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## Chairperson's Message

by Lori Pippitt

### **HBAL Remodelers New Flash!!!**

We have worked hard to "stay ahead of the curve" on the EPA's Toxic Substance Control Act. A one-day certification class will be offered on September 15 and 16 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. This course is an 8-hour course with 2 hours of hands on training required to obtain certification as an EPA-recognized "Certified Renovator."

There has been much confusion about the EPA's Lead Base Paint law going into effect in April 2010. This law affects any firm doing work, interior and exterior, on a home 1978 or older which contains lead. It is important for painters, electrical contractors, siding companies, window replacement firms, and all interior remodelers and interior decorating firms who could be disturbing painted surfaces have a "Certified Renovator" on staff.

To help our members with the cost of this class, a discounted rate has been offered to all members; additional discounts are available to companies wishing to have multiple employees attend. In addition, ten \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded!

The scholarship golf outing at Hidden Valley was a great success; 32 teams participated and it was a perfect day for golf. Thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who helped make this a fun event! There were many comments on the "dress up" hole, so be sure to check out the GREAT photos in this issue!!!!

Come join us for lunch at the Champions Club for our next meeting Wednesday, September 9 "How the Laws of Success Apply to Today's Difficult Home Building Environment" featuring Al Trellis. I'm sure we could all use a few fresh ideas!

■ Change your thoughts, and you change your world.

- Norman Vincent Peale

## **REMODELERS** COUNCIL OF LINCOLN

September General Membership & Remodelers Council Meeting

How the Laws of Success Apply to Today's Difficult Home Building Environment

Speaker: Al Trellis

Sponsored by:

Builders Achieving Excellence

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

11:30 a.m. - Registration

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

Nebraska Champions Club  
707 Stadium Drive

Please park in the garage south of the Champions Club.

Parking in the lot surrounding the Champions Club is by permit only during this event.

Cost - \$20 per person (No shows will be billed)

Send your RSVP to [info@hbal.org](mailto:info@hbal.org) or call 423-4225.

## Welcome New Members!

Jenn Carroll White

Interiors Joan and Associates

Alex Kallio

Comfort Chiropractic

# First Annual Lincoln Smoke Alarm Rally

- Nationally, 84% of all fire deaths occur in the home (United States Fire Administration).
- Statistics point to a fifty percent reduction in fire fatalities since the introduction of smoke alarms into the home since the late 1970's (USFA).
- The United States Fire Administration reports that 90% of all residences have smoke alarms today. In fatality fires however, that percentage drops to 58%, and of that 58% only about 1/3 (37%) proved to be operational. This means that in the residences with fatal fires, 80% had either non-existent or non-functional smoke alarms.

## State of Nebraska

Problem: Nebraska injury and death statistics for 2004-2006 indicated that fire deaths in Nebraska had increased to a level placing fire as the number 2 leading cause of death to children in Nebraska. According to the United States Fire Administration, Nebraska's fire death rate per capita for 2005 was 15.9. The national fire death rate in 2005 was 12.3 deaths per million population, giving Nebraska the 16th highest fire death rate in the nation.

## City of Lincoln

Lincoln Fire & Rescue Structure Fire data for 2007 shows a greater occurrence of fires in single and multi-family homes in an area bounded by Washington to F Street, 10th to 14th Street. Lincoln Fire & Rescue data indicates that Lincoln residents living in this targeted area have a much greater chance of being injured or killed by a residential fire.

## Goals

- 300 volunteers to install, free of charge, dual sensing 10 year sealed smoke alarms in the targeted residential neighborhood
- Program success based on donations and volunteers
- 1,000 plus living units visited
- 500 smoke alarms installed in the targeted area
- Residents educated about the risk of fire and the importance of Home Escape Drills

## Needs for the Project

- \$5,000.00 needed to complete project goals less donations (\$6,000.00 has already been raised)
- 10 step ladders
- 100 bags or back packs for teams to carry supplies to the homes
- 100 each of the following hand tools: Hammer, Awl, and Screw Driver

## Solution Effort

*What:* First Annual Lincoln Smoke Alarm Rally, a newly proven program started in Phoenix, AZ

*When:* Saturday, September 19, 2009

*Time:* 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon

*Where:* Everett Elementary School, 1123 C St.

## Yes, I'd like to help!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be there to help on Saturday, September 19

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be able to provide the following materials: \_\_\_\_\_

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