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If you don't make a total commitment to whatever you're doing, then you start looking to bail out the first time the boat starts leaking. It's tough enough getting that boat to shore with everybody rowing, let alone when a guy stands up and starts putting his jacket on.

- Lou Holtz



Chairperson's Message

by Lori Pippitt

July is a CRAZY month full of fun and family activities!

It seems like the summer just flies by and often I find myself wondering where the last month has gone! We are halfway through 2010 and things are still up and down with the construction industry throughout the U.S., but here in the Midwest it seems to change like the weather – slow and partly cloudy one day and sunny and busy the next!

New products continue to show up in our showroom and many with budget conscious price points – these have been a great new meeting booster for many clients. I think many of our suppliers are trying to find ways to help us sell. I have found myself being more creative with finding ways to make spaces “POP,” which homeowners want without breaking the bank. We are all working harder but the key is to try to have fun while doing it!

It's VEGAS style Golf this year at Hidden Valley! Once again, we have some fun activities planned for the August 13th Remodelers Golf Tournament at Hidden Valley. Check-in will be from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. with a shotgun start immediately following. Tee-times are still available so call Kayla or Jennie at the HBAL office to reserve a foursome. This year we will be playing a LAS VEGAS-style scramble. **If you want to know how to play golf LAS VEGAS style here is your chance!** We have some GREAT Raffle items this year including a two-night stay at any Hyatt Hotel or Resort in the U.S., a one-night stay at the Westin Crown Center Kansas City with a \$100 Visa Card for dinner or shopping, and Zodiaq Quartz countertops with full color choice installed in Your Kitchen! Raffle tickets will be available soon and will also be sold at the Saltdogs game August 5th. The Saltdogs game is always a good family-friendly HBAL event to attend!

TP Run! *has been extended!!!*

Bring Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes, Soap, Other Necessities to HBAL through ~~June~~ *July 15*

The Remodelers Council is having its third TP Run (Toilet Paper Run) to help the clients of the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC). These clients are on fixed incomes, and after rent and medical expenses, often are left with very little money for the basic necessities. And with a decline in the availability of items at the Center for People in Need, donations from the Remodelers Council of Lincoln is even more helpful than ever before.

Items that would be greatly appreciated by CMHC & its clients:

- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Sanitary products for women
- Bar soap for men
- Bath gel soap for women
- Cleaning supplies
- Poly-grip



Please pick up an extra roll of toilet paper or bar of soap on your next shopping trip, and drop it by the HBAL office before ~~June 30~~ *July 15*. Thanks for helping to take care of our community!

Welcome New Member!

Justin Brandt

Home Solutions of Nebraska

EPA Delays Enforcement on Lead Rule

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has delayed enforcement actions regarding training and firm certification requirements against remodelers under the Lead: Renovation, Repair, and Painting rule until October 1.

The EPA released the enforcement delay memo on June 18, explaining that contractors who have enrolled in Certified Renovator training with an EPA-approved training provider by September 30 will not face enforcement, as long as the training is completed by December 30.

However, the EPA will continue to enforce against violations of the work practices stipulated in the rule. Remodelers will still need to give consumers the pre-renovation pamphlet (Renovate Right), set up containment, avoid prohibited practices, conduct cleaning, and complete cleaning verification.

This delay of enforcement is a win for NAHB because it had long contended the EPA lacked enough trainers nationwide to prepare remodelers for the regulation and had failed to implement an awareness plan to remodelers about the rule. NAHB had sent letters to EPA requesting enforcement delay and spoke to members of Congress about problems with the rule implementation. The memo acknowledges that the EPA created the delay due to concerns raised by the regulated community.

Remodelers can search for an EPA-approved training provider or can contact their local home builder's association to find Certified Renovator training sessions.

Remodeling firms must also become EPA-certified by submitting a form and \$300 fee.

For more information visit <http://www.nahb.org/leadpaint> or email Matt Watkins at mwatkins@nahb.org or call 800-368-5242 x8327.

Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program

The following is a list of available training programs in the Lincoln area. These one-day classes will give you the EPA-mandated training needed for you and/or your employees to become Certified Renovators and comply with the Lead Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting rule that went into effect on April 22.

SCC Continuing Education Center
www.southeast.edu/continuing

Educational Institute
www.eitraining.com or call 423-7530

Inspection Associates
www.inspectionassociatesinc.com or call 423-8444

Renovate Right Brochures

The EPA has updated the Renovate Right brochure to reflect the removal of the opt-out clause. The new brochure can be found at www.hbal.org or www.epa.gov/lead. You can also pick up your Renovate Right brochures at the HBAL office for just \$1 each.

Remodeler of the Month

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Company Information: O'Neill Enterprises, Inc. is a full service remodeling and painting contractor. We specialize in commercial and residential services.

History: I have been self employed in the home improvement industry my whole "working" life. At a young age, I started a small handyman/lawn care business and I have just kept moving forward. In 2005, I incorporated and started O'Neill Enterprises, Inc.

Favorite Books: A Ride of a Lifetime, The Story of American Choppers (It is about how it was all started and the struggles of what founder, Paul Teutul, went through.)

Favorite Movie: There are too many to list.

Favorite TV shows: Two and a Half Men, American Pickers and Pawn Stars

Find Rewarding: Accomplishing a goal or completing a task I didn't think was possible.

Biggest challenge in life: Seeing the glass half full rather than half empty.

What inspires you: My family and seeing happy customers.

What did you want to be when you grew up? I think a doctor, I assume for the money.

Pet Peeve: People who do not show up for work.

Bad Habit: I might say a bad word or two every once in a while.

First thing I do in the morning: Drink coffee, lots of coffee.

Favorite vacation spot: Somewhere warm.

Childhood fear: Mayo and Mustard

Spare time: I like to work on my house and yard, go camping and hang out with family and friends.

Family: It's just me and my dogs.

Greatest accomplishment: Every day, I am proud of myself for starting my company from nothing and getting to where I am today. I can't wait to see what the future brings.





LINCOLN HOME BUILDERS CARE FOUNDATION

Sin City



New "Las Vegas" Scramble

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 13, 2010

Registration: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. • Shotgun Start immediately following registration

Hidden Valley Golf Course • 10501 Pine Lake Road

\$65 per golfer • 4-Person "Las Vegas" Scramble

Friday, August 13, 2010 promises to be another day of fun, friendship, and competition. Please join us for the 18th Annual Remodelers Council Golf Tournament. The tournament is open to all HBAL members, Remodelers Council members, spouses, and guests.

- Check-in: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
• The tournament format is 18 holes, 4-person "Las Vegas" scramble.
• Shotgun start.
• Tournament is limited to 36 foursomes.
• Hamburgers & hot dogs will be served all day.
• This will be a handicapped event. Flights will be determined based on a 9 hole score randomly selected.
• \$65 includes golf, cart, food, & prizes.
• A putting contest will take place before and during the tournament. The cost is \$5 per person.
• Prizes awarded in the banquet room upstairs following the tournament.

Sponsorship!!! If you are interested in sponsoring a hole or contributing to the Scholarship Golf Tournament, call the HBAL office at 423-4225. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$100. All sponsors will be listed in the Lincoln Business Builder and a sign will be posted at the golf tournament.

To sign up, you may fax (423-4251) or mail this form to HBAL...or call (423-4225).

REMODELERS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

If you are interested in a designated foursome, please register all four players together. If not, you will be assigned a team.

1st Player _____ Company _____

2nd Player _____ Company _____

3rd Player _____ Company _____

4th Player _____ Company _____

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ players. (Make checks payable to the Lincoln Home Builders Care Foundation.)

_____ Yes! We'd like to enter the putting contest.

We will have _____ entries in the putting contest for \$5 each, for a total of \$_____.

Prepayment is required to play. Fax this form to HBAL at 423-4251. Or mail it to: Lincoln Home Builders Care Foundation 6100 S. 58th Street, Suite C Lincoln, NE 68516