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Santa is Coming to AAHBA!

Santa will be visiting us at the AAHBA office! He will be bringing with him an ELF for picture taking too.

Karen Griffin of Karen B. Griffin Custom Homes and Past President of AAHBA has a special connection with Santa. She has arranged for him to visit us at AAHBA, 1651 Meriweather Drive on Thursday December 2nd from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Bring the KIDS for a family portrait with SANTA – just in time to make your Christmas Cards out of them!

Being an AAHBA Member, there is no charge to have your family picture taken with Santa. However we are accepting a new, unwrapped toy for, "Toys for Tots" that will be going to those less fortunate. Susan Bogardus with First American Bank and Trust will be representing us in the "Toys for Tots program through our military. Susan also assures us that these families are heavily screened and will be going to the children in great need.

Also remember that if you are one of the many to support the Salvation Army Angel program, you can also bring your gifts on this day too. These gifts are due no later than December 8th in order for Santa to deliver them on time.

This is the REAL Santa – you can pull on his beard to find out for sure, but it's probably not a good idea – he might see you as being "Naughty"!! See photos from our last visit with Santa <http://aahba.phanfare.com/4478941#imageID=88390719>. *



COME JOIN US

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

October 16, 2010
Holiday Inn Express
Downtown Athens

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NO MONTHLY MEETING IN DECEMBER

October Montly Meeting

The meeting opened with Jason Dickens presiding over his last meeting as President of AAHBA. Joe Couch with ABC Supply, lead the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Jason Dickens ended his THIRD term as AAHBA President as he installed the 2010 – 2011 officers!!

Officers

President	Brad Stephens
Vice President	Alan Cannon
Secretary / Treasurer	Leon Daniel
Associate Vice President	Dana Kerr

Board of Directors

Jason Dickens	Shane Dekle
Joe Couch	Steve Coker

As he takes on the position of Past President of AAHBA, Jason moves on to continue to serve our interest in the housing industry by serving as the Home Builders Association of Georgia Treasurer. He said a special thank you to, Executive Officer Jean Channell for all her support and hard work throughout his three-year term.

Jason then began the installment of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors. He asked that they all come to the front of the room to be installed. He concluded the installation of our current board and finalized his term by installing Brad Stephens as current AAHBA President.

Brad's first official act as President at the monthly membership meeting was to present to Jason with the prestigious Past President, plaque and to thank him for his dedicated and enduring service to AAHBA.

Membership Committee Chairman Alan Cannon, introduced our new members who were present, Alex Forrester with Lafarge and Lionel Orbea with Magnum Drywall. They both were present to receive their new member certificate and to let everyone know that they will be around and are looking forward to working with us.

Many of us already knew why Alan was making his announcements with an "Orange" vest on, when it was Georgia – Florida football weekend! Alan clarified by explaining that AAHBA was participating in the HBAG "Gator Hater" membership drive and encouraged everyones participation.

We had two "Hidden Hammer" drawings, this month since we had the Associates Appreciation BBQ in September. The winners were April Bonner with Pro Granite and Melanie Griffin with Dalton Carpet One.

The drawing for the raffle prizes donated by our sponsors was on! There were several gift cards to "fine



Jason Dickens Installs Brad Stephens as AAHBA President



Installation of 2010 – 2011 AAHBA Board of Directors



President Brad Stephens thanks our co-sponsor Christy Jenkins of CJL

dining". Our next Monthly Membership Meeting will be held November 16, same time, same place.

Thank you again to our Sponsors, Chastain, Jenkins and Leathers and Quarterman & Hodson P.C.

There is no monthly meeting in December. *

MEETING SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

Thank you to our sponsors of the monthly meal and raffle for the October Monthly Membership Meeting.



President Brad Stephens thanks our co-sponsor Alec Hodson with Quarterman & Hodson P.C.



Brad presents Jason with the "Past President" plaque



Alan Cannon tells about the membership drive

Chastain, Jenkins and Leathers, residential, and commercial real estate professionals. Christy Jenkins and Sarah Chastain Ellis attended the meeting on behalf of CJL.

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Quarterman & Hodson, P.C. have been long time supporters of AAHBA. They are continually contributing to, and participating in so many incredible ways to the AAHBA functions and fundraisers. Alec Hodson, also serves on the Associate Council, many of you know them simply as, Rusty, Alec, and Sarah, they are a general practice law firm which focuses on Real Estate Law, Corporate Law, Business Law, Wills, Trusts & Probate, Estate Planning, Mediation, and many other areas. Visit their "**About**" tab on their website – you will see the "to-the-point and up-front," kind of firm that they are. www.quartermanandhodson.com/



Sarah Morang, Rusty Quarterman & Alec Hodson



October Montly Meeting



Dave Sykes, Brad Stephens and Melanie Griffin team up for the raffle drawings



Brad and new member Alex Forrester with LaFarge Concrete



April Bonner and Melanie Griffin winners Hidden Hammer Drawing



Brad and new member Lionel Orbea with Magnum Drywall

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Georgia DCA Board Approves Mandatory Blower Door Testing

On November 3, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Board voted to give final approval to adopt the 2009 IECC with 2011 Georgia Amendments (including mandatory blower door testing) as a minimum code and the 2008 National Green Building Standard (NGBS) with 2011 Georgia Amendments as a permissive code. This followed the July 29 recommendation of the State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) to approve the codes. The codes are effective January 1, 2011.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Gator Hater – Membership Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the AAHBA Membership Drive.

The “Kickoff Party” started the two day event for the membership drive. With great enthusiasm AAHBA President Brad Stephens, fearlessly climbed into the “dunking booth” inviting those in attendance to take their best shot at him and “dunk the blue and orange gator”! Repeatedly Brad took a swim to show his passion for gaining new members for AAHBA.

Did it pay off? You betcha it did!! Thanks to Alan Cannon, Brad Stephens, Dave Sykes, Jared York, Matt Richardson, Stephanie Doerr. We have NEW Members!

Come meet our new members at the next AAHBA Membership Meeting on November 16th at the Holiday Inn Express.



Membership Party “Kickoff”
Dave Sykes and President
Brad Stephens



Dunking Booth – Prez “UP”



Dunking Booth – Prez “Down”

The following new members were approved for membership by the AAHBA Board of Directors
Please help us welcome them to our Association:

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HOMELESS SHELTER

Athens Building Supply & Mirko Pasta Serve the Athens Homeless Shelter

AAHBA Member Athens Building Supply represented by Dennis Hopf, teamed up with a full meal donation from Mirko's Pasta, on Baxter Street in Athens. In a combination of efforts the "buona il pasto" of pasta and salad by Mirko's, was picked up and delivered by Dennis to the Homeless Shelter.

This was his first visit to the homeless shelter and, he had opportunity to visit and find out more about how the shelter helps so many families and children in need. It was an eye opening experience, and one that Athens Building Supply, Dennis, and Mirko's Pasta so graciously and generously donated time, food, and energy to.

For several years now AAHBA members have donated a meal the second Tuesday of every month, to the Athens Homeless Shelter to help those less fortunate. It is an opportunity to personally serve your local community with one of your most precious resources... "your time and efforts".

The upcoming New Year calendar is now available to sign up for serving the Athens Homeless Shelter in 2011. Contact 706-543-5760 to register for a month that best fits your schedule from January to December of 2011. *

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Dalton Carpet One – New Grand Opening



Melanin Griffin with Biltmore Flooring Representative



Cindy Haddon with Walton EMC Educates on Energy Savings

What Are AAHBA Members Up To?

Dalton Carpet One New Grand Opening

AAHBA Member and store owner of Dalton Carpet One Mike Blanton and team, recently complete their 6,200-square-ft store makeover. Included in the renovations were the design center, and the addition of a 7,250-square-foot warehouse. The new grand opening was finalized with a Ribbon cutting ceremony.

Walton EMC – Educating

Walton EMC held several Energy Seminars in the last few months. If you missed them, contact Jennifer Broun at 770-266-2572 or e-mail her at jbroun@waltonemc.com for more information that will help you decrease the amount of your utility bills.



Jason Dickens ending his three year term as AAHBA President



Jason the "Builder"

Thank You Jason Dickens

*J*wanted to take a few lines to thank each of you for all you have done and continue to do for AAHBA. I know how hard these past few years have been. No one knows better than I. Yet through all that we have been through, AAHBA has remained strong. That fact is a testament to all of the hard work that you, our members have done. I am reminded each and every day what a great association we have.... what a wonderful Board of Directors and Associate Council we have.... what outstanding leadership we have had.... and how lucky I am to have been a small part of it.

During the last three years, we had one person that stepped forward when we really needed him, and that person is Jason Dickens. Jason became President when we needed a strong leader who could direct us through these tough times. As all of you know, he continued to be President for the following two years. No one in the history of AAHBA has been President for three years. He continued on when he probably wanted to step down, because it was the right thing to do and because it was the best thing for AAHBA. That is one of the reasons that I admire Jason so much....he always puts AAHBA before his personal needs and wants.

Not only has he been our President for three years, he has made the long term commitment to the Home Builders Association of Georgia and will be President of HBAG in three years. We have had only two other members to serve as HBAG President in the history of our association.

Now that he is no longer President, I will miss our almost daily contact. But I know that he will always be there if I need him. He is that kind of person. For those of you that do not know Jason personally, he has a wonderful sense of humor and a great outlook on life. So, to you Jason, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for AAHBA and for me. I am so thankful that I had you for as long as I did. You will be a big part of the many fond memories that I have of AAHBA. Please don't become a stranger, because good people like you are hard to find. I feel honored and privileged to have worked with you, and I look forward to seeing your smiling face at future meetings and events.

*Jean Channell
Executive Officer
Athens Area Home Builders Association*



BB&T Invitation – Education

WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HEALTH CARE REFORM

Thursday, December 9th, 2010

8:30 am to 9:00 am Registration and Breakfast • 9:00 am to 10:30 am Program

Holiday Inn 197 East Broad Street
(@ corner of Hull & Broad) Athens, GA 30603

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) will impose many new requirements on employers with group health plans. Benefit plans will need to be reviewed and changed as the requirements of the Act are implemented over the next several years but began as early as 9/23/2010.

RSVP - To register yourself or others in your office, please contact BB&T Insurance Services, at 770-483-0080, or Carol.Ballard@BBandT.com by Friday, Dec 3rd.



AAHBA & Carrabba's Italian Grill Help Project Safe

Through AAHBA Board member Alan Cannon of Cannon Residential Services, we recently learned of another community need in our local area.

Carrabba's has an incredible P's & B's (Principles and Beliefs) concept, more than a mission statement.


One of them is, "Take care of people first and everything else follows". Carrabba's staff are "family" and treat their customers the same.

Marla Taylor Volunteer Coordinator for Project Safe said, "The women and children in our Emotional Abuse Support Group and Project Sales, a job training program, will be thrilled to have such a special meal.

Carrabba's is serious about community outreach and have donated to other organizations through AAHBA many times over. Lisa Teall and Martha Cooper with Coldwell Banker Upchurch Realty picked up the meal of pasta, salad, their famous bread and deliver to Project Safe in October.

Visit Proprietor Shadi Issa, and Jeremy at Carrabba's on the Atlanta Highway and thank them for helping AAHBA to help Project Safe.

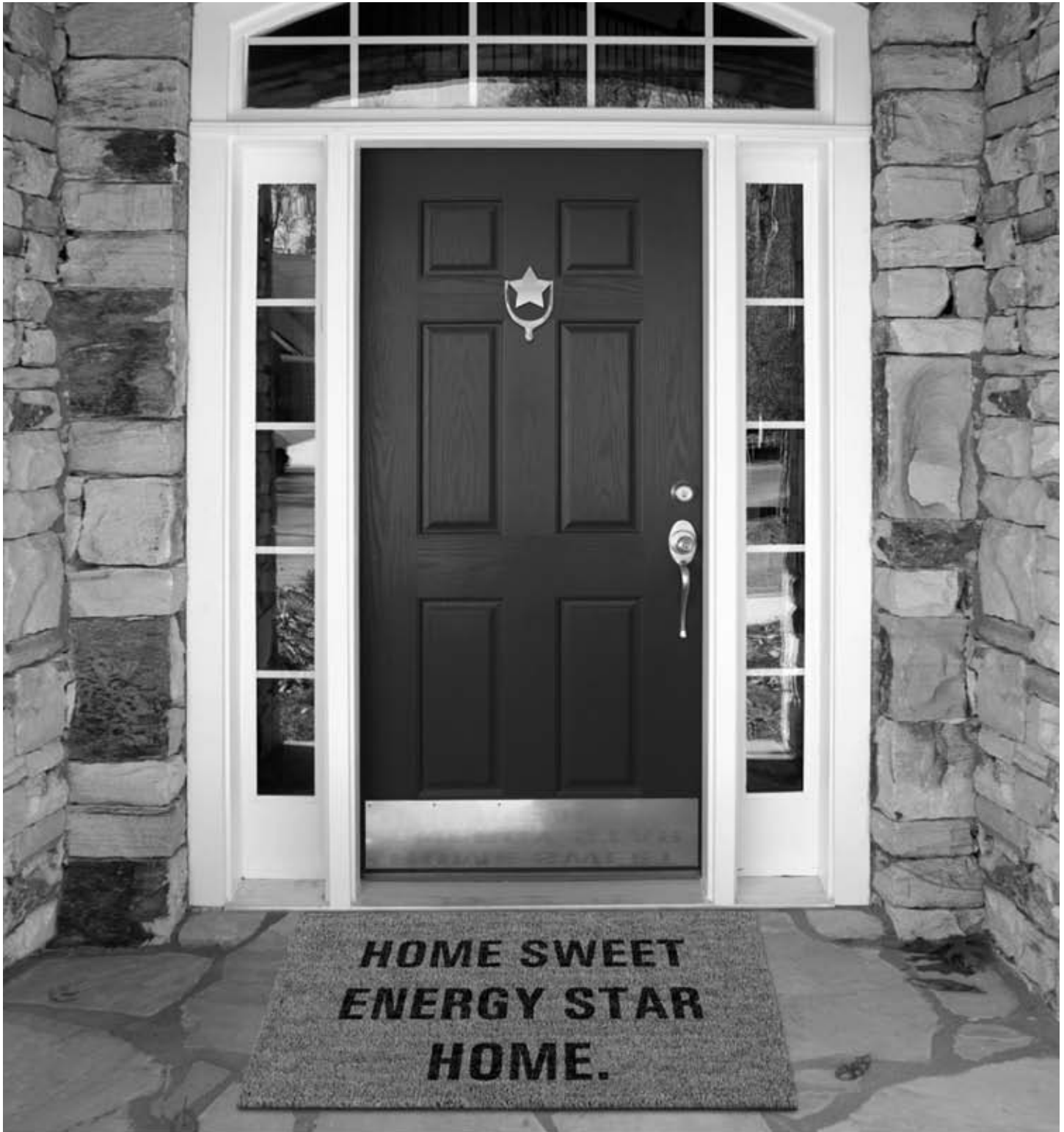




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All ads should be turned in no later than November 30th in order to meet our deadline. We will have the 2011 Directory ready for you to pick up at the January 2011, monthly membership meeting. *



Exhibit & Registration Information

Saturday & Sunday, February 26th-27th, 2011
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Home & Garden Show 2011

Planning for the 2011 Home & Garden Show is well underway. Booth sales are going great, and we are ahead in comparison to last year. Special thanks to David Sykes of the Athens Home Improvement Guide who is doing an outstanding job of selling booths. Also thanks to Melanie Griffin of Dalton Carpet One, chairman of the Home & Garden Show and her committee who are already working hard on the Show.

If you have not secured your booth space, please call the office at 706/543-5760, and we can let you know which booths are still available. Don't wait, because the show is filling up fast.

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Pro Granite	Discount 10%
Select Marble of Athens	Discount 10%

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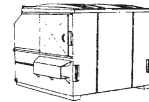
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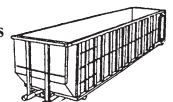


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Hidden Hammer

There is a Hidden Hammer located in the Newsletter. The size of the Hidden Hammer is much smaller than this one. If you find it, call our office with the location at 706-543-5760, fax it to 706-549-7203 or e-mail it to gac_aahba@bellsouth.net before the next Monthly Meeting. We will have a drawing during the Monthly Meeting for the winner of \$25.*

Name _____

Company Name _____

Location of Hammer (page #, etc.) _____

*** You must be present at the next Monthly Meeting during the drawing to win the \$25.**



This is the actual picture you are looking for, just much smaller.

C A L E N D A R

NOVEMBER

- AAHBA After Hours 2
5:00– 7:00
Association Office
- Associate Council 4
12:00 Noon • Association Office
- Board of Directors Meeting 16
10:30 A.M.
Holiday Inn Express,
Downtown Athens
- Regular Monthly Meeting** 16
11:30 Registration • 12:00 Lunch
Holiday Inn Express,
Downtown Athens

DECEMBER

- Santa Photo Opportunity 2
4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Association Office
- Associate Council 9
12:00 Noon
Association Office
- Board of Directors Meeting 14
12:00 Noon
Association Office
- NO MONTHLY MEETING** 21
IN DECEMBER

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