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Ames Homebuilders Association

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President's Message

Iwould like to start out with a big welcome to Stacy Woodward our new Executive Officer. The search committee was very pleased to have many good candidates for our EO position and we look forward to working with Stacy. Stacy has previous association experience with the Skokie (Illinois) Chamber of Commerce and the American Bar Association. Membership, marketing and committee management are some of the areas she has worked in. I believe she will be able to energize our membership to move our association forward. She has a big job ahead of her and she is eager to get started. Hopefully, our website will now be able to move forward as well as many other projects. Please introduce yourself to Stacy at our meetings and other events this Spring and Summer.

Our next big event is the Parade of Homes. Mark Hanson will be needing some help as the parade nears. Thanks to all who have entered a home. There is still time if you would like to get your home

entered. The Parade of Homes will be held June 10 - 12 and 17 - 19. It again will be a scattered site show. We also have our first of two golf outings coming up on May 16. It will be held at Coldwater Golf Links. I hope to have the rust beat off of my clubs by then.

The April General Membership Meeting will feature the State HBA. They will bring us information from our State Association and let you know the work they are doing for us. Flora Schmidt, the State EO, along with Jeff Tegler, State President, are among those who will speak.

Finally, as we move through the summer, please feel free to contact myself or any of the board members with any questions or concerns you may have. Please keep in mind we are strong with one voice to solve a problem verses many single voices.

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2005 Board of Di-

President: *Mike Schmit*

1st Vice President: *Mark Hanson*

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Secretary/Treasurer: *Randy Rathert*

State Directors: *Scott Brower, Kirk Geist, Ben Strotman*

National Directors: *Jerry Cable, Steve Shuey*

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April Membership Meeting

Please plan to attend the April 26 membership meeting at the Gateway Center. Speakers will include the President of the State HBA, the State EO and others. Cost is \$35 per person and will include a cash bar and buffet meal.

Technology Night

The May membership meeting speakers will feature information on the latest technology for the construction industry. The line up of speakers* is outstanding and will include: Dan Houk, H&M Computers, Dan Westercamp, Woodruff Construction, Staples, Best Buy and Midwest Business Solutions. The meeting will be held at the Elks Club on May 24.

**Speakers are subject to change.*

Iowa Build Pac Barbeque & Roundup

Sherriff Jerry Cable would like to invite you to the Iowa Build Pac BBQ & Roundup on May 25. The event will take place at the Cable Acres. An invitation will be mailed to all Ames HBA members. For more information call 515/232-1840.

CPR training is still available

Please contact Kirk Geist at 515/240-8166.

CPR training is valuable for you and your employees. Take advantage of this offer by Kirk to organize this training opportunity.

Women's Council

The Ames Women's Council will be hosting our National Chairperson, Lisa Forsman, on April 26. Lisa will be speaking at the State Board Meeting and the Ames HBA membership meeting.

HBA Fundraiser

Under the direction of Ben Strotman, we are building two playhouses to be raffled off as a fundraiser for the association. Each ticket will cost \$25 and the proceeds will go to the AHBA general funds account to help fund scholarships and other needs. Ben needs volunteers to help build and supply us with materials for the playhouses. He plans to start building on Saturday, April 30 . Anyone who is interested in helping should contact Ben at 515/203-6386. Thank you!

Spring Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for the Spring HBA Golf Outing. The Spring Outing will be Monday, May 16 at Coldwater Golf Links. 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 sent in the mail. If you did not receive one or need another copy, please call Stacy at 515/460-5550 or ameshomebuilders@msn.com.

*2005
Parade
of
Homes*

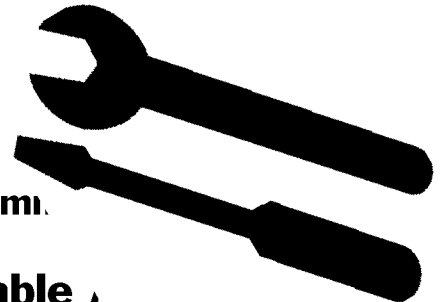
The 2005 Ames Homebuilders Parade of Homes is scheduled for June 10 - 12 and June 17 - 19. Currently, we have nine homes registered to participate. If you are interested in showing your home, please contact Mark Hanson at 292-3479 as soon as possible.

This year we will be charging a \$5 admission fee to all attendees. A Parade of Homes booklet will be handed out to all attendees highlighting the features of each home. If you are interested in advertising in the book, please contact Mary Fitch at 515/232-8884.

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Upcoming Events

- **April 26 - Membership Meeting—Gateway Center Program—State Representatives/State Homebuilders Meeting**
- **April 30 - HBA Playhouse Fundraiser Work Day**
- **May 16 - Spring Golf Outing —Coldwater Golf**
- **May 24 - Membership Meeting—Elk's Club Program—Technology Night: New gadgets and improved com.**
- **May 25 - Build Pac Barbeque & Roundup - Cable**
- **June 10-12 & 17-19 - 2005 Parade of Homes**
- **September 12 - Fall Golf Outing—Veenker Memorial Golf Course**



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