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Season's Greetings



2011 Board of Directors

Top Left: Laurence Rosenberg, John Lund, Jake Dethmers, Randy Jaquet and Bryan Klinkhammer

Bottom Left: Grant Sakiyama, Diego Vassallo, Colleen Kuruluk and Jason Arlt

Missing: John Daniels, Glenda Sobie, Janet Milne and Laurie Finley



On behalf of the board and staff of the MHBA we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

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CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION

The Niakwa Country Club was host to the Manitoba Home Builders' Association and its members on Wednesday, November 24 as we gathered together to celebrate the successes of the MHBA and the residential construction industry.

Despite a heavy snowfall, and snarled traffic, approximately 170 persons were on hand to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of past and present Chairmen and to welcome the 2011 Board of Directors.

President Moore introduced our incoming Chair, Diego Vassallo of KDR Design Builders. Diego thanked the members of the Board who had encouraged him to get involved in the Association

Two special presentations were made. In presenting Guy Hobman of Greentree Homes Ltd., with a plaque, President Moore remarked that Guy has probably spent more time on the Board than anyone else over the years as he has been called upon repeatedly to Chair a Committee, to serve on the Executive and to open political doors for the Association. He thanked him for his tireless effort.

Past Chair, Randy Jaquet of Randall Homes was then called upon and presented with a plaque. President Moore told those present that Randy has been a wealth of knowledge about the Association, about the people that we interact with every day, and about the industry in general and thus helped keep him going in the right direction. Randy agreed to remain as Chair for a second term and the audience thanked him for his commitment to the MHBA.

Once again background music was supplied by Andrew & Andrew.



Thank you to our sponsors whose support ensures an outstanding event.



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SAM AWARDS

The Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2010 CHBA National SAM Awards. These awards celebrate excellence in new homes and renovation design, innovative technology and construction techniques, outstanding presentation, and marketing activities across Canada. Twenty-three CHBA National SAM Awards will be presented at the 68th National Conference on February 27th, 2011 in Banff, Alberta.

The MHBA is pleased to announce that two local renovators have been nominated. Harwood Design Builders Ltd. for kitchens and Oswald Construction Ltd. for an addition. Congratulations to both.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14 - 16, 2011

Kitchen, Bath & Renovation Show
Winnipeg Convention Centre

February 15 & 16, 2010

New Home Sales Agent Course
Norwood Hotel

March 18

Annual Curling Bonspiel
Heather Curling Club

March 5 - 27, 2011

Spring Parade of Homes

March 31—April 3, 2011

Home Expressions Show
Winnipeg Convention Centre

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PRESENTATION

Michael Moore, President of the MHBA, recently visited the offices of Hook & Smith at 3111 Portage Avenue and presented Dennis Smith, our member legal counsel, with a plaque in recognition of his contributions to consumer information and professional development on behalf of the Manitoba Home Builders' Association.

Twice a year the MHBA holds a New Home Sales Agents Course and a New Home Buyer's Course. Twice a year for at least the past ten years Dennis has attended those seminars and presented the legal aspects of a new home purchase. He is called upon repeatedly and never says no. His professionalism, his sense of humor and of course, his commitment are much appreciated.

On behalf of all members of the MHBA, thank you Dennis.

SAFETY COURSES

The MHBA has created a 2-hour educational seminar for trades based on the use of the Sub-Contractor Safety Workbook and the H.I.T. List forms. It is designed to help builders and their trades understand their responsibilities in identifying, communicating and controlling hazards at the job site. Place – your choice. Time – your choice. Contact Jamin Braun at 925-2564 or jbrown@homebuilders.mb.ca for information

The Manitoba Construction Conference, February 1 & 2, 2011 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre: The aim of the conference is to help participants prevent incidents, injuries and loss in the construction sector. Register at www.constructionconference.ca or phone 775-3171 for further information.

BUILDING SUPERVISOR COURSE

The Education & Training Committee of the MHBA in partnership with the Manitoba Construction Sector Council is currently holding a Building Supervisor Certification Course for MHBA members.

The course consists of thirteen modules totaling forty one hours. Classes are held at the MCSC at 1000 Waverley Street.

The course has been designed to prepare first time supervisors on their journey into management. The program was developed in modular hours, each module running anywhere from 4-8 hours. We have eighteen participants and reports are that it is very worthwhile.

Watch for information in the New Year regarding a repeat of the Master Builder/Master Renovator course.

KITCHEN, BATH & RENOVATION SHOW

The Kitchen Bath & Renovation Show, which opens at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, January 14 and runs through to the 16th, will offer all of the newest and the best ideas in design, décor and renovation projects.

The ever popular “Ask A Renovator” feature will be back again and in a new booth. Appointment for a free consultation with our renovator members can be made directly online from the KBR website at www.kitchenandbathshow.com.

Jan Currier is thrilled to bring Sarah Richardson, host of HGTV’s “Sarah’s House” to the show. In addition to creating groundbreaking TV, Sarah runs a high-demand design business, Sarah Richardson Design Inc., which transforms commercial and residential spaces. Sarah is a recipient of the Caldwell Partners Top 40 Under 40 award, and also writes a regular newspaper column on design. Her growing line of signature indoor and outdoor furnishings has recently been expanded with Sarah’s own unique paint collection. Her presentations will be Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m. on the Western Paint Lifestyle Stage in Hall B.

Corporate tables will be available for Sarah Richardson and will be sold through the MHBA. Members will receive information in early December.

Consumer tickets to the show are now available. You might want to consider them as stocking stuffers. The Grand Prize Raffle will be a \$20,000 appliance package from Stalwart Appliances by Design. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba.

Plan to attend this three day event. If you wish further information please visit our website or phone 925-2560.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



In the past two weeks, there have been two major policy and regulation initiatives that both have profound impact on the residential construction industry. The Province of Manitoba has introduced new Energy and Water Efficiency Regulations while the City of Winnipeg has implemented the Builder Defect Self-Certification Program. Both have been sent to every MHBA member in far greater detail; however, a brief encapsulation follows.

Effective December 1, 2010, attics shall be insulated at the R – 50 level, furnaces shall be a minimum of 94% efficiency (implementation date pushed back to April 1, 2011), direct venting required for gas fireplaces, new flow rates established for faucets and Heat Recovery Ventilators or energy saving equivalencies (implementation date pushed back until April 1, 2011). Research is currently underway to establish a list of items that could reasonably provide similar energy savings as the HRV. Other considerations proposed by the Province of Manitoba through the Office of the Fire Commissioner were far more punitive than these and it was

only through the efforts of members of the Manitoba Home Builders Association Technical Research Committee and their subsequent contributions to Manitoba’s Building Standards Board that enabled us to limit the legislation.

The City of Winnipeg just announced the Builder Defect Self-Certification Program, which enables those members of the Manitoba Home Builders Association who have attained Master Builder or Master Renovator status to perform their own re-inspections rather than wait for a City official to complete the task. This will reduce City workloads thereby enabling greater efficiencies, reduce construction delays and recognize the expertise and professionalism that exists within the builders and renovators of the MHBA. Full details have been sent to all Master Builders and Master Renovators. Kudos go out to the members of the MHBA Technical Research Committee and, especially the Acting Manager of the Development and Inspections Division of Winnipeg, Garry Solkoski.

The Manitoba Home Builders Association will keep you fully apprised of all updates, changes and new legislation throughout the year before and when it happens. The MHBA continues to fight for the betterment of the industry and all of our members.

Have a safe and happy holiday season and a tremendous 2011.