



NDAB NEWS

Monthly News from the North Dakota Association of Builders February 2017



NDAB President Eric Brenden pictured with members of St. Mary's High School, Northwest Contracting and Mandan Parks and Rec.

Many of you have heard of the house explosion North of Mandan in December that killed two people. Elianna Vazquez, a high school Senior at St. Mary's in Bismarck, survived. However, her mom and step – dad were killed in the explosion. Elianna suffered multiple injuries including a broken back, broken ribs, and a collapsed lung. Thankfully, Elianna is recovering and is now out of the hospital.

On January 5, Kim and I had an opportunity to present a check on behalf of NDAB members to the Elianna Vazquez fund in the amount of \$1,550. We were also able to have a good conversation with the principal of St. Mary's High School, the Superintendent of Light of Christ Catholic Schools, and Elianna's friend and her friend's mother. They told some of the stories of the support the community has given to her. Considering what she went through, Elianna is doing very well. By the time you are reading this, she may already be back at school. However, she has much physical as well as emotional healing to go through that will take some time.

The cause of the house explosion has not been 100% determined, but it is suspected that it was a result of a propane leak. With all of the snow many of us have been receiving around the state, this reminds us to check our gas meters and vents as well to make sure that they are not covered with snow. It is also a good idea to purchase a gas detector, which will warn you of a gas leak when the gas levels get too high in the house.

I would like to thank everyone who gave money to the Elianna Vazquez fund. She will have a long road ahead of her. If anyone wishes to make a contribution, you can send a check to the NDAB office payable to NDAB or directly to the Elianna Vazquez fund and Kim and her staff will ensure that it gets delivered.

Eric



Kim Schneider

Volunteering at the National Level

As we return from Orlando and look back at our week of warmer weather, great company, lots of steps and new information we are reminded of all the great opportunities to be involved at the national level with National Association of Home Builders. NDAB members from across the state and representing each of the six local associations traveled to Orlando to be a part of NAHB Board of Directors meetings and the International Builders Show. Annually, NAHB hosts the

International Builders Show (IBS) and next year will be doing so again in Orlando, FL January 9-11. At these meetings, committees made up of Builders and Associates meet to discuss what is happening in the building industry, discuss membership numbers and how to increase, discuss issues across the nation, BUILD-PAC, they recognize their peers with various National awards for the work they do and they have an opportunity to network.

At NAHB meetings, it is always a great opportunity to reconnect with old and new friends, network, and gather new ideas and information. Another fun gathering at IBS is the North Dakota Reception. We are pleased each year to invite North Dakota attendees and our friends to a reception with great food, drinks and of course fun company. We have around 200 people stop by and we recognize the student chapter attendees for their hard work and the competition they participate in. This year, NDAB teamed up with members from the Area 10 Caucus to co-host a fun evening. This allowed us to host even more guests from our area without competing for time and gave us the opportunity to work closely in planning with our counterparts from Iowa and our National Area Chairman (NAC) Keith Butz who so kindly traveled to ND in December to swear in our President, Eric Brenden and our 2017 NDAB Board of Directors. We thank those that stopped by this year making it another successful and fun evening.

If interested in learning more about NAHB meetings and events, please connect with your local association's Executive Officer or connect with our office. There are many great volunteer and networking opportunities happening in state and in warmer weather and we would love to see you there!

2017 also brings to us a new legislative session where we are welcoming 26 new Representatives and 9 new Senators. We always invite our members to join us at the Capitol to experience how the state legislative process works and to can testify on a bill. On February 15, NDAB along with NDAR will be hosting a Legislative Impact Day and then hosting all legislators and our members to the annual Oyster and Chili Feed. On March 15, we will be hosting Builder Day at the Capitol where we will invite our members to spend the day visiting with their local legislators and join us for lunch. Please continue to watch your email for more information and any call to action items that might arise as the session gets underway. We always appreciate your voice and support!

Take care,
Kim Schneider

Back your PAC ... your PAC backs you! NDAB-PAC is the North Dakota Association of Builders' Political Action Committee. It is a non-partisan political action committee that provides support for candidates who are friends of the building industry. Contact NDAB at (800) 326-4746, (701) 222-2401 or info@ndbuild.com to contribute or learn more!

Around the State

Bismarck-Mandan Home Builders Assoc.
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- The 2017 Home Show is nearing capacity. The event, which will be Feb. 17-18 aims to attract nearly 7,000 spectators.
- The BMHBA is the recipient of an NAHB grant. The association received \$20,000 to assist with the construction of a hands-on learning exhibit at the Gateway to Science Museum.
- The Association has been actively engaged in local government affairs. Staff and members maintain seats at the table around storm water management discussions, rezoning discussions, infrastructure discussions and property tax discussions.
- The BMHBA encourages fellow members of NDAB to check out its activities and events and attend to encourage networking across the state.

Dickinson Area Builders Assoc.
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- The President Val Voelkerling, past president Lance Kilwein, past state president Arnold Karsky, and EO Tiffany Dolechek attended the International Builders Show in Orlando January 10-13.
- Our next General Membership Meeting is January 18th at Lady J's club and catering. The presentation for this meeting will be the WSI ergonomics Initiative.
- DABA is working on plans for the 2017 Home Show April 9th & 10th. We have a great committee and are excited for this year's show!

Home Builders Assoc. of Fargo-Moorhead
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- The New Year Celebration & City Night was Jan. 26. This year featured six on its mayoral panel including; Fargo, Dilworth, Horace, Moorhead, Oxbow and West Fargo .
- The HBA of F-M held its first-ever Trade Showcase Jan. 27. This event was held after continuing education courses. Vendors set up table-top displays and were able to network with the education attendees.
- The 2017 Home & Garden Show is Feb. 24-26. The HBA of F-M is excited to continue its popular Kids Lego Homebuilding Competition and Treasure Hunt.
- The Spring Parade of Homes is around the corner, this year will feature three weekends April 22-23, April 28-30 and May 5-7.

Forx Builders Association
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- The January General Membership Meeting and Installation of the 2017 Board of Directors was held at the Canad Inns. Grand Forks Mayor Michael Brown and East Grand Forks Mayor Steve Gander were the guest speakers. Jennifer Johnson, Alerus, is our 2017 President. Bill Knipe, Rusty Wysocki and LeRoy Kurtyka were given plaques and thanked for their years on the Board.
- Our annual Contractor's Education Day will be held March 1st at the Ramada.
- Upcoming hosts for Builders after Hours are Structural Materials in March and PS Garage Doors in April.
- The 2017 Home Design & Garden Show is scheduled for March 31, April 1 and 2nd at the Alerus Center.

Minot Association of Builders
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- 2017 is a year of excitement at the Minot Association of Builders! Three new events are scheduled to be introduced. Hard Hat Happy Hour, the Tool Belt Barbecue and a kid's workshop are all new happenings the Association is excited to share with its members. Hard Hat Happy Hour will provide a casual setting at a local bar for members new and old to get together discuss MAB happenings while having a few drinks. The Tool Belt Barbecue will take place in the MAB parking lot over lunch in May. Finally, a kid's workshop will take place later in the year. Families can bring their children to do projects related to the building industry.
- The 2017 Home and Garden Show is nearing! Booths are filling up fast. There are plenty of new things to partake in whether it be the Pub in the Park, The Youngster Yard, the Ready Builders Lego Competition, The Market on 4th Workshops or the Belt Sander Races. Excitement is building for the new and improved Home Show!
- February 15th brings a Lunch Hour Learning regarding Business Insurance Basics. Mike Humphreys of First Western Insurance will provide an in depth look at what insurance coverages your business needs.
- The MAB membership committee is leading the charge to better serve our current and potential members. Meetings are scheduled to brainstorm ideas to help make the Association even better.

Williston Area Builders Association
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- The Williston Area Builders Association is excited to be hosting their first General Membership Meeting for their Watford City Chapter on January 18th 2017. We are expecting a great turnout from the Watford City Community to drive our Watford City Builders Association membership!
- The January WABA General Membership Meeting will be held at Stone Countertop Outlet in Williston. Our topic of the month is Carbon Monoxide Awareness, we will be having guest speakers from MDU, Williston Fire Department, plumbing and heating professionals, "CO Detectors Save Lives" testimonials, and discussion of the pending CO bill in legislation for ND. We are looking forward to bringing more awareness of this bill to our members and our community.
- The 2017 Williston Home and Garden Show is taking place on Friday April 7th 2pm to 7pm with a vendor social 7-9pm, and Saturday April 8th 10am to 7pm. Vendor Booth space still available!
- With the 2017 Summer NDAB event being held in Williston on July 27th and 28th we have been hard at work planning an eventful time for all of our NDAB members and can't wait to share our community with all of you!
- The Watford city meeting will be held at MDU in Watford city.



NDAB HAS MOVED!

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