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May 17, 2011

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**Remember When Partner...?
Just in case you don't - See page 16
Pic's From the PAST!**



April Membership Meeting

Our April monthly meeting was well attended by both AAHBA members and many guests, one of which became a new member. President Brad Stephens opened the meeting, by thanking everyone in attendance for supporting our sponsor, Jackson EMC. To get the meeting started, Norm Grayson lead us in the prayer and pledge.

Representing Jackson EMC, Brian Patton addressed the membership. Brian told us of the “ESI” Program that they had going on. See below about energy savings, it tells the whole story...

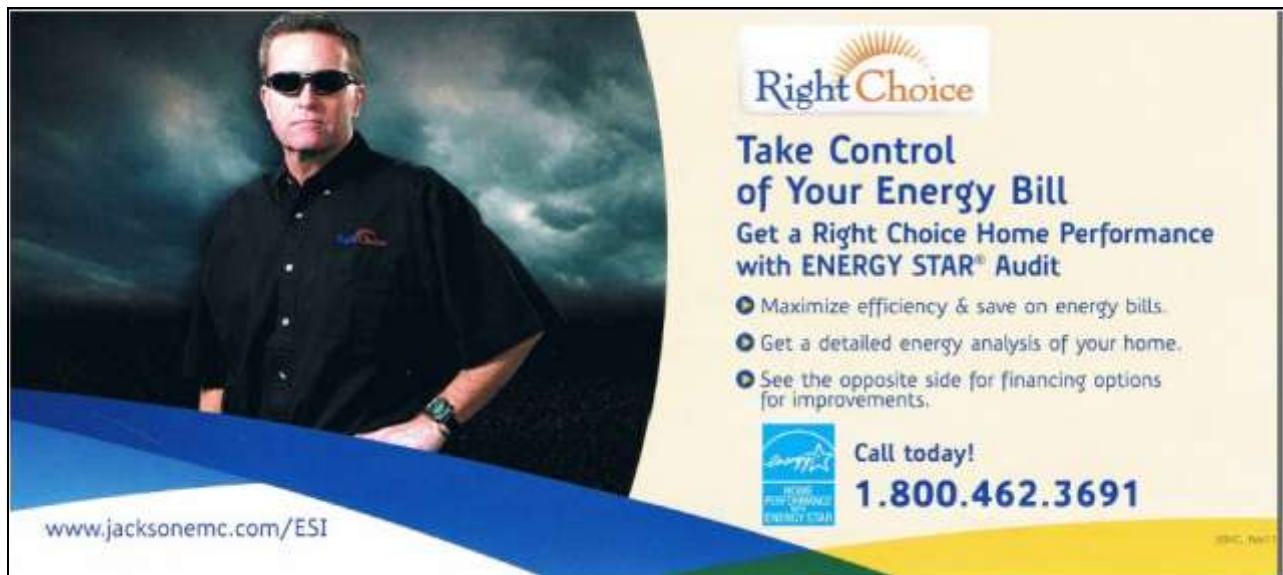
Melanie Griffin helped Brian with the drawing for the winning numbers for the raffle prizes. Thanks to Jackson EMC for their long time support and sponsorship of the monthly meeting meal and raffle!



President Brad Stephens presents a certificate of appreciation to Brian Patton with Jackson EMC



Melanie Griffin and Brian Patton drawing tickets for the lucky raffle winners



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More From the Meeting



Norm Grayson Leading the Pledge



Matt Roy Representing the Home Builders Health Care Plan



President Brad Stephens and Chris from Lowes



AAHBA Monthly Meeting Guests



Alan Cannon Bringing Us Up to Date on the AAHBA Membership



Cindy Haddon Winner of the Hidden Hammer Drawing!

The Membership Meeting Continues

Builder Karen Griffin - Close to Her Heart - Bringing Community Together



Buddy Christian, the young Athens-Clarke Co. officer that was shot and killed a few weeks ago, was in the process of building a home for his young wife and two small children. This dream was shattered on the eventful day of his death. It was laid upon my heart to try and help her through the building process. I presented this to our Home Builder Board on Tuesday and with their blessing and multiple offers, presented it to the meeting at large that same day. I have never seen the outpouring of love and support that followed...



Melissa Christian was not ready to start this large undertaking at the moment of contact, but did agree to allow us to move forward with the process of rounding up the "Troops and Supplies" ... and boy, did the troops rally!



Never have I been as proud as I was Tuesday to be a member of the Athens Area Home Builders Association. The gifts keep pouring in and the dream of a home for this young mother and her children is getting closer and closer... If you were not at the meeting, and you would like to participate or know of someone who would, please call me at 706 202-7339 or the Association Office at 706 543-5760 and let us know. Community effort is what it is all about. *Karen Griffin*

Volunteer for a Better Community

Homeless Shelter Volunteer

Ferguson's Branch Manager

Jimmy Brooks

Served the Homeless Shelter Meal in April

We really enjoyed giving something back to the community when we provided the meal for the homeless shelter. We took a big pan of Red Beans and Rice and a pan of Shrimp and Grits. We also had fruit, salad and pasta salad. There was sweet tea and lemonade and to top all of that off was a big platter of chocolate chip cookies. It looked like everyone really enjoyed the food.

It was truly a blessing to help some of the less fortunate in Athens. It really makes you count the blessings that we have been given.

Thanks,

Jimmy Brooks
Branch Manager
Ferguson Enterprises Inc.



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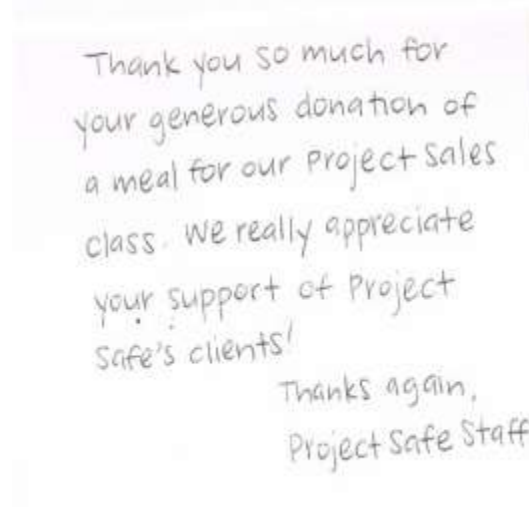
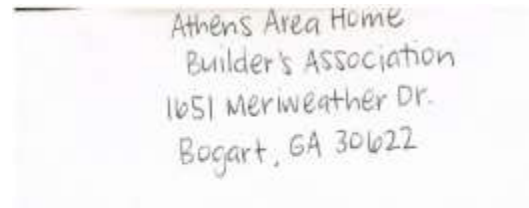


Athens Homeless Shelter
620 Barber Street, Athens, GA

Thank You From Project Safe

Project Safe works hard to end domestic violence, through:

- Prevention & Education
- Crisis Intervention
- Ongoing Support



AAHBA Volunteers worked in combination with the donated meals from:



To Support the Project Safe Clients

Home & Garden Show

AAHBA 24th Hard Hat Classic - Golf Tournament

[Were You There? Click Here to See More Pictures](#)

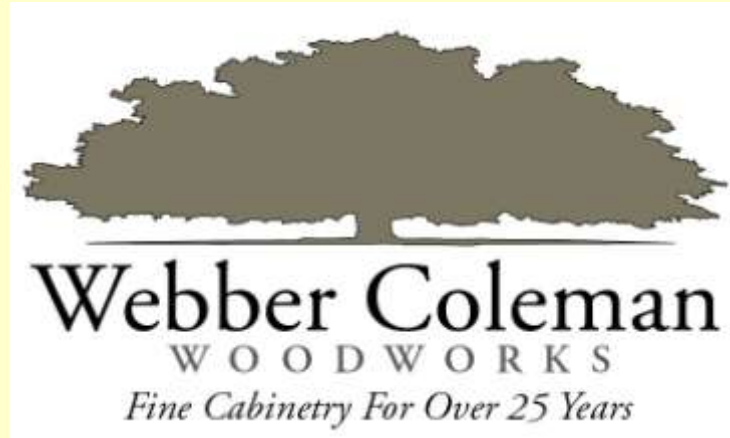
Another Super Successful fundraising golf tournament for AAHBA, thanks to all of our sponsors and everyone who joined us at the tournament. Take a look at the pictures below, and over 100 of them in the link above - you can even download your favorites! You will not believe the “Poses, Expressions, and Positions” that you will see here. They are truly “Classics!



And then there was the scoring party and prizes!



Press Release - Members Merge



PRESS RELEASE:

For immediate release
April 11, 2011

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Local Cabinet Companies Unite

Athens, Georgia, April 11, 2011-The Cabinet Man of Athens and Coleman Cabinets of Watkinsville have united to form Webber Coleman Woodworks in Watkinsville. By joining forces with a successful and established business, they are able to combine the expertise of Bill Claxton, former owner of Coleman Cabinets and Dan Webber, former owner of The Cabinet Man, share overhead costs and combine sales volume that will allow them to come out a stronger company and serve their clients better.

A small business owner never plans for the day they have to rebuild their business from a fire. What some may consider **it devastation, Dan Webber, The Cabinet Man, considers it a blessing in disguise.** “After the fire in November of 2010, we were so blessed and encouraged by the outpouring of support from the Oconee County community, local business owners, Athens Area Homebuilders Association, Chamber of Commerce and local government.”

“I have had great respect for Bill Claxton for the years I have known him and observed his business and am excited about the opportunity to work with him.” Dan Webber says. “It has been a pleasure working with the team of people at Coleman Cabinets and we are excited about the years to come.” The team now also consists of Jessica Webber, the only certified designer (AKBD) through the National Kitchen and Bath Association in the Athens and surrounding area.

Webber Coleman Woodworks will continue to operate on the principles of the former businesses- striving to be the cabinet supplier of choice by excelling in the areas of timeliness, quality and service with integrity and honesty.

“We believe there is a bright future ahead of us,” says Bill Claxton.

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Association News

Building Inspection Turned Down in Athens



News from AAHBA Member Jimmy Royals - ACC Lighting Ordinance

I had a building inspection turned down in Athens because the glass on the outdoor light was clear and you could see the light bulb. I called the inspector to discuss this with him since I have never heard of such except in commercial applications for "Dark Sky" and beach locations for "Turtle Friendly". He explained that the city of Athens and most of Clarke County has had an ordinance since 2009 that they have decided to enforce. It's intent was to cut down on "light pollution" similar to "Dark Sky". Outdoor fixtures must have a covered top and the glass has to be such as to not clearly show the light bulb. This particular inspector said that most "water glass" was acceptable but to be safe use frosted or white glass. He said they would allow some "water glass" and maybe even some of the "seeded" glass (depending on its transparency) on residential but would be more strict on commercial applications.

Builders may want to start looking into using more "energy star" outdoor fixtures. These all use compact fluorescents and they are usually designed with white or cream colored glass as to not see the light source. A few companies are making LED lights for this application and although more costly, it's another good alternative.

Jimmy Royals - Lade Danlar Lighting - Builder Sales 770-483-2877 Office 770-560-9475 Cell

Introducing

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Tyl er Gay

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T.J. GAY - K & G Installations, Inc.



Membership Benefits

Member Benefit - HBAG Health Plan

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Matt Roy 770-645-2022

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The HBAG Health Plan is a Health Plan sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Georgia and owned by its participating members, which provides comprehensive medical, prescription and other optional benefits on a cost effective basis. By aggregating the buying power of our members, this Plan provides coverage in a manner similar to many of the country's largest companies, with substantially greater control.

How is the plan different than your current health insurance coverage:

- The "[HBAG Health Plan](#)" is a **non-profit** Trust designed specifically for participating members of the Home Builders Association of Georgia.
- All surpluses go back into the HBAG Health Plan for the benefit of the participating members of the plan.
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[More News on the Health Plan - Here](#)

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Wednesday, June 22, 2011

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

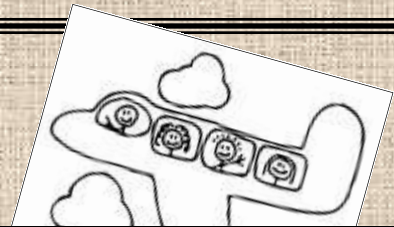
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Membership Benefits



Athens Area Home Builders Association Member Wins



Green Project of the Year



Luis Imery Wins NAHB Award

Athens, GA (May 11, 2011) – Athens-based Imery and Company was awarded Project of the Year for Small-Volume Single-Family Builder by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) last week in Salt Lake City. The award was one of 13 National Green Building Awards given to builders and remodelers across the country. Imery's winning homes are in the IdleWilde subdivision in west Athens, and are the first to achieve the platinum level under the Earthcraft House program.

"I strongly believe that building to these standards will be the way of the future, and the fact that an award like this was receive by an Athenian can go a long way to continue to spread the news that Athens is a "green minded" community, and hopefully more people will come our way," said Luis Imery.

"The Athens Area Home Builders Association has recognized the trend towards green building and even established a Sustainable Building Committee to focus on new energy codes and green building practices," said Brad Stephens, AAHBA President. "I thank Luis for his service on this committee and look forward to our association continuing to be a national leader in this field. It is only fitting for this type of national recognition and leadership to come out of such a forward thinking town as Athens."

About Athens Area Home Builders Association

AAHBA is a trade organization representing the home building industry in the Athens Area. AAHBA works to promote the home building industry in the local community and provides networking opportunities to its members. The organization encompasses members from the counties of Clarke, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe. Our members include homebuilders, remodelers, subcontractors suppliers, attorneys, realtors, the financial community and a host of other groups and individuals. The AAHBA is one of more than 800 local homebuilder associations throughout the U.S. and is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Georgia and the National Association of Home Builders. For more information, visit www.aahba.com.





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*Teri attended the AAHBA membership meeting as a guest in April
What she heard and saw that day was all it took for her to become an immediate, active
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*Thank you Teri for Jumping In "Head First" and Volunteering Services to the
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Energy Code Class - 3 Hours CE Credit - June 11, 2012

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- Saturday June 11, 2011
- Athens Clarke County Building Inspections Department
- 120 W. Dougherty St. in Athens, GA

This class will provide information necessary for compliance with the 2009 International Conservation Code adopted by the State of Georgia and which *became effective January 1, 2011*. Builders, Design Professionals, Inspectors, Heating and Air Contractors and Insulation companies will all benefit from the information provided in this class. This class qualifies for continuing education credits toward professional licenses and ICC certifications. Attendees will also receive a set of GA Amendments to this code.

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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, let us know it's location before the next monthly meeting, when we will draw for the winner of the

\$25.* EASY MONEY - Hidden Hammer

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