

Builders At Their Best



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2010 Golf Tournament

Friday, May 7th turned out to be a perfect golf day for our Annual Golf Tournament. American Pest Control, Georgia Metals and Reliance Trust Company sponsored holes. We also had 42 T-Box Sponsor, three other supporters and 20 teams. Mike Osborn and Roy Jones won first place. Ricky McCurley and Rudy York won second, and John Comer and Tom Bieser won third. Mike Osborn also won longest drive and Ricky LeCroy was closest to the pin.

Special thanks go to Mike Little of Just Wright Pest Control and Mike Duncan of Duncan Electrical & Plumbing for providing a great meal. We also want to thank Kathy Brown and Stephen Winger of Adams Building Supplies for checking in all our golfers, and Kelly Spagnoli of Spags Cabinet Shop for driving the beverage cart.



Ricky's Corner

Well 2010 is 1/3 gone. Tax season is over for most, and summer the busy time is almost here. I hope your business is seeing an increase or at least holding steady. They are saying that the economy is rising up slowly.

Well at least we got some good news at the HBAG spring board meeting May 3-6. The health insurance plan should soon be up and running, maybe by August. The costs are not finalized yet, but the savings to members could be in the 15 -20% range. This should help your bottom line. The premiums will reflect the new federal law and the increases it will cause to the plans you are under now according to the reports from the Trustees.

The industry and homeowners fared well in the 2010 legislative session due to the concentrated effort by HBAG, the Government Affairs committee and all of you that responded to the email alerts and called, emailed or talked to the legislators about issues that affect us. We must stay on the offensive to keep housing cost down without undue regulations such as HB 1196 which says that no government can force you to install sprinklers in your new homes. In the Atlanta area, \$5,000.00 added to home cost will eliminate 19,694 people from the dream of home ownership, and in the Athens area, this number would be 744 people unable to afford a home.

The new lead based paint law that went in effect on April 22, 2010 changed on April 24 to eliminate the opt-out rule. The clean up test may change to us having to send out to a lab to test for lead. You would think that a law that took 17 years to take effect would have all this figured out before now. WE will have another class on JUNE 22-2010 at the Literacy center below the library. HBANEG is starting a PR group which is in our 2010 strategic plan. I believe this is one of the most important things we can do for our members. We are lucky to have a professional help us with this plan. We have some members that are working with us on this also.

We have the ability once again to get a significant reduction in your advertising cost in the Southern Publishing Phone book which will have a distribution of 44,000 homes and businesses in Hart, Franklin and Stephens counties. If you have already done you ads with them they will still work with you on this program. The more members that join this plan the lower it will be on cost. Get your name in and save. Put your name in and if you have questions call or email the office so we can get them answered and get this moving to be able to have enough time for you to proof your ads before they print.

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How's Your Attitude?

My grandson is always telling me how high or low his hungry meter is. Before lunch, he'll point to right above his abdomen and say that his meter is low. After lunch, he'll tell me he's full and his hungry meter is at his shoulders. I was thinking, wouldn't it be great if we had an attitude meter?

We could adjust our actions to help us have better days. If our attitude meter was heading toward the negative end, we could change our mind or actions so that we could move it toward the positive. Sometimes, all it takes is looking at a situation differently to change your whole attitude toward it.

You might think I'm being a "Polly Anna". It wouldn't be the first time someone has accused me of that. When I first started my career in management, I thought they were being derogatory. However, as I matured, I realized that looking on the bright side of things doesn't hurt a thing. Not only does it keep your own spirits up, but most of the time, it rubs off on those around you.

With the economy the way it is today, and our businesses being tested to their survival limits, we need every ounce of our own determination to pull us through. The one person you can always count on is yourself, so why not give yourself a break and mentally encourage your own actions. If you don't, then there may not be anyone else who does.

Cathy Eison, EO HBANEG



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7/15
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There is a late renewal fee of \$200 for renewal applications submitted between July 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010. However, during this extended renewal period, a builder's license is considered lapsed and not valid. After December 31, all licenses that have not been renewed will be treated as revoked. At that juncture, reinstatement is at the discretion of the board, which could require the submission of a new application and/or the re-taking of the licensing examination.

The renewal application includes a series of yes/no questions concerning citizenship, criminal offenses, disciplinary actions, financial condition, judgments, payment of taxes, bankruptcy and insurance coverage. Depending on the answer provided, some of the questions may require the submission of additional documentation. For example, if license holder answers "yes" to the question concerning criminal convictions, a certified copy of the court disposition will need to be submitted to the board. If no additional documents are required to be submitted, the application may be processed within twenty-four to forty-eight hours. If additional documentation or letters of explanation are required, it could take much longer and may even require board review. Even if not specifically noted on the renewal application, the Board retains the right to request documentation pertaining to any of the questions included in the renewal application.

If a license holder has previously asked to be placed on inactive status, the license holder will need to reactivate the license prior to renewal.

The renewal of a qualifying agent license automatically renews the corresponding company license. It does not, however, renew all of the other qualifying agent licenses for that same company, if the company has more than one qualifying agent. Because each company may have multiple qualifying agents, each qualifying agent will need to renew their license separately.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems during the renewal process, call the Secretary of State Call Center at 478.207.2440.

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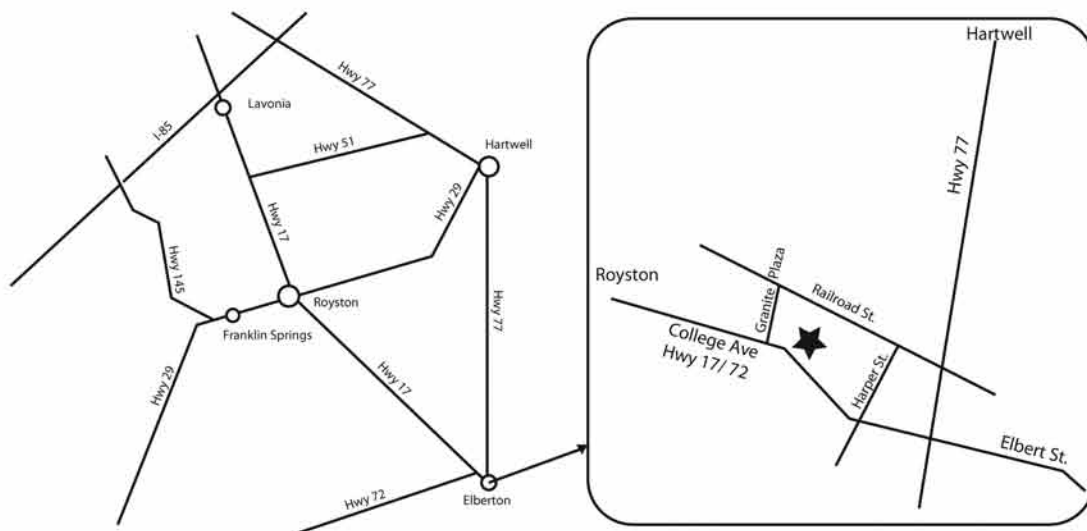
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2010 Northeast Georgia Scholarship

On Thursday, May 20, 2010, Ricky Carter presented a \$500 scholarship to Kayla Moon at Franklin County High School. Kayla is the daughter of our members, Wayne and Deanne Moon. Kayla has been a member of Franklin County Skills USA Chapter where she not only competed at both region and state levels, but served as Vice-President last year and President this year. Kayla has studied drafting for four year and plans on using this scholarship at Athens Tech to further her studies pursuing architecture.



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