

 **Editorial**



By David W. VanHorn  
President

I have just returned from the Home Builders annual Community Service Project, which this year was in Mingo County helping rebuild after flood damage. This was my first experience and I guarantee you, it won't be my last. I can't begin to tell you how much fun we all had in tearing apart this house and putting it back together. We had at least 20 different workers on the project – which goes to prove "TEAM WORK WORKS".

Personally, I was extremely happy with how certain members (David Preston, John Brumley) braved the dark, mold filled and smelly crawl space of this house to clean out the debris. I had "chicken" written all over me after Sunday when I found a spider lurking within my reach big enough to carry me back to Williamstown!! I thought to myself 'what the he...ck am I doing down here in this dungeon?' I thank Bill Pickrell for giving me the roof job. (ha,ha)

I will not say much more about this project because it is really Bill's project to brag about and brag he should. I will end by saying THANK YOU to all who were there and to all who donated money, etc to make this a successful project. See you on the next project !!

As we all know, HBA of WV and BrickStreet Insurance have brokered a program to save money on our Workers' Compensation Insurance premiums. This program is only for builder members. Associates who are directly involved in home building as a contractor or subcontractor with a valid contractors license, should call Beth at 304-342-5176 and to explore the possibility of classification as a builder member.

Beth and I have been working with the BrickStreet Team trying to find a way to include all associate members in this program – so don't despair, it'll come. For all who qualify, you should be seeing a 7.2% discount in your premiums as of September 2009.

We have formed an Insurance Safety Committee to work with the BrickStreet Team and this network has many functions. Our main objective is to keep our loss ratio at a minimum, to help increase our discount and to help those companies who get behind get back up to speed. If you have any questions, call Beth or April at the State Office (304-342-5176).

 **Nominations**

**2010 HBA OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

The following slate has been selected by the Nominating Committee. They will be presented to the Board of Directors at its October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting for consideration as officers of the Home Builders Association of West Virginia for 2010.

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| President                            | David Van Horn  |
| First Vice President                 | Fred McDonald   |
| Second Vice President                | To be nominated |
| Associate Vice President             | David Fleming   |
| Secretary                            | To be nominated |
| Treasurer                            | Robert Ritenour |
| Associate Treasurer                  | Carl York       |
| State Representative                 | John Brumley    |
| National Director                    | Fred McDonald   |
| Alternate National Director          | Alan Baker      |
| Associate Member Director to NAHB    | Carl York       |
| Alternate Assoc Mbr Director to NAHB | Tom Board       |

 **Convention Schedule**

**Home Builders Association of West Virginia  
2009 Convention - The Greenbrier**

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:30 am Golf Tournament – Greenbrier Course  
(Box Lunch Provided)
- 6:00 pm \*Awards Reception
- 8:00 pm Bowling Tournament

**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 am First Timers Breakfast (Dutch Treat)
- 8:30 – 4:00 Registration
- 8:30 – 12:00 TABLE TOP DISPLAYS
- 8:00 am BrickStreet Safety Committee
- 9:00 am Government Affairs Committee
- 10:30 – 12:00 BrickStreet Presentations  
"Effective Return to Work Programs"  
"Effective Loss Control Programs"
- Noon Spike Luncheon
- 1:30 – 3:00 "What Makes You Different" –  
Presenter David Fleming
- 3:00 – 4:30 BrickStreet Presentations  
"Effective Return to Work Programs"  
"Effective Loss Control Programs"
- 6:30 pm \* Before Dinner Drinks
- 7:00 pm \*\*1959 Reminiscing Party"

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:30 – 9:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 am Executive Committee
- 9:30 am Annual Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting

*OPTIONAL AFTERNOON EVENTS*

- 2:15 pm Bunker Tour
- 2:30 – 4:00 Sporting Clay Event
- 6:30 pm \*Reception
- 7:00 pm Awards Banquet  
Presentation of Awards

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| Hospitality Room | Thursday 8:00 – 11:00 pm |
|                  | Friday 9:00 – 5:00 pm    |
|                  | Saturday Noon – 5:00 pm  |

\* CASH BAR