

BUILDERS ASSOCIATION GARAGE SALE

We are working on a Garage Sale to raise non-dues revenue, to partner with a charitable organization, such as the Boys and Girls Club and it could give you a tax deduction. This would be items you are storing that are still good, new and used (doors, windows etc. No Clothes Please). We are hoping to do this the end of April and will need volunteers to help organize. I will keep you updated on this.

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Walking on Thin Ice

On Christmas Eve, Joe and Peter built a skating rink in the middle of a field. A neighboring shepherd, leading his flock, decided to take a short cut across the rink. The sheep, however; were extremely afraid of the ice and would not cross it.

Desperate, the shepherd began tugging them to the other side. "Well, look at that," remarked Peter to Joe. "That guy is trying to pull the wool over our ice!"



A CUT ABOVE

Lake Region Builders Association



DECEMBER 2007

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SERVING BECKER, OTTERTAIL, NORMAN, WILKIN AND MAHNOMEN COUNTIES

BUILDERS BUZZ

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

First off I would like to say I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! The general meeting last month produced a fantastic turn out. Our next meeting is going to be even better because we are going to be visiting Ferguson's in Fargo. Hopefully you will all be able to make it up there with us; it's going to be a great time. We are also starting to get ready for our annual Christmas party in January. Sharon and Linda are working hard on all of the arrangements. We are also looking for new board members to replace the ones who will be done at the end of this term. Please consider serving on the board! Applications have also been sent out if you would like to have a booth in the Builders Show. If you have any questions please let Sharon know. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Christmas!



Mike Eidenschink, President

Always remember to use another member as much as possible.

Our meeting for November was held at Mulligans Pub and Eatery at the Golf Course in Perham. Good food, good company and a great speaker. Dave Neisen, of Solutions for Cities, LLC is the Building Official for the Communities of Park Rapids, Frazee, Perham, Menahga, Audubon and Pelican Rapids. He gave an informative talk on some of the building changes and how it affects the builders, and some things that are up to the builder and some things that are the responsibility of the electrician. Hammer Constuction and Tom Schepper were guests from the Perham area. The meeting was sponsored by Jutz Excavating and Francis Construction. Pictured with Dave are Ellie Francis and Linda Jutz.



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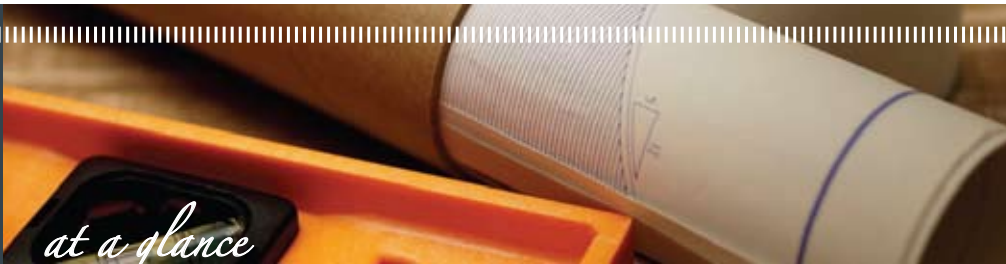
MY VIEW

Sharon Westerholm, EO

November has been busy catching up with things and getting started with Home Show business. Booth orders are coming in and now it's time to get our new and improved website going. I've gotten to talk to a lot of members trying to get all information current on everyone. I will also be taking an online class with NAHB the 28th of November so I can update our member information on the Builders' website. Our Builders' site is very outdated. All of our ads in the newsletter have been sold, so we will be looking for some banner ad sponsors for the website. Call me if you are interested.

I hope some thought has been given to the Tour of Homes scheduled. Letters will be going out shortly on registration.

Our meeting attendance is growing every month... You could be missing something. For anyone that can't make it to the December meeting, have a safe and blessed Christmas and New Years.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 11th December Board & General Meeting

Meeting sponsored by and will be held at Ferguson Kitchen Bath and Lighting Gallery – SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS.

January 19th Annual Banquet and Christmas Party

Mark your calendars now!

January 25th-27th First Annual Builders Convention

Craguns Resort in Brainerd

February 12th Builders Table Top Night

February 15th Builder/Contractor Continuing Education

March 11th March Board & General Meeting

March 29th-30th Annual Home & Garden Show

April 5th-6th Tour of Homes

April 8th April Board & General Meeting

April 26th Builders Garage Sale with Boys & Girls Club

May 13th May Board & General Meeting

CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the Home Builders Association subscribe to the following Code of Ethics

- Members shall constantly seek to provide better values for the customers they serve.
- Members shall at times share their knowledge with fellow members in the public in the best interest of those they serve.
- Members shall not obtain any business by means of fraudulent statements or by use of implications unwarranted by fact or reasonable probability.
- Members shall comply, both in spirit and letter, with rules and regulations prescribed by law and government agencies for health, safety and progress of the community.
- Members shall not perform a cause to be performed at any act which would tend to reflect on or bring into disrepute any party of the industry served by this association.

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BAM NEWS

LEGAL: SOME GOOD NEWS FOR THE 10 YEAR HOME WARRANTY LAW

The "statute of repose" BAM passed in 2004 was upheld at the MN Court of Appeals this past week.

Remember the nightmare of a court case that exposed a loophole in the law that allowed a builder to be sued outside the 10-year warranty period?

Oh yeah, I bet you tried to forget that one. It took BAM over three years to pass the bill at the legislature but we did it and we put a finite time frame on how long a builder is liable for warranty obligations.

The Courts upheld the changes we made to the law in a recent decision.

You can check out the MN Court of Appeals opinion at: <http://www.bamn.org/documents/Gomez Case.doc>

Q: When is a boat like a pile of snow?

A: When it's adrift.

Dont' MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

The Lake Region Builders Association, along with sponsoring businesses, is starting an attendance drawing for great trips and prizes. Here's how it works, each month when you attend the monthly meetings you will put your name in the drawing. At the end of the year, we will have a drawing for great prizes.

PRIZES TO DATE INCLUDE:

- RESERVED SEATS FOR A 2008 TWIN'S GAME

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- MINNEAPOLIS GET-AWAY

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- TWO \$50 GAS CARDS

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More prizes will be added monthly. Attend your Association meetings... good food, valuable information, great networking and an opportunity to win wonderful prizes!

See you at every meeting!

plan Ahead!

December 11th for our General Meeting we will be Kicking Off some new ideas for meetings.

Ferguson Kitchen, Bath and Lighting Gallery will be the first Sponsor to host the meeting at their place of business at 1602 45th St No, Fargo, ND. They are providing a bus to take everyone.

The bus will leave Frazee at 5:30, so anyone that wants to leave from there must be at Anderson Bus Garage by 5:30, and will pickup up everyone else at Modern Heating & Plumbing, 1040 Randolph Rd, Detroit Lakes. The bus will leave Detroit Lakes at 6:00 PM.

Snacks will be provided by Fergusons' for the way up. There will be demonstrations, a tour of their show room and more food.

The bus will leave Fargo at 9:00 p.m. It will be a fantastic night, so if you haven't made an earlier meeting, make this one.

RSVP to Sharon at 847-0699

Main Floor Plan | Top View
06/28 | Eaton & Sons, Inc. | Wilmington Series | 16

BOARD?

unscramble the words...

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 2. tanlaeim goolifnr
 3. nreedier
 4. atsna sualc
 5. ryrme stshrmcia
 6. ppahy enw ryae
- answers on page 4

"If two wrongs don't make a right, try three."

— Lawrence J Peter

"There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still."

— Franklin D Roosevelt

MEMBER NEWS

- Welcome New Member Crane Johnson Lumber Company, Perham. Craig Isakson and Greg Neisen will be representing them.

Watch for more new members in December. They will be introduced at the December meeting.

- Thanks for Renewing - OCTOBER: Don Tietz Construction, Lavelle Company & Zayic Concrete. NOVEMBER: Foltz Buildings

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