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John Cummins President - SBACNI

**Synergy** is the creation of a whole that is greater than the simple sum of its parts. This word has its origins from Attic Greek from

synergos, meaning "working together". We all know that being a part of something – a group, an organization, or an association – makes us stronger as individuals. The synergy of Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey this past year proves that our association grows stronger as our membership increases. As membership increases, active participation

increases as well, creating a stronger, more

unified Shore Builders.

This issue of Bulletin Board Magazine is dedicated to all the members who have joined our association, whether recently or in the past, but have yet to actively participate in all the opportunities membership offers. In the following pages you will find examples from our members of all the ways that Shore Builders provides opportunities to increase your knowledge of our industry,

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

build long lasting relationships, and grow your business. Active members will share their stories beginning with their first committee meeting, or their first networking event and how that participation blossomed into success both personally and professionally. This issue will also discuss how active members are able to do more business with other members and how it leads to businesses growth.

Educational programs, industry events, and our yearly convention are just a few of the ways our members can increase their knowledge of the building industry in New Jersey. Networking, attending meetings, and joining committees, at both the local and state level, are great ways to build long lasting relationships with other members. By doing business with other members, purchasing materials, products, and services from other members, can help you grow your business. These are the real ways our members benefit from Shore Builders Association.

The building industry in New Jersey, and particularly in central New Jersey and along the shore, is continuing to rise and prosper. Now that we're back, it's the best time to be involved. Involved with events, involved with committees, and involved with other members. By being active in our association, you can help keep the synergy flowing.

# Interested in Joining SBACNJ?







# SAVE THE DATES!

ANNUAL ELECTIONS/LEAD SHARING /NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Ferguson Enterprise, Middletown

# **INSTALLATION & HOLIDAY PARTY**

WEDNESDAY, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

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# New Members 2015 We would like to take this opportunity

to welcome the following new members and thank their sponsor.

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# PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN BUILDING COUNCIL: From NAHB to Shore

The Professional Women In Building Council (PWB) consists of more than 50 local and state councils or, where no local council exists, directly through NAHB PWB as members-at-large. The Council's mission is dedicated to promoting, enhancing, and supporting home building and women within in the industry. They do this through:

- Providing professional development resources.
- Encouraging career development within the industry.
- Promoting and supporting active involvement in the political and legislative process.
- Promoting and supporting community involvement.
- Providing recognition of member industry achievement.
- Providing resource information and support for members, affiliated councils, and NAHB.

Shore Builders Association is proud to announce that we are in the process of forming our own PWB Council, which is open to all members of the association, their employees, or their extended family. We encourage anyone (you don't have to be female) who is actively involved in all aspects of the building industry – as owners, marketing experts, interior designers, and in real estate and banking professions, to join our Council.

In the coming months we will be naming our Council, creating some marketing materials, and seeking Board of Directors approval. We will also be formulating our By-Laws and submitting our applications to the NAHB. Our goal is to be chartered at NAHB's IBS in January 2016. Please contact the office for more information on our new Professional Women In Building Council.

# The Times They Are a Changin'

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# Committee Participation



Jeanne Tomlinson Sears Commercial, Operations Manager, Empire and Northeast Districts



John Healey General Manager Installed Sales Pella Windows and Doors

Whenever I am asked why should someone consider being more engaged at the local and/ or state association it causes me to look back at my own history with the association. At the very beginning I would simply attend the local monthly general membership meetings. I recall how awkward it felt showing up to the first few meetings not knowing anyone and really having no clue what type of return on investment the association could offer to my business and me. I continued this approach for more than a few years and became more and more comfortable with the surroundings, but my participation was limited to the monthly meetings and golf outings. It all changed when I was asked to become more involved by a very active builder member who I had just begun to do business with. I joined the membership committee and the golf committee. After 2 months of being more engaged I kicked myself for not stepping up years earlier! 10-plus years later I have now served on the board of directors and executive ladder at both the local and state levels and still have regrets for not being more active from

# Giving Means Getting

Jeanne Tomlinson- Sears Commercial Operations Manager, Empire and Northeast Districts

the very beginning. The additional investment in time has had a great return for me both personally and professionally. My business has benefitted from my active engagement and the personal and professional growth have been extremely rewarding.

I am currently the 2nd Associate VP of NJBA, Chair of the Member Services Committee and Co-Chair of the ABC Committee and have the pleasure of working with some great people. The talent level of the people involved at both the local and state levels is very impressive and I guarantee anyone if we would convert the 4 locals and state into one "for profit" company we would simply be unstoppable. The only thing I would change is to make sure every member out there would know the true value of membership is really tied to their level of engagement so that ultimately there will be more actively engaged members. There is strength in numbers and we would all benefit if more members would get actively engaged in the association.

If you have not tried it before or it has been a while, I strongly encourage you to join a committee, join the board of directors, or chair a committee and you will see a difference in what you get out of your membership.

John Healey-General Manager Installed Sales Pella Windows and Doors

Having been a member of the builder's association for 29 years, I have learned the value of being an active member not just a "member". The first couple years I showed up for most general membership meetings but not much else. I learned a few names of prospects and tidbits about the building industry but was

missing out on what I later learned I would gain through involvement in the association.

I began to participate on my first committees when a few tenured members said we could use you on certain committees, like membership and local trade show and I agreed to come to the meetings. I then began to get active. Serving on committees I developed a network to exchange leads, gained respect of builders who appreciated my support of our industry and fine-tuned my leadership skills through practice. I got to know other members on a personal level and developed lasting friendships.

As I participated, it allowed me to take my involvement to another level and became a local officer. As an officer I learned more about the housing industry and was able to become a source of information for my clients. I began updating them on code changes, industry legislation, and trends in construction. This increased my value as a partner in our industry. We all have a common goal of keeping the building industry strong.

Now I can say I have served as a chair for various state and local committees, and currently as the state Associate Vice President. With each level of involvement I have expanded my knowledge of the housing industry, the tools used in business, developed more business contacts, and reaffirmed my commitment to the industry that supports family and allows other families to achieve homeownership.

I encourage every member to become a more active member and welcome the opportunity to assist anyone who is hesitant to reach out to me or any other active member for guidance on how and why you should be involved.

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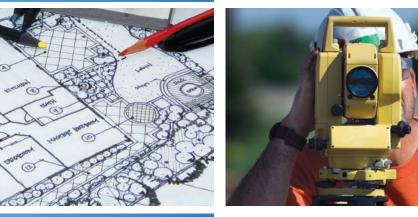
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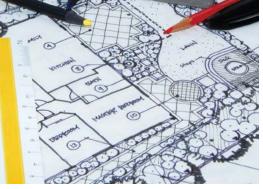




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Mike Kurpiel

In early Spring of 1962, General Douglas MacArthur gave his last speech to the cadets at West Point. The speech was a tribute to our military and the general concluded with these lasting visions; "Today marks my final roll call with you, but I want you to know that when I cross the river my last conscious thoughts will be of The Corps, and The Corps."

The General's passion was the importance of The Corps and he emphasized it as such. It was given to hopefully have the next generation of our military understand the true meaning of their mission so that they can deliver the message to the next, and so on.

I would like to borrow his focused importance and take poetic license with his passionate reminder and apply it to our association.

# The Core, and The Core, and The Core.

What is the core of our association? Why should building industry participants cross the threshold from outside to inside? There are multiple reasons or desires. Some are even reasonable desires.

# THE CORE, AND THE CORE, AND THE CORE

by Mike Kurpiel



What are the reasons for joining or maintaining membership?

- Opportunities every non builder would like the opportunity to sell to builders and the reason most join is to build their book of business, if not today within the week. There will be opportunities but no guarantees.
- Networking meeting like minded industry professionals
- Education Builders join to learn more about their business, whether it's about codes or best practices, education will be readily available at all three levels of membership.
- Insurance There are quite a few small businesses that need insurance at reasonable prices. There are some associations that, through a collective, offer insurance, whether it be health, workers' compensation and any other needed insurance that a company would require to supply or construct a home.
- Someone told you to join could be
   a builder making sure that their ven dors are members. Could be a lumber
   company who insists that their window
   manufacturer join. Regardless, these
   are now members who have limited
   choice in the matter.

All or parts of the above may be applied to all your members. No matter what the need of the potential member, or current member, The Core will need to be highlighted somewhere. So, let's start here and I would hope that, as General MacArthur did 53 years ago, a strong reminder is heeded...

"The Core, and The Core, and The Core" is the ultimate reason we are in business within the building industry. The Core is advocacy. None of the above happens without advocacy.

limited to no opportunities for business. Without advocacy, environmentalists win, no growthers win, NIMBYs win and anybody else who is against home building. Why? without advocacy we as an industry have no voice in our state capitals or in Washington, DC.

If that's the case, no reason for industry education no need to meet new folks you still might need insurance but it will be extremely high because the association itself won't be needed.

There won't be much leverage to make someone join if the industry is not healthy.

Advocacy, Advocacy, Advocacy is THE core of our association. It would be like a brand new car with no engine; nice to look at but just one big paper weight.

My advice to you is to remember the real reason, the core reason, we have the home builder associations. Everything else is just features of your membership with varying degrees of benefit. The benefit is the core; advocacy.

# BPAC Fundraiser's Unique Venue PROVES TO BE A CROWD PLEASER

Part of our mission this year is to provide events that promote the networking and relationship building aspects of being part of an association, but that are also unique and fun. According to all the feedback we've received, our first ever BPAC fundraiser at the Silverball Pinball Museum in Asbury Park that took place in September fit the bill, and then some!

The role of the Builder's Political Action Committee (BPAC) is to assist in the election of individuals that support housing and the building industry in New Jersey. The committee strives to achieve improved policies impacting the building industry by educating and promoting these interests to the State's decision makers. According to John Cummins, President of Shore Builders Association, "As the local association at the shore, we wanted to do our part to help forward the mission of BPAC through this fundraising effort, but at the same time provide an event that would appeal to our membership in a venue that is unique to our area. We think this new event was highly successful and we are thrilled with the participation level of our members."

Not only did the committee raise money for our local's BPAC fund, 100 members of the association were able to come together, compete against the Pinball Wizard, and have fun in a more casual atmosphere, which was perfect for getting to know new members and reconnecting with existing contacts. Because the membership is so diverse, with active associates and builders in all stages of their careers, this event was the perfect combination of location and theme that appealed to all who attended. Because this event was so well received, we are looking to add the venue to our calendar for an event next year. Keep an eye out for our 2016 calendar for more details.

Shore Builders Association would like to thank our sponsors for making the BPAC Fundraising Event possible:
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# As part of the building industry's annual Associate Appreciation Month in September, Shore Builders designated their meeting as Member Appreciation Night a Night of Honor to recognize the contributions of all the members who work tirelessly to ensure the longevity of the Association. The event was held on Wednesday, September 30th at the Jumping Brook Country Club and included a presentation of the annual awards, including the prestigious BEAM Award.

"In the spirit of our association's strong belief in doing business with other members, BEAM stands for Builders Employing Associate Members and this year's recipient, Palatial Homes has demonstrated this spirit throughout their many years of membership", states John Cummins, President of Shore Builders Association. Past recipients of the BEAM Award include immediate past recipient Danitom Development, as well as The Kokes Organization, Pr1ma Corporation and Walters Group.

Let's all take a moment to congratulate this year's winners:

We are so proud of our Shore Builders members and would like to thank each and every one for their time, commitment, and dedication to making this the successful Association it is.

# Shore Builders Celebrates Appreciation Night A NIGHT OF HONOR

The B.E.A.M. Award (Builders Employing Associate Members) was conceived as a means to recognize and provide a symbol of respect to the Builder member who best exemplifies the significant teamwork of Builder and Associate members doing business together.

# Past BEAM Award Recipients:

2013 Danitom Development

2012 The Kokes Organization

2011 Severino Homes

& Communities

2010 Prlma Corporation

2009 Walters Group

2008 Palatial Homes

2007 Matzel & Mumford

2006 Prima Corporation

2005 Walters Homes

2004 Aspen Contracting Corporation

2003 The PRC Group

2002 Danitom Development

2001 Matzel & Mumford Org

# 2014 BEAM Award Recipient Palatial Homes

Linda Bernaski founded Palatial Homes, Inc. in 1996, after having learned the business while working for her current partner Lou Perez. Both a custom homebuilder and a major renovator, Palatial Homes, Inc. was structured to offer its customers as many options as possible.

Linda prides herself on offering her customers personalized attention. Each home is built with the finest quality materials and craftsmanship, with careful attention to every detail. She serves her customers with the integrity and dedication that they deserve and that is what has set Palatial Homes, Inc. apart from the rest.

Linda is a Seton Hall University graduate, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, graduating with high honors.

In addition to running her business, she served as President of the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey from 2006-2008. She also serves as a Life Director on the Board of Directors for the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey and New Jersey Builders Association. Palatial Homes is also a member of the Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce.

Palatial Homes won their first BEAM Award in 2008. Congratulations Linda, Lou and Palatial Homes.

Congratulations to the 2015 SBACNJ Annual Award Winners

# ASSOCIATE CONTINUOUS SERVICE

An active associate member in good standing who has performed a series of activities representative of outstanding achievement over a five year period.

Bob Weinstock, RC Flooring - Bob has been extremely involved with the Association over the years es- pecially the Golf Committee as well as the newly formed dune buggy race crew. He is always willing to give a hand when needed and often sponsors events.

# ASSOCIATE HALL OF FAME, COMPANY

A member company who has performed a series of activities representative of outstanding achievement and has given ten years of quality service to the association. Ocean First Bank - This company has continuously supported our Master Sponsor program. Multiple representatives from Ocean First regularly attend Shore's events.

# ASSOCIATE HALL OF FAME, INDIVIDUAL

An active associate member in good standing, who has performed a series of activities representative of outstanding achievement and has given ten years of quality service to the association.

Giovanna Pergola, Meyers
Research LLC a Kennedy
Wilson Company - Giovanna
has been an active member of the
Association for many years. She is
involved with the Sales & Marketing
Committee ensur- ing a successful FAME
event year after year. As well she is a member
of the newly formed dune buggy race crew.

# **ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR**

An active associate member in good standing who has performed either a single or series of activities that are representative of outstanding achievement during the year.

Kim Manicone, BHB Insurance Services - a USI Company - Kim is a member of the SBACNJ Board of Directors as well as the Associates Committee. She is the Association Ambassador to new members, working to make them feel comfortable at meetings and aware of the benefits of membership.

### **BUILDER CONTINUOUS SERVICE**

An active builder member in good standing who has performed a series of activities representative of outstanding achievement over a five year period.

Walters Homes - A multiple BEAM and FAME Award winner Walters Homes truly embodies the motto of our Association "Do Business with a Member". Ed Walters an active member of the Board of Directors, and always participates at Meet the Builders Night and the Builders Political Action Committee.

**Palatial Homes** 

## **BUILDER HALL OF FAME**

An active builder member in good standing, who has performed a series of activities representative of outstanding achievement and has given ten years of quality service to the association.

Henry J.Kelly, Jr., The Kelly Group-Hankexemplifies the definition of this award. A member since 1983 he served as President of the Association in 1995 and 1996. He currently serves as an active Life Director on the SBACNJ, NJBA and NAHB boards. After Hurricane Sandy Hank stepped to the forefront once again as a speaker and advocate for properly rebuilding the shoreline.

Congratulations to the 2014 SBACNJ Annual Award Winners

## **BUILDER OF THE YEAR**

An active builder member in good standing who has performed either a single or series of activities that are representative of outstanding achievement during the year. John Cummins, K. Hovnanian Companies - John is the current President of the Shore Builders

Presidency John has used an

Association. Throughout his

"out of the box" approach to grow membership and increase awareness of the Association.

He spearheaded our rebranding effort with a fresh new logo and post Sandy advertising. He has promoted the Young Professionals Committee and mentors it members to become the future leadership

of our organization.



# A Night of Honor Continued

### **CORNERSTONE AWARD**

A member in good standing who has done an outstanding job promoting the association.

Joe Navarra, General Plumbing Supply - Since joining the Association Joe has gotten involved with numerous committees. He frequently shares association information with non-members to promote interest and participation. GPS is a current SBACNJ Master Sponsor.

# JACK MEYER MEMORIAL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

A member in good standing who has surged to the forefront within the association during the year.

Kelly Fliller, Cowan, Gunteski & Co., P.A. - Although Kelly has only been involved with the Associa- tion a short time she has certainly jumped it with both feet. As a member of the Sales & Marketing, dune buggy race crew and Young Professionals Committees she has worked tirelessly to ensure the success of FAME and most recently the pin ball event.

### REMODELER OF THE YEAR

A member in good standing whose work encompasses all phases of remodeling.

Matthew Amato, Gudhome by CMM, LLC - Matt is a founding member of the Young Professionals Committee. He is also an active member of the Sales & Marketing Committee and the dune buggy race crew. He will be joining the SBACNJ Board of Directors in January 2016.

### LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

A legislator who favorably and fairly represent our industry. Assemblyman David Rible - Dave represents the 30th District which includes parts of Ocean, Mon-mouth, Burlington and Mercer Counties. Prior to redistricting, he represented the 11th legislative district in the Assembly from January 8, 2008. The Assemblyman has consistently been an advocate of our industry and the future of building and economic growth within the state.

### **BIG SPIKE OF THE YEAR**

A member in good standing who has recruited the highest number of new members during the year.

Ed Walters, Walters Homes - 9 new members in 2015 to date.

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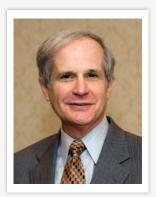
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# COASTAL RULE AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 6, 2015

DEP proposed amendment of its regulations governing CAFRA, Waterfront Development and Coastal Wetland approvals combining the applicable rules into a single regulatory chapter now called the Coastal Zone Management Rules. The amended rules took effect on July 6, 2015.

The rule amendment consolidates the procedural

aspects of the former Coastal Permit Program Rules and substantive provisions of the former Coastal Zone Management Rules. While more comprehensive substantive changes to the rules were sought by interest groups such as the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) among others, various noteworthy substantive changes were made. DEP increased the number of single family homes or duplex structures that may be approved by a General Permit authorization from one to two. A new category of General Permit-by-Certification was created for certain limited categories of minimal impact activities. The Department adopted some favorable beneficial amendments in the context of waterfront development, including amendments that will facilitate marina development and adopted a provision allowing for extension of waterfront development permits. Regulatory changes were implemented in the context of mitigation requirements for CAFRA and Waterfront Development Permit approvals.

DEP deferred taking action on many substantive issues including the Filled Water's Edge,

Coastal High Hazard Areas, the Dunes Rule, Critical Wildlife Habitat, mapping for Shellfish Habitat and Submerged Vegetation Habitat, and many others.

Land owners and developers should analyze the rule changes with their consulting professionals to assess potential negative impacts or to take advantage of beneficial changes. Those with applications pending should seek confirmation from DEP whether their applications will be processed under the current amended rules, or alternatively, under the rules in effect when the application was submitted.

Giordano Halleran & Ciesla, P.C. attorneys Michael J. Gross and Steven M. Dalton worked with the NJBA in evaluating and commenting on the proposed rules and GHC can assist in assessing the impact of the rule changes on planned and proposed development.

# DEP MAINLAND COASTAL CENTERS EXPIRING

DEP's Coastal Rules provide that on December 31, 2015, coastal centers established by DEP and classified as "mainland" coastal centers will expire absent legislative or administrative action to make mainland coastal centers a permanent designation or to extend their expiration date. DEP mainland coastal centers include Egg Harbor, Lower Township, Toms River and Lakewood. DEP "non-mainland" coastal centers for areas located in the barrier islands will remain in effect after December 31, 2015.

amended regulations effective August 21, 2015 to extend the period of approval of plan endorsements and center designations for three years beyond their otherwise applicable expiration date. This action was taken to account for the looming expiration of the Permit Extension Act ("PEA"). Designated centers that currently remain effective only by operation of law under the PEA have been extended for an additional 3 years until December 31, 2018 based on the recent State Planning Commission action. The State Planning Commission action eliminates any uncertainty as to the continued validity and effect of "CAFRA centers" under DEP's Coastal Rules, as CAFRA centers are based upon State Planning Commission designated centers. Coastal centers, in contrast to CAFRA centers, were created by DEP and have not been designated as centers through the State Planning Commission Plan Endorsement process. Accordingly, coastal centers are not affected by the recent State Planning Commission regulatory action to extend the expiration date of designated centers and under DEP's rules, non-mainland coastal centers are set to expire December 31, 2015. Since the mainland coastal center borders were previously set to expire March 15, 2007, but have remained valid under the PEA, notwithstanding the expiration date stated in the rules, DEP may recognize continued validity under the PEA until March 15, 2016.

The State Planning Commission adopted

The expiration of mainland coastal centers will significantly reduce the amount of allowable impervious cover available for development of sites in mainland coastal centers that are subject to CAFRA permitting. Sites in mainland coastal centers have an impervious cover allowance of up to 80% under CAFRA regulations. If the mainland coastal center designation expires, impervious cover limits would be based upon the planning area designation of a parcel with impervious cover percentages dropping to a range of 3% to 30%.

### FLOOD HAZARD RULE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

Nearly a year to the day after it proposed amendments to the Coastal Rules, DEP published notice of proposed amendments to the Flood Hazard Rules and Stormwater Management Rules. The proposal contains many noteworthy provisions.

- The Stormwater Rules 300-foot SWRPA buffer is proposed for removal as it is redundant given the 300-foot riparian zone buffer under the Flood Hazard Rules. SWRPA buffer concepts are incorporated into the 300-riparian zone buffer provision of the Flood Hazard Rules through imposition of a requirement for compensation for impacted vegetation.
- The 150-foot riparian zone buffer for regulated waters containing acid producing soils will be replaced by a 50-foot buffer.
- The rules will allow GP's and IP's to be extended for 5 years.
- The rules contain new procedures for determining forested area.
- DEP will no longer utilize USGS and County Soil Service Area maps in connection with jurisdictional determinations.
- A GP By Certification category is proposed to be created, together with many additional GP's and Permit-By-Rule categories.
- The Hardship Exception process will remain, though DEP is proposing various substantive changes to its permitting options and riparian zone disturbance limitations in an effort to reduce the number of Hardship Exception requests.

- The grandfathering concept will be expanded to a larger category of local approvals akin to the Stormwater Management Rule process.
- Applicability determinations will no longer have a five-year duration limit.
- The proposal includes a new definition of "actively disturbed area." Regular and on-going human use and intervention with significant impairment to the typical functions and benefits of a riparian zone being the key element. Any land covered by impervious surface is considered actively disturbed area, as are actively farmed areas, easement, right-of-way, garden, lawn or park area that is regularly maintained.

Land owners and developers should become familiar with substantive aspects of the proposed Flood Hazard Rules to assess potential impacts on planned development.



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# New Rules At The Closing Table



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hanges in real estate closing documents kicked into effect on August 1st. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has revamped the HUD-1 closing statement and the previously issued good faith estimate worksheet commonly used in mortgage closings. In response to the mortgage loan crisis from 2008, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act required a more transparent mortgage process. The mission was to educate the borrower and provide better tools to avoid the confusion and abuses discovered in review of the nation's real estate meltdown

For all mortgage and real estate loans originating on or after August 1, 2015, borrowers must first be provided with a Loan Estimate form within three days of loan application. The Loan Estimate form replaces the good faith estimate worksheet previously supplied by a lender. The new Loan Estimate form will highlight on the first page the items proven to be the most important to consumers.

The interest rate, monthly payment, and the total closing costs will be clearly presented on the first page, allowing the consumer easier comparison between products being offered and to shop between lenders.

Next, borrowers will receive a Closing Disclosure form to review three days in advance of the actual loan closing to help alleviate some of the pressure and confusion that can occur. The borrower will have time to review and understand the charges being incurred without the stress of a closing deadline ticking. Consumers will be able to compare the closing costs incurred versus the Loan Estimate previously received. The changes in the estimates are explained and documented on the Closing Disclosure itself.

After receipt of the Closing Disclosure form, an additional three day review period is provided if any of the following items occur:

- The APR rate of the loan increases by one-eighth of a percent for fixed loans or one quarter of a percent for an adjustable rate mortgage. If the rate goes down, the three day period is not applicable.
- A pre-payment penalty is added.
- The basic loan product changes. Forexample, a fixed rate mortgage is changed to an adjustable rate mortgage product.

The HUD-1 closing form was very familiar to many professionals and consumers. From its oversized pages to the numbering of lines and two column approach, the document was easy to identify. The fees and charges are now placed on the Closing Disclosure form in one of seven areas (with some common charges):

# Origination charges – loan application and underwriting fees, "points"

- 1. Services the borrower did not shop for – appraisal costs, flood certifications, credit report, lien searches
- 2. Services the borrower did shop for pest inspections, survey fees, title insurance
- 3. Taxes and other government fees - recording fees, transfer taxes
- 4. Pre-paid homeowner's insurance, property taxes, utilities
- 5. Initial escrow payment at closing commissions, property taxes, mortgage insurance
- 6. Other home owner association fees or capital contributions

The CFPB wanted to make the forms more aesthetically pleasing as well. They eliminated all tiny fonts and also tested and developed the form for Spanish-speaking consumers. The forms were designed to apply to the broad spectrum of borrowers, from the first time home buyer to the more sophisticated real estate investor. The new disclosure forms created "yes or no" questions in clear and concise language about features of the loan. Items that are subject to change such as the interest rate or additional charges for prepayment penalties and



homeowners insurance are distinctly and simply answered. While the final versions are dramatically different, some preliminary versions went even further. Sections were tested with information

converted from text to infographics. But in the end, a clean and plain-speak, layman's approach was adopted.

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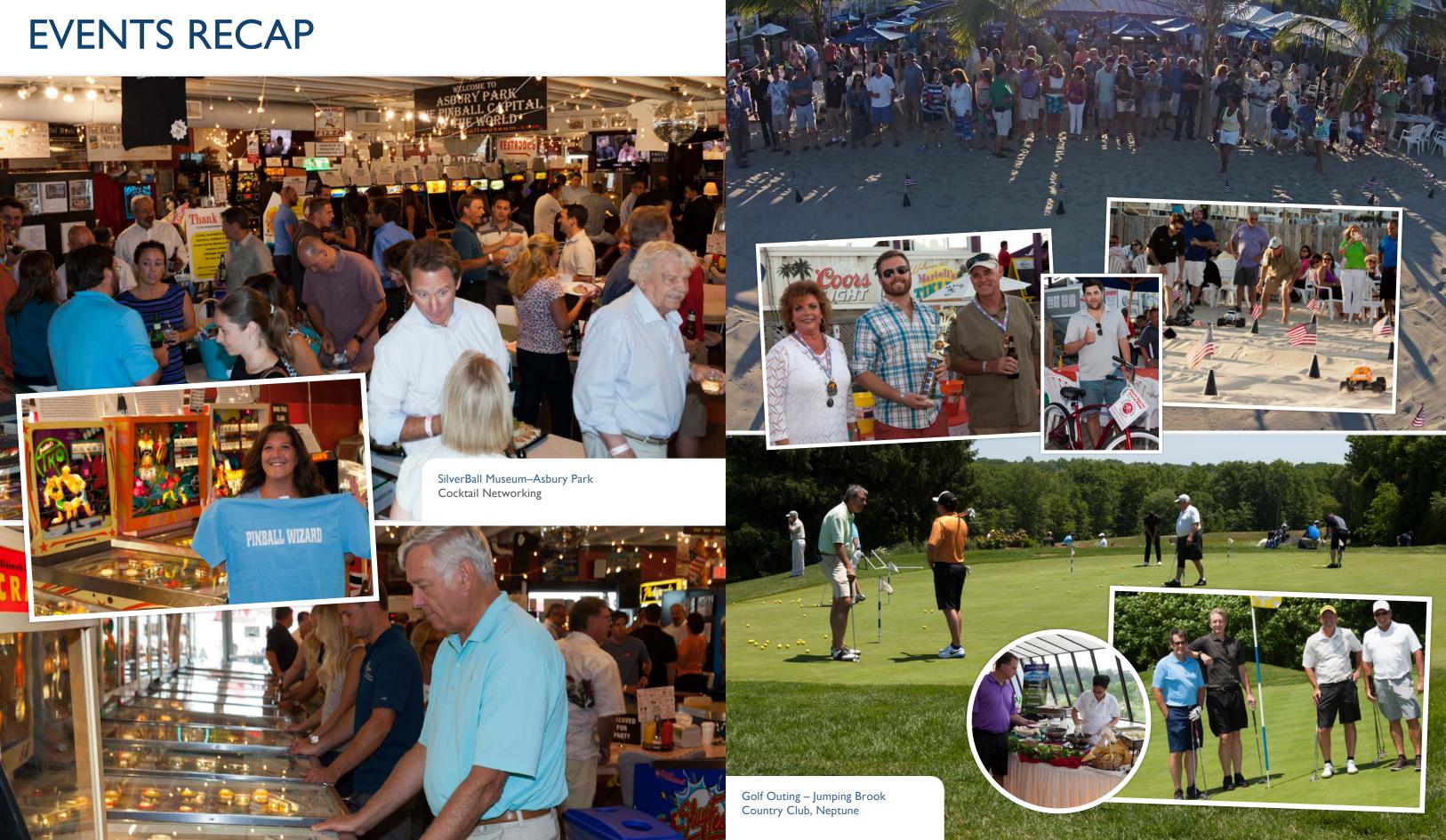


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Events Recap

# Shore Builders Association



Martells Beach Party - Point Pleasant

Networking Event

# 21 TIPS to Use at a Networking Event

By Mark Hunter "The Sales Hunter"

When you arrive at a networking event, avoid gravitating to people you know.

You should initially thank the host and then immediately find someone new to whom to introduce yourself. This will help keep you in the right frame of mind as to why you came. Your consultative selling skills and sales motivation will be strengthened — even if you won't directly be selling.

- Vhen you meet someone for the first time, use it as an opportunity to get to know them. Don't try to sell them anything. Rather, begin to establish a relationship.
- Keep your business cards in the breast pocket of your coat, a shirt pocket, or in an outside pocket of your purse so they are easy to access and in good condition.
- When giving a person your card, personalize it by hand writing your cell number on it. This will cause the recipient to feel they are receiving something special.
- 4. When giving or receiving a business card, be especially careful when dealing with people from outside the U.S., as many cultures treat business cards with very high regard.

- 5. When receiving a card from someone, take a moment to write yourself a note on it such as where you met or an interesting insight they gave you. If you do this while you're still talking to the person, it will help convey your sense of personal connection.
- 6. During the course of a conversation, use the other person's first name two or three times. People always like to hear their own name and it will help you to remember it when the discussion is over.
- 7. Rather than telling a new contact all about yourself, spend your time asking them questions. It's amazing how much you'll learn!
- 8. After you meet someone for the first time, use the back of their business card to jot a note about something you learned from the conversation and the date and place you met them. Recording the information will give you something to talk to them about the next time you see them.

- 9. Connect with the person to whom you are talking by tilting your head as you listen to them. It is an effective body language technique that communicates that you're paying attention to what they're saying.
- 10. When a person is talking to you, be sure to look directly at them. Giving a person full attention with your eyes will encourage them to share more.
- Remember, however, that it's not a "stare-down" contest.
   Give the person 3-5 seconds of eye contact and then look away briefly before returning your focus to them again.
- 12. The best location to network is by a high-traffic area such as a main door, the bar or near the food.
- 13. Never approach people if they're walking towards the restroom. Wait until they have returned to the networking area.



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- 14. After the person has shared something with you, ask them another question about what they just said. This shows that you're paying attention and that you care about what they're telling you.
- 15. Always keep one hand free to allow yourself to shake hands with people. This means that you shouldn't eat and drink at the same time. Remember, this is a networking event, not a full-course meal.
- 16. As a way of demonstrating your networking skills, introduce each new person you meet to at least one other person.

- 17. Never try to barge into a group of 4 or more people. Come along side of the group, but do not attempt to enter into the discussion until you have made eye contact with everyone.
- 18. Do not approach two people who are talking, as you may be interrupting an important discussion.
- 19. It is best to initiate conversation with someone who is standing by themselves. They'll be happy to have someone to talk to them and, as a result, will many times open up with valuable information.

- 20. When you meet someone for the first time, you have 72 hours to follow up with them before they will completely forget about meeting you.
- 21. A networking event is not a time to see how many business cards you can acquire. Rather, it is a time to develop a few relationships that have potential.



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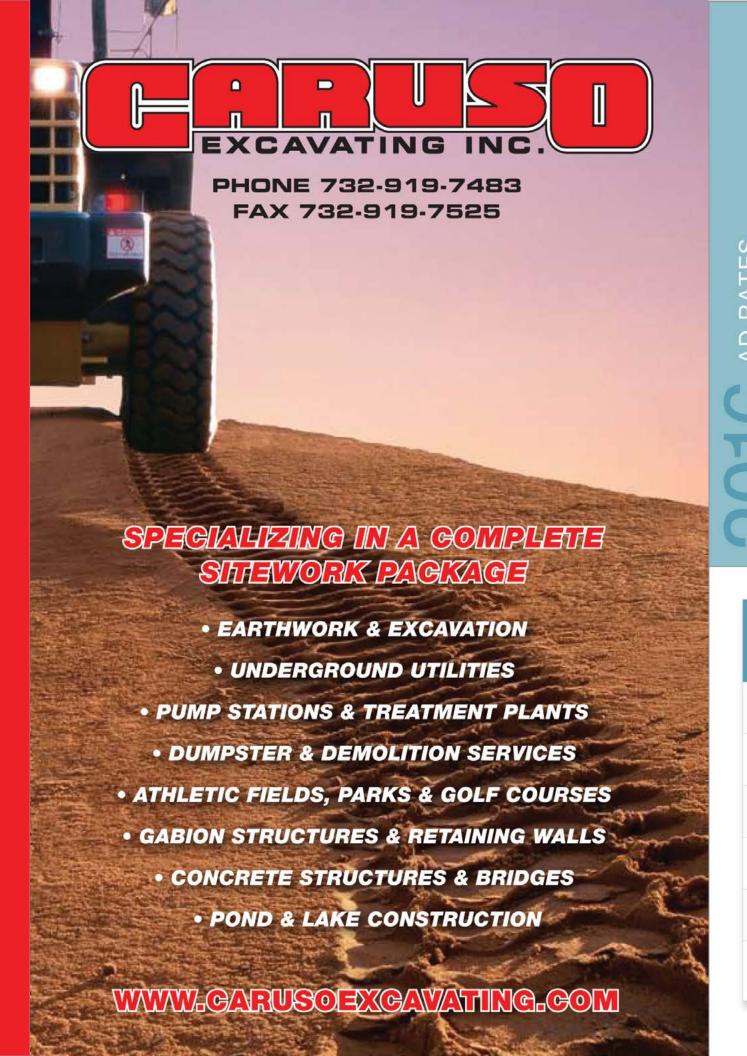
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As well, Kelly is a new member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Ocean County and the Chair of their

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# 2015/2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 31

General Membership Meeting—6pm

Member Appreciation Night Anual Awards & BEAM Awards
Location: Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

October 28

Annual Elections/Lead Sharing /Networking Happy Hour 5pm Location: Ferguson Enterprises, Middletown

December 9

Annual Awards - Installation & Holiday Party—6:00pm Location: Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

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January 13

General Membership Meeting—9am
Annual Economic Forecast: Kevin Gillen, PhD,
Meyers Research Group A Kennedy Wilson Company
Location: Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

March 3

Annual FAME Awards—6pm Location: South Gate Manor, Freehold

March 29-31

Atlantic Builders Convention Location: Atlantic City

\*April 13

General Membership Meeting—6pm Location: To Be Determined

\*May 11

General Membership Meeting—6pm Location: To Be Determined

June 20

Annual Golf Outing—1:15pm Shotgun Start Location: Jumping Brook Country Club

July 21

Annual BBQ on the Beach & Builder Dune Buggy Race Location: Martel's Tiki Bar, Pt. Pleasant Beach

\*August 10

General Membership Meeting Location: To Be Determined

\*September 14

General Membership Meeting Location: To Be Determined

\*October 12

General Membership Meeting Location: To Be Determined

\*December 7

Annual Installation & Holiday Party Location and Time: To Be Determined



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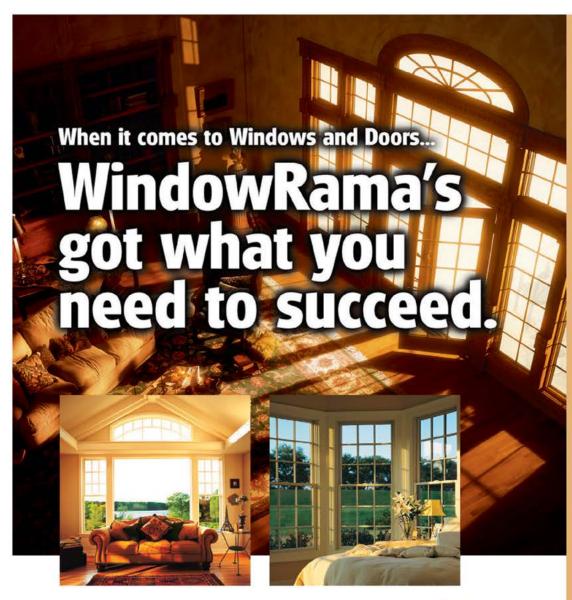
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