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Tonya Schoenfedler,
TS Wellness

“Oh’ My Achin’ Back!”

By TS Wellness

Wednesday, April 11

HBASE Office

7:00am - Registration & Continental Breakfast

7:30am - 9:00am - Educational Seminar

April 26 Membership Meeting

5:30 p.m. *Social Hour*
 6:30 p.m. *Dinner*
 7:30 p.m. *Program -*
 Workforce Development



See page 3 to make reservations.

Spring Parade of Homes

May 5 & 6: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

May 7 & 8: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Over 100 new homes
in Sioux Falls, Harrisburg,
Brandon & Tea



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire is to provide for the advancement of the community and building industry. HBASE serves and represents our members who are affiliated with the building and remodeling industry in the Sioux Empire. HBASE promotes home ownership and quality housing through positive relationships between our members and the community.

The Association provides members opportunities to enhance professionalism through communication, educational opportunities and social activities. HBASE, chartered in 1956, is affiliated with both its State and National Associations.

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By Steve Van Buskirk,
Van Buskirk Companies

Fellowship is one of those words that I often hear and it makes me think how impor-

tant it is to an association. Without a bond between the members, we would not be able to accomplish the things that we set our minds on doing.

As I continue my involvement with the association, I often get a little extra time before and after the committee meetings to get to know the people with whom I am volunteering. These times have lead to some good times and good friends. My experience is common among the numerous volunteers who I see at committee meetings and the events making the rounds, checking the details and getting the job done.

The year is moving on, and we have numerous projects already into the planning stages.

"Without the bond between the members, we would not be able to accomplish the things we set our minds on doing."

There is still plenty of time to get in on the planning, but you may find it more interesting to work at the event first. With each event there is a signup sheet being passed around and a member who is looking for volunteers to help get the job done. Hopefully, you will get contacted and say absolutely, but if no one has asked and you are feeling left out, email me or call the office and we will get you going with a fun new opportunity. Once you get involved and start having fun, you will not be surprised to find out that you will see the same people back again the next year, having a good time with you.

Consider these ideas: Repair Affair is coming June 12th and we would like more volunteers, or the PAC golf is getting ready to hold the annual event. Have a great month.

South Dakota Enacts NOR Legislation

South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds recently signed into law Notice and Opportunity to Repair (NOR) legislation that enables homeowners and home builders to settle construction defect lawsuits without engaging in sometimes costly and time-consuming litigation.

South Dakota is the 31st state to adopt a "right to cure" law. A few other states include: Montana, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Colorado, Minnesota, Michigan and Virginia.

"Notice and opportunity to repair laws provide a common-sense approach to dealing with construction defect problems," said NATIONAL Association of Home Builders (NAHB) President David Wilson. "It's an approach that has received widespread, non-partisan support across the country."

The new law, which was signed by Governor Rounds March 7, requires home owners to provide written notice to builders before filing a lawsuit alleging a construction defect in a newly constructed or renovated home.

Contractors would then have 30 days to propose to inspect the alleged defects, offer to settle the claim by payment, or dispute the claim.

Notice and right to cure preserves the home owner's right to sue if they are not satisfied with the builder's settlement offer.

"Notice and right to cure is a common-sense approach to resolving legitimate consumer complaints and addressing construction defect concerns in a way that can help both the home owner and the builder avoid expensive court battles," said Mike Jung, president of the South Dakota Home Builders Association.

Special thanks to the following HBASE Legislative Committee members who contacted SD Legislative Members: Todd Boots, Jason Herrboldt, Corey Johnson, Herman Otten, Mark A. Peterson, Daryl Christensen, Charles A. Point, Randy Antonsen, Steve Van Buskirk, Bryan Wiseman and Mel Zelmer.

The committee will soon be discussing issues to be addressed during the 2008 Legislative Session. HBASE members are encouraged to contact the HBASE office or chairman Herman Otten with suggestions.

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Southeast Technical Institute Speakers

Mary Freiborg,
Institutional Advancement Officer

Lon Hird,
Business & Industry Training Coordinator

Jeff Schlepp,
Architectural Instructor

Randy Ostraat,
*Construction Field Management
(future program at STI)*

Thursday, April 26
Westward Ho Country Club

Time: Event:

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Program - Workforce Development

Cost: \$17 with a reservation/\$20 without reservation

Program

The presentation done by four representatives from Southeast Technical Institute will share a condensed version of the information gathered previously through our members. They will also briefly gather additional information about workforce development for the construction industry.

Southeast Technical Institute

held a workforce forum for the construction industry in December to access the workforce development needs of the construction industry in the Sioux Falls area.

STI also held an advancement meeting in January so they could respond to the needs cited and let the industry representatives know what construction-related programs

and business & industry training options are currently available.

They presented information and gathered input from the group for a proposed new Construction Management Technician A.A.S. Degree.

So make your reservations now by filling out the form below by April 24.

**Make Your Plans to attend the
April 26 Membership Meeting**

Please call HBASE (361-8322) or fax this page (361-8329) to make your reservation.

Name _____

Company _____

Cost: \$17 with a reservation

Attending Meeting _____

PLEASE R.S.V.P.!

HBASE Policy: If you do not cancel within 24 hours of the meeting you will be billed. Don't be a "No Show." Thank you.

Associate Tables...

Three tables will be set up during social hour for Associate members to display their products or services.

- 1. I-90 Fuels**
- 2. Demir Imports**
- 3. Earth Designs**

Future tables are available on a first come, first serve basis at no charge. Please call the HBASE office for available meetings.

361-8322



By **Arthur Kriens**,
Kriens Construction,
**Remodeling
Council Chairman**

*"Think if you can do a thing
or think you can't do a
thing, you're right."
- Henry Ford*

We know what to try to keep from catching a cold but what do you do to prevent catching a bad attitude? Some people live to complain. They don't understand complaining about the cold doesn't make it any warmer or complaining about the snow doesn't make it melt any faster.

People like this have made complaining a lifestyle. Have you noticed they never say anything good about anybody or any situation? They don't want to hear anything positive or anything that might resolve their complaint. And they certainly don't take any action to make the situation any better; they just want to gripe. I call these folks chronic complainers.

I recently came across a statement made by Mahatma Gandhi. He said, "I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet."

Attitudes, both good and bad, are contagious. When you get near a chronic complainer, don't allow him to invade

your space and dump on you. Every time someone says something negative to me, I immediately speak something positive back. I constantly guard what my brain hears. In the same way I don't want to catch a cold, I don't want to catch a bad attitude.

Everyone encounters challenges or challenging people even more so in remodeling. It is how we respond to the challenges is what determine who we are.

Life is a gift we should treasure every day. I encourage you to be thankful for what you have. You may not be where you want to be yet, but if you keep your eyes on your goal, you will eventually reach it. And as you travel toward your destination, learn to appreciate and be thankful for all you are learning along the way.

If you're a chronic complainer, then make a point to change your attitude and be thankful for everything you have and for your future success. Stop complaining, because life is good.



Remodeling Council Highlight

Todd Irvine,
*Builders Choice
Cabinetry*

Todd Irvine is the President of Builders Choice Cabinetry. Since being in the industry for 15 years, he brings great skill to the Sioux Empire in custom cabinetry and furniture.

Todd has been with the HBASE since 1993 and since then, has served on the Board of Directors, Repair Affair Committee and the State Board. He is also a member of the Remodeling Council, which he greatly values the networking through.

Aside from being very active in this association, Todd is also on the Tea School Board.

In his spare time, he enjoys camping, fishing and watching his sons play sports. His favorite meal is of course, the "Good ol' American Steak and Potatoes".

Todd and his wife, Audra, have three sons, Austin, Alex and Hunter. And his greatest accomplishment in life has been just that, his family.



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Next Remodeling Council Meeting

Michael Stelling,
Granite Transformations

Wed., April 4, 2007
Noon @ HBASE office
Lunch: \$6.00/person

Notice: Let HBA know if you would like to host an RC meeting. You must be able to accommodate lunch space for 25 people & arrange tour.

Call the HBASE office @ 361-8322 to make your reservation. HBASE Policy: If you do not cancel within 24 hours of the meeting you will be billed.

*Next Meeting is set for
May 2, 2007*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 April	2	3 <i>Noon, Membership Committee, HBASE</i>	4 <i>Noon, Remodeling Council, HBASE</i>	5 <i>4:00pm, Ambassador Committee, Lava Lounge</i> <i>5:00pm, New Member Social, Lava Lounge</i>	6 <i>May Home Ideas ad/copy deadline</i> <i>Good Friday - Office Closed</i>	7 <i>Home Ideas TV airs</i> 10:00am KELO 10:30am KCPO 6:00pm KTTW
8 <i>Home Ideas TV airs</i> 8:00am KSFY 9:00am KTTW 10:30am UT	9 <i>4:00pm, Repair Affair Committee, HBASE</i>	10	11 <i>7:00am - 9:00am, Oh' My Achin' Back Seminar, TS Welness, HBASE</i> <i>4:00pm Parade Awards Committee, HBASE</i>	12 <i>Noon, PR Committee, HBASE</i> SDHBA Board Meeting in Pierre	13 <i>Noon, Home Show Advertising Committee, HBASE</i> <i>4:00pm, Parade Signs Committee, HBASE</i>	14 <i>Home Ideas TV airs</i> 10:00am KELO 10:30am KCPO 6:00pm KTTW
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