, Anthony has won the New York Times national advertising plaque nine times plus several other advertising awards. He also is a lecturer on R E advertising in New England and has authored articles for Realtor publications on exchanging and advertising.

Zifcak has been honored with the bronze medal presented by Omega Tau Rho (Old Time Realtors) of the NAR for distinguished service to real estate and his community. The Jaycees has also named him R.I. Man of the Year and he has a Silver Key given to him by the Lions Club.

Active in the Boy Scouts of America, he serves on a troop committee and is troop treasurer. A longtime member of the Polish National Alliance (currently state treasurer and a director) he was the recipient last month at a surprise dinner in his honor of the Gold Medal of Merit for his service to the organization, now celebrating its 100th anniversary; the only one in R.I. to receive such an accolade.

Married to Realtor Evelyn Zifcak ("I lost the best salesperson in my office when we married"), they live with their son Marc.

His other avocations include stamp collecting (he's a member of the Boston Stamp Club) and activities with such local groups as the Public Health Nurses, YMCA, United Fund and National Conference of Christians & Jews.