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Ames Homebuilders Association

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President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying a great summer of both building and vacations as August is here and the students begin to return to Ames. I have come to learn in my years in Ames, the early August migration of pickups and stock trailers marks the nearing end of summer. As I pass jobsites, I imagine you builders can see it in dumpsters full of furniture that somehow arrives at your jobsite. Hopefully, you were all able to get some leisure in before fall arrives.

The summer has been fairly quiet on the Ames Homebuilders side. We had a successful fundraiser for our scholarship fund with the Playhouse Raffle. The playhouses looked great and brought attention to our association as they were displayed throughout town. I want to thank all the Members that donated to this project. Without the donations a project like this would not be possible. We also need to thank Ben Strotman for heading up this project. We learned how to make it even more successful next year. I hope all will get involved in some capacity with all of our projects.

Our membership committee is putting together our Family Picnic that will be held on August 28th. This is a good opportunity to bring the Family and enjoy some fun. The Women's Council will put together some great activities for the kids this year. We have further information inside the newsletter on the picnic.

Our website is up and running. We will have a calendar of events, newsletter, and other information that you may find useful. There will also be opportunity to link to your website or email from the Association's. Please refer to the website for contacts to take advantage of advertising your business to our members and the general public. Go to www.ameshomebuilders.com to view it.

In September, I look forward to seeing you at our Golf Outing and our General Membership meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact myself, Stacy, or a board member.

Respectfully,
Mike Schmit
515/203-6769

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Get in the loop...

Iowa Build Pac Update

Recently Iowa Build Pac Chairman, Jerry Cable Sr., had the honor of attending functions with both congressman Tom Latham and Congressman King. Jerry presented checks for \$5000.00 to each congressman on behalf of the Iowa Build Pac. Jerry also had the opportunity to discuss issues with both Congressmen that are of concern to the building trades. Jerry received assurance from both congressmen that they would be supportive of legislation regarding both the building trades and business. For more information on Build Pac, please contact Jerry Cable Sr. at 515/232-

2006 International Builders' Show

Online registration for the 2006 International Builders' Show is now open. The show will be held January 11 - 14, 2006 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando Florida. Over 100,000 attended last year because of the vast array of exhibits with the latest building product innovations, outstanding educational opportunities and the chance to network with building industry colleagues from around the world. For more information on the show go to: www.buildersshow.com.

What exciting event happens in just over 100 days?

The Ames HBA Holiday Party! It's never too early to start planning for your company Holiday Party. The Ames HBA would like to invite our members and employees to attend our Holiday Party at the Gateway Hotel on December 16th. The Ames HBA Women's Council will be planning this year's event and they promise a fun-filled evening. If you would like to sponsor the event, please contact Mary Fitch at 515/232-8884. A sponsorship form will be mailed to all members this fall.

Parade of Homes Thanks

Many thanks go out to the 2005 Parade of Homes Committee Chair and Members. Without the hard work and ideas that the committee put forth the Parade of Homes wouldn't have been the huge success that it was. Mark Hanson, Committee Chair, would like to thank the following committee members: Matt Barr, Nikkle & Associates; Dan Krogman, Kurrent Electric; Nancy Hager, Commercial Federal Bank; Stacy Fondell, Sherwin Williams; Mike Wiezorek, Sherwin Williams, Randy Rathert, Rathert Construction; and special thanks to the Ames HBA Women's Council for all of their hard work selling advertising for the Parade of Homes official show book.

And the winners are...

The Ames HBA is please to announce that the winners of the 2005 Playhouse Raffle are Catlin Rusk of Ames and Tim Lawson of Ames. The winning tickets were sold by Cheri (Mike) Schmit at Medicap and Matt Barr, Nikkle & Associates. Thanks to all who helped sell and to those who bought raffle tickets. Almost \$2000 was raised for the Ames HBA scholarship fund. Many thanks goes out to Ben Strotman, Wille Carpentry, for all the time and work he put into coordinating the supplies and building the two playhouses.

Fall Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for the Fall HBA Golf Outing. The Fall Outing will be Monday, September 12 at Veenker Memorial Golf Course. A best ball tournament will get started at 12:30 pm. Cost for the event will be \$55 per person and will include golf & cart, prizes and dinner! Registration forms have been included with the newsletter. If you need another copy, please call Stacy at 515/460-5550 or ameshomebuilders@msn.com.

If you are interested in being a hole (\$150), beverage or prize sponsor please let Stacy know as soon as possible. Thanks!

Calling all kids! The Family Picnic is coming up!

The Ames HBA will once again be hosting a family picnic for our members. The picnic will be held on Sunday, August 28 in the Walnut Shelter at Inis Grove Park. The picnic is not limited to members with children, in fact we'd love to see any and all members join us for an afternoon of fun and food as we celebrate the end of summer and get back into the swing of things this fall. The picnic will be held from 4 - 6 pm and will cost \$5 per person with children 12 years old and under free. The Ames HBA Women's Council will be planning games and activities for the kids.

Please RSVP to Stacy at ameshomebuilders@msn.com by Wednesday, August 25. We look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

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**FALL GOLF OUT-
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FORM INSIDE!**

Upcoming Events

- August 28 - Family Picnic, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, *Inis Grove Park (Walnut Shelter)*
- September 12 - Fall Golf Outing, 12:30 pm, *Veenker Memorial Golf Course*
- September 20 - Membership Meeting, 5:30 pm, DMACC President Rob Denson, *Quality Inn & Suites (Bufords)*
- October 18 - Membership Meeting, 5:30 pm, “The Role of Insulation in the Home”, *Elks Club*
- December 16 - Holiday Party, *Hotel at the Gateway*