

Step by Step

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Chairperson's Message

by Lori Pippitt

The Remodeling Show in Indianapolis was a fun and educational time! We attended seminars on topics such as water conservation, green remodeling, business marketing and how to survive in this tough economic time. Much of this show was focused on how to stay in the game, keeping our name out in the public eye and adapting to the new building environment. Previous years have been focused on new products and growth. This year's show made me wonder; are we spending too much time as an industry focusing on "dealing" with how things are and not enough time "recreating" the excitement and hope for the remodeling industry?

Last month we toured Lighthouse, which provides after school activities and guidance for area high school students. Many of our HBAL members played an integral part in the building's completion. This project was a BURST of positive energy of how we as builders/remodelers are making a difference for our community!

Last year, due to the economic downturn, we were unable to participate in the Santa Cop project. This year we had a GREAT turnout and built 68 art easels, complete with colors, paints, paper and coloring books! While helping out, I had a wonderful experience with a student and during a break I asked him if he was there because of a class assignment. He told me that he was helping because he had once been one of those kids and he wanted to "give back" and help out. His answer made me realize that many times our problems are nothing compared to what some people face on a daily basis.

As we move into the holiday season, we are planning a fun Holiday Party December 2nd at Brewsky's downtown (basement room). I ask each of you to please bring a nonperishable food item or toiletry for us to donate to the Food Bank or drop off a doll or toy with wheels to the HBAL office.

During this time, giving of ourselves can be the best way to create POSITIVE ENERGY!

- The greatest discovery of my generation is that man can alter his life simply by altering his attitude of mind.

-- William James

Remodelers Council Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 2
11:30 a.m.

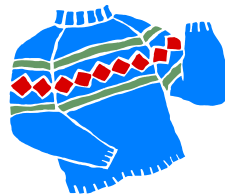
Brewsky's

in the Haymarket
201 N. 8th Street
(Lower Level)

Cost \$12 per person

Please RSVP to info@hbal.org or 423-4225 and include your choice of:

- Brewsky Cheeseburger
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- Philadelphia Philly



This year's theme is "Ugly Sweater Party," so dig out your most hideous sweater!

Instead of our usual treat exchange, we would like to gather food/toiletries for the Food Bank at this year's party. Please bring nonperishable food items or toiletries to help those in need this year.



Green Building for Building Professionals

November 19-20



30 Builders, Remodelers, Interior Designers, Realtors and Green Build Council Members signed up for the two-day Green Building course.



Steve Theis, CGP, GMB, CMP begins class with a review of the previous day's material. Steve is the President of Emerald Homes of Iowa.

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Remodeler of the Month



Name: Paul Patzel

Position: Owner

Company: Patzel Contracting

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Company Information: Our focus is on home repairs and remodeling of baths, kitchens, basements, garages and small additions.

History: I began working for my father as a bricklayer in 1967. When my father retired in 1986, I continued his tradition of fine masonry work. In 2005, my son and I started focusing on interior and exterior repairs and remodels.

Favorite Books: The Bible and anything about fishing and hunting

Favorite Movie: A good drama or comedy

Favorite TV shows: CSI and NCIS

Find Rewarding: A job well done

Biggest challenge in life: Teaching Sunday School for teenagers

What inspires you: God's beautiful creations

What did you want to be when you grew up: Architect or Veterinarian

Pet Peeve: People who text or talk on their cell phone while driving

Bad Habit: Voicing my opinion when I should keep my thoughts to myself

First thing I do in the morning: Let my dogs out the back door

Favorite vacation spot: Colorado Rockies or Table Rock Lake

Greatest Hero: King David

Childhood fear: Can't recall any

Spare time: Fishing, hunting and maybe a round of golf

Family: My wife, Pam, three children, Steven, Michael and Melissa, and six grandchildren

Greatest accomplishment: 42 years of marriage

■ Electricity is really just organized lightning.

-- George Carlin