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	1 Parade Ticket Sales Begin 11:30 a.m. - Exec. Committee 4 p.m. - Budget & Finance Committee	2 4 p.m. - Board of Directors Meeting 5-7 p.m. - <i>After Hours</i>	3 4 p.m. - Social Events Committee	4 Noon - Builders' Luncheon	5	6 Parade of Homes™
7 Parade of Homes™	8 Parade of Homes™	9 Parade of Homes™	10 Parade of Homes™ 4 p.m. - Education Committee	11 Parade of Homes™ Noon - New Member Orientation	12 Parade of Homes™	13 Parade of Homes™
14 Parade of Homes™	15	16	17 1-6 p.m. - "High Five" Class	18 Noon - Builders' Luncheon	19	20
21	22	23 Noon - Parade Thank-You Luncheon	24	25 TAB Summer Board	26 TAB Summer Board	27 TAB Summer Board
28	29 2 p.m. - Public Relations Committee 4 p.m. - Budget & Finance Committee	30 4 p.m. - Membership Committee				

Dates to Remember

JULY

7	<i>After Hours</i>
9	Builders' Luncheon
16	"Sales & Marketing" Class
23	Builders' Luncheon
28	General Membership Meeting

AUGUST

4	<i>After Hours</i>
6	Builders' Luncheon
6	"Ethics" Class
20	Builders' Luncheon
26	Past Presidents' Luncheon



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New Member Orientation

June 11, 2009 • Noon

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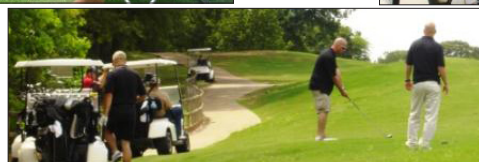
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MEMBER INFORMATION

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

New Members: Please join us at the next quarterly New Member Orientation at noon June 11th at the TABA office.
For details, see page 3.

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April 17, 2009 - Above left, Business Management Class Portrait: Back row, left to right: Skip Ogle, Kyle Johns, Ed Thompson, Matthew Peer; center row, Brandon Parker, Richard Palasota, Ken Wheeler, Ronnie Cochrane; front row, Eric Barnes, instructor Dina Lima, Jim Clark, Steve Williams and Sam Miller. In photo at right, these students are now candidates for the Certified Green Professional designation from NAHB. Thanks to our 2009 Education Sponsor, BMC West. To see more class photos, go to the Continuing Education page at TABA's web site. Thanks to the City of Tyler for the Unified Development Code Class on April 22.



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Everyone had a great time!

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for umbrellas and cooking.
More photos at TABA's web site.



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Regarding Membership Dues paid to Tyler Area Builders Association, the portion attributable to "lobbying activities" is NOT deductible from federal income taxes as an ordinary and necessary cost of doing business per the 1993 U.S. Congress Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. For dues paid in 2009, the total amount of national dues that is NOT deductible as a business expense for a builder or associate member is \$21 and \$0.71 for an affiliate member; the total amount of state dues that is NOT deductible as a business expense for a builder or associate member is \$57.86 and \$17.75 for an affiliate member.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

What a good time we had at the Golf Tournament at Garden Valley! What looked like a possible rainout turned into a beautiful day, and we had great participation from all the players. Jion and the Social Events Committee did a wonderful job putting this event together. Lots of players won great door prizes, and the money raised on the gimmick holes will help us towards our HOMEPAC goals. Thanks to all the players and all the many volunteers and sponsors who helped to make this event a success once again.

Plan to attend the Parade of Homes™ coming up June 6-14. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit Azleway Boys' Ranch and St. Paul Children's Foundation. These organizations do a great deal to help children in our community, and we can help by promoting and attending the Parade.

Mark your calendar for the next New Member Orientation set for June 11th at the TABA office. A light lunch will be served, and all members are welcome to attend. This is a fun way for new members to meet everyone and learn about the many benefits of membership. We look forward to seeing you there.

Stefanie Smith, Associate Council President



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The American Dreamers led by team captain Nancy Barron (shown at right) won the Membership Defenders game by collectively recruiting the most new members in a single day.



Sincere thanks to each of our Superhero volunteers and to our sponsor, Oncor! For a complete listing of winners, visit the Members Only page at TABA's web site. The entire list of new members recruited during the Drive will be published in the July issue of the TABA News.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 28, 2009 - "Education Celebration!" In photo at right, TABA Education Committee Chair Steve Nix (far right), along with TABA President Nancy Barron, present the official NAHB Student Chapter Charter to UT Construction Program Department Chair and NAHB Student Chapter Advisor Dr. John Martin (between Nix and Barron) and Student Chapter President Tim Ballard. At the luncheon at Hollytree, TABA University students were recognized for recent completion of NAHB University of Housing courses. To see more event photos, visit www.tylerareabuilders.com.



SPECIAL THANKS to our title sponsors: BancorpSouth & Oncor Electric Delivery; and to our Meeting Sponsors: Panel Truss Texas, Inc.; Southside Bank; Texas Bank & Trust Company.

MEMBER NEWS

Condolences

To Jason Campbell and family on the loss of his newborn nephew, Blake Ryan Lewis, in April.

Congratulations

Citizens 1st Bank earned a 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability from bank rating firm BauerFinancial.

Congratulations

To Sam Mezayek on his election to the Tyler City Council.

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Valero Fleet Services now offers discount fuel purchasing to TAB members. For details, visit the Members Only page at www.tylerareabuilders.com.

* BUILDERS' PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT *

Ken Hayes' name was drawn at the May 5th After Hours. Since he was not present to win the drawing's \$200 prize, the jackpot goes up to \$250! Builders, come to After Hours June 2nd to be eligible to win the drawing!

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Azleway Boys' Ranch offers refuge to children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, and developmental challenges. Some, even at very tender ages, are so beaten by life that they are barely remaining afloat.

St. Paul Children's Foundation provides nutritious food, warm clothes, quality pediatric medical and dental care and an after-school safe haven to over 20,000 children and their families each year.

Past contribution recipients include Breckenridge Village, St. Louis School, PATH, Make-A-Wish and Rogers Children's Theatre Scholarships. The Association is proud to have sponsored four Santa Houses and built a fire Safety House with the City of Tyler and Smith County Fire Department, two homes for Habitat for Humanity, a playhouse for CASA and a cottage for boys at the Azleway Charter School. Blood drives have been held to benefit Carter BloodCare and replacement tools were purchased for the Smith Baptist Association Volunteer Builders when theirs were stolen.

As Tyler area home builders and associates, we are very fortunate to make a living in an area that has held its own during the recent economic downturn. Many in our community have not been so fortunate. Through membership in TABA we have the opportunity to enrich our lives by giving to those who are less fortunate.

Kathey Comer
Executive Vice-President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June already?! Whew! Where does time go? I know many of the Parade builders are glad that Parade time is here, and in a few days they can all take a breath and maybe a break. Hopefully you will set aside some time to tour the 30 homes at some point during the show.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Membership Drive in May. Because of your efforts and your support for our association we added more than 50 new members and several more were re-instated from lapsed memberships.

All of us need to be reminded of the meaning of membership. Your builders' association is not just a social club. It is an active organization that works locally and at the state and national levels to keep our legislators informed about the issues we support and the issues that need to be addressed for the benefit of homeowners, our industry and the economy.

The homebuilding industry is the backbone of our nation's economy. With recent economic fluctuations that seem to be threatening our livelihood as well as those of other industries related to ours, it is more important than ever to stay active and to contribute to our HOMEPAC fund. It's an investment for our future. I personally challenge each member to donate at least \$25 per year to HOMEPAC. The impact of those dollars in Austin and Washington DC will be substantial.

Be sure to read ALL of TABA's newsletters and watch for updates from our state and local association via e-mail. Stay informed also by visiting the Industry News page on TABA's web site.

We are all in this together. Each of us is an important part of TABA, and we need each other to stay strong, stay active and weather the current economy. Every cloud has a silver lining. Keep looking behind those clouds for those rays of sunshine that are sure to come.

Nancy Barron
2009 President

