

INDIANA ARMSTRONG BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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2011

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th

White Township Fire Station

6 pm

**MENU: Hamloaf with pineapple glaze
Sweet potato and Coleslaw
Apple pie for dessert**

Please call your reservation in no later than November 3rd! (724) 349-2327

REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 8TH !

Indiana-Armstrong Builders for Affordable Housing supports all incumbents for county commissioners:

* * Rod Ruddock * * David Frick * * Patty Evanko * *

Albert E. Horn from JRG Advisors, management company for the Pennsylvania Builders Insurance Program (PBIP), will be at our November 8th Membership Meeting to discuss the current PBIP program. In addition to reviewing the existing options, he will review the new insurance platform for businesses effective January 1, 2012. The unique platform will allow employers to control costs while offering employees the ability to select from an array of insurance options to best fit their personal needs. This exclusive, new platform is an innovation response to healthcare reform and will provide employers with a competitive "Private Exchange" insurance solution.

Program Sponsors for 2011

November- **JRG Advisors**

Please call the office if you're interested in being a sponsor.

"Welcome New Member"

Mike Masley of ProSource Wholesale Floorcoverings

Anniversaries

30 years- William G. Mechling Insurance Agency, Inc.

PENNSYLVANIA BUILDERS INSURANCE PROGRAM

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managed by: **JRG** ADVISORS

2011 Officers & Directors

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Tom Mumau

Executive Officer

Richard A. Clawson

Vice-President/Treasurer

Harold Wilson

Vice-President/Secretary

Matt Houser

Associate Vice-President

Rodney Greczek

Immediate Past President

Mark Lunz

Board of Directors

Tim Allshouse Jim McCombs

Mark George Jim McElwain

Terry Johnson John McLaughlin

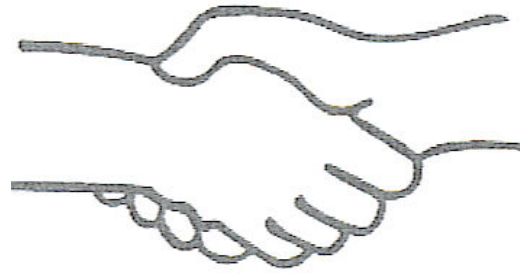
PBA Directors: Tom Mumau, Mark Lunz, Mark George, Tom Steele & Matt Houser

PBA Life Board Members:

Richard Clawson, Gene Gemmell, Curtis Lentz, Steve Misner, Warren Peter & Harold Wilson

Calendar of Events for 2011

November 8- Monthly Meeting-White Township Fire Station-6PM
 8- Board of Directors Meeting-White Township Fire Station-5PM



**DO BUSINESS
 WITH A MEMBER**

**Membership has
 its privileges!**

NOVEMBER PUZZLE

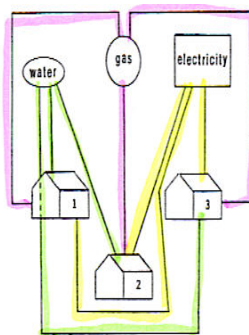
October riddle winners:

Dave Kristof of Kristof Construction, LLC

October correct answer:

"Utility" Puzzle

To solve this one the builder was forced to run one of the lines, from the water works, underneath house number 1 to house number 3. After that, all the rest was easy.



Super Brainy "Puzzleman" Puzzle

"I don't get it. You say the puzzler has to take the 12 digits, 111, 333, 555, and 777, and form them into six numbers that, when added together, will give a sum of 20. That's a stupid puzzle. Nobody will spend the time necessary to figure it out. Now, why don't you create a nice 'Find-the-Word' puzzle?"

"Godfrey Daniel! Why didn't I become an accountant?"



* The 1st three correct answers will receive a pocket screwdriver.

November is the annual election of the Directors and Officers for the Board

The candidates are: VP/Treasurer – Matt Houser of A & A Construction & Home Improvements
 VP/Secretary – Terry Johnson of T.J. Construction
 Associate VP – Rodney Greczek of Lezzer Lumber
 2012 President Elect – Harold Wilson of Community Craftsmen Contractors
 Builder Director- Steve Misner of S. Misner Construction
 Associate Directors- Chuck Houser of Indiana Insurance
 Kathy Koons of S & T-Evergreen Insurance, LLC



PBA Member Rebate Program

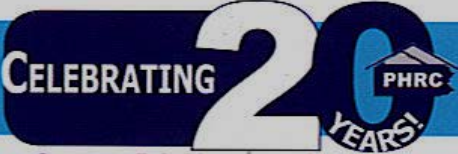
www.HBArebates.com



What would you think if you could get a rebate for your loyalty to many of the nation’s leading housing industry Manufacturers? Well, now you can regardless of your volume!

We’re happy to introduce the PBA Member Rebate Program, a free member benefit, aimed at increasing your bottom line. For the minimal effort of informing us about the products you use, and telling us when you close on a home or project, you’ll be putting money back in your pocket. When you participate in the PBA Member Rebate Program, every home you build can earn you rebate checks! Remember, both Builders AND Remodelers qualify for the PBA Member Rebate Program. **Over 70% of the Builders & Remodelers who participated in 2010 received back in rebates more than they paid in annual dues to the Association!**





CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!
PHRC

Feb 22&23, 2012

Save the date!

ANNUAL PA HOUSING & LAND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

DAY 1 (WEDNESDAY) - LAND DEVELOPMENT
Day One of the conference focuses on emerging planning, design, and regulatory issues affecting the land development industry in Pennsylvania. Come hear about challenges facing the industry and network with other professionals. This day's programs are intended for anyone involved in land development activities, including builders, developers, design professionals, planners and regulatory officials.

DAY 2 (THURSDAY) - HOUSING
Day Two of the conference focuses on technical issues related to the delivery of houses. Plan on attending this year's conference to get the latest information on emerging technologies and learn how to resolve problems facing the industry. This conference is intended to bring together all sections of the housing industry including builders, remodelers, code officials, educators, design professionals and modular and HUD code builders and manufacturers.

DAY 1 - TECHNICAL TRAINING
Advanced Framing
2012 IRC Sneak Peek
Exterior Plaster Finish Systems
Solar Hot Water

Continuing Education Credits available!

COME CELEBRATE OUR 20TH YEAR WITH US IN STATE COLLEGE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.ENGR.PSU.EDU/PHRC

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY: DON'T OVERLOOK THESE CONCERNS

Construction sites are ranked high on the list of the most dangerous workplaces. Nail guns, heavy falling objects and saws are often the cause of serious injuries. The possibility of serious injuries or fatalities is higher in construction than most other industries. It's essential for employers to strive to create the safest possible work environment for their employees. The following are a few commonly overlooked areas of safety:

1. **Fall Protection.** In addition to providing fall prevention training, employers should conduct a test or review of employees' knowledge. It's important to ensure that they know how to prevent themselves from falling. Develop an efficient safety plan that includes a team effort. Be sure to have fall protection equipment checked regularly. Observe it after each use for any apparent damage. In addition to this, have the equipment inspected and documented annually. Remember to keep OSHA regulations in mind for inspections and documentation.
2. **Respiratory Safety.** This safety issue is serious enough that OSHA developed many regulations about it. The types of chemicals, dust or other harmful substances that cause respiratory problems might vary from one work site to another. However, there are precautions that must be taken to avoid overexposure or accidental inhalation of a substance. OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 regulation details respiratory safety standards. Employees should always have a work site assessed by an occupational health specialist to determine the risk of exposure to harmful substances. In addition to this, contact personal business insurance company to find out what their rules about harmful substance exposure are.