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The WIBA Punch List

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Don't forget...

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2010
@ the Kensington (Ballroom) 6:30 p.m.
Don't miss Gierke-Robinson Co.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE: NOW FEATURED
Cabinetworks Kitchens
Fox Portable Restrooms
Mangieri Electric

NEXT MONTH'S FEATURES WILL BE:
Chuck Hay Insurance
Munson Pool & Spa
Superior Walls by PCS
(Please make sure your website is up to date. If you need assistance, please call or email Jennifer at the office.)

Get it from a Member!

The Western Illinois
Builder's Association
will be sponsoring a
Blood Drive
at the American
Red Cross
(143 E. Main St.,
Galesburg)
on
Tuesday,
October 26th from
2:00-6:00 pm
Please see insert
for more details!

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THE WIBA PUNCH LIST

WIBA is an association of individuals
and firms who have joined forces,
voluntarily, to promote all phases of
building and remodeling.

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Board Members:

President:
Paul Hensen

Vice-President:
Greg Davis

Treasurer:
Carol Hagan

Past President:
Steve Hawkinson

Directors:
Pat Kennedy
Bud Lewis
Lori Putnam
Scott Howe

Life Directors:
Terry Hartley
Bill Johnson

Executive Officer:
Jennifer Sperry

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 20 - Membership Mtg.
at Kensington
- Oct. 26 - Blood Drive at
Red Cross
- Nov. 3 - Board Meeting at
the Broadview
- Nov. 7 - Veteran's Day
Parade
- Nov. 17 - Membership Mtg.
at Kensington
- Nov. 21 - Christmas Parade
- Dec. 1 - Board Meeting at
the Broadview
- Dec. - Christmas Party

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th, 2010

at the Kensington

(311 E. Simmons St. in the Ballroom)

Networking: 6:30—7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. (Cost: \$10.00/person)

Program...

DOUG SMITH, SALES MANAGER

GIERKE-ROBINSON Co.

Gierke-Robinson Co. will highlight and display several construction supplies they carry that are not found locally. There will be an emphasis on concrete-related products. Come see what they have to offer!

Congratulations!

Two of our members recently received a special honor by being listed in the August 2010 issue of *Qualified Remodeler*. They were both ranked as one of the **2010 Top 500 Remodelers** based on revenue. Please congratulate **Peoria Siding & Window Co.** and **JB & D Siding & Window Co.!** Great job!

NEW MEMBER! NEW MEMBER!

Please welcome our newest member: **Office Specialists, Inc.** Office Specialists, Inc. joined WIBA this month and they are owned and operated by Steve Gerstenberger, Randy Conlon and Trent Pearson. They have been in business for over 20 years. Have a computer problem, need office supplies or furniture, or need a Sharp authorized dealer for copiers/faxes? Give them a call at 309-342-7711 or go to their website at www.osi.biz. Please welcome Office Specialists, Inc. and their employees to our association!

President's Corner...

Since this will be my last missive before the November elections, I want to take a moment to encourage everyone to get out and vote. Vote like our future depends on it, because it does! I know that's true of every election, but for some reason it seems more important this year. We've all heard the stories about how one vote changed elections over the years so your vote is extremely important. If you need help on how to vote just give me a call. Lighten up, I'm just kidding.

Trying to read the economy is still very confusing. Did the recession end last summer as some have said? Everyone has their own answer to that and I suppose it depends on where you live and maybe whether you have a job or not. The September upturn in the stock market was a good sign, but I've never seen a market so skittish. Each day's news seems to determine how the market will respond rather than long term investment objectives. The Wall Street Journal had an article recently which confirmed what I have said all along. They said there will be no overall economic recovery unless there is a housing recovery. It's always happened that way in the past so there's plenty of support for that position.

Locally, the overpass on West Main is proceeding on schedule. Now, be honest, how many of you ever thought, 10 or 15 years ago, that you would ever see the day when construction on such a project would begin? Projects like that seem to be in the planning stage for time periods greater than the time between Cubs World Series victories! Let's hope that many local companies and individuals benefit from the actual construction.

Don't forget the meeting on the 20th at the Kensington. I'll also remind you again that your suggestions for future programs are always welcome. We want programs that interest you so your help is appreciated.

See you at the meeting,
Paul Hensen

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS....

- 1 New members, 0 Cancelled Memberships for a total of **75 members**
- **Office Specialists, Inc.** was accepted as a new member
- **Need suggestions of speakers for meetings—sign up sheet at next meeting**
- Ordered 300 advertisement pens for use at meetings & Home Show with WIBA logo, phone number and website address
- **The social committee with the addition of Chris Pepmeyer is beginning to plan the Christmas Party**—anyone with ideas, please pass them on—a date will be announced soon
- Time to start looking for **Little Miss & Little Mr. Homebuilder contestants**—if you know of a child between the ages of 5 and 9, please send a 3x5 picture along with a brief biography (50 words or less) to the office
- **Knox County Humane Society has already sold \$3,090 in tickets for the 2011 playhouse** that will be given away at the Home Show—be sure to get your ticket!
- Thanks to **Paul Hensen, Steve Hawkinson, & Jennifer Sperry** for volunteering to make cookies for the WIBA sponsored blood drive. Anyone else willing to make a dozen cookies, please notify the office.
- Anyone willing to share trade magazines or interesting articles for inclusion in the newsletter, please pass them on to Jennifer at the office.



—INVITATION FOR MEMBERS—

The Builder's Association has received an invitation from the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Western Illinois University, the Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce for a **free "Ready Business" Seminar on Thursday, October 28th from 6:00—8:00 pm.** The Ready Business Course is designed to help participants understand the importance of having a disaster plan and provide an opportunity to share ideas and develop a disaster plan for their own business. Business owners, managers, and employees are invited. The seminar will be held at Best Western Prairie Inn with a light dinner served at 5:30 pm. **Please register by calling the Illinois Small Business Development Center at 309-836-2640 or by emailing sb-center@wiu.edu.**

Congratulations

- The Winner of the September **50/50 Drawing** was **Clint Masters of Menard's.**
- **Chris Pepmeyer of ReMax Preferred Properties** was drawn for the **Monthly Cash Drawing** at the September meeting. Chris was present to accept the **\$25 cash.** October's drawing will be worth \$25. If the winner is not present, the money will rollover to the next meeting with the final drawing being held at the Christmas Party in December.

—Reminder—

Dues due in November:

Chimney Savers
Chuck Hay Insurance
Fox Portable Restrooms
Midwest Bank of Western Illinois
ReMax Preferred Properties,
Chris Pepmeyer

THANK YOU!



A big "Thank You" to Stephanie Johnson and her son Rich of Central Illinois Environmental Safety Resources, LLC for speaking at our September membership meeting. Stephanie and Rich presented information on the Renovation, Repair and Painting Lead Law which went into effect in April of this year. Everyone had a great opportunity to have their questions answered. If you need more information or have additional questions, feel free to contact Stephanie or Rich at 309-221-3677 or check out their website at www.rrpclasses.com.

Stephanie and Rich will be offering an additional training class on Oct. 14th in Galesburg.

It's not too early to start thinking about the 2011 Home Show!

If you attend 5 or more membership meetings between March 2010 and February 2011, you will receive \$100 off of your Home Show Booth! New members also receive \$100 off their booth. There are only 5 meetings left, so don't miss the October 20th meeting!

****Please see the inserted Home Show Flyer for more details or to reserve a booth!****