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From the E.O.

BILL KIPF

2020 certainly has been a challenge for us all, and "it ain't over yet"! I hope that you all have some time over Thanksgiving and Christmas to spend some quality family time and some quality "me time". Don't forget you need a little R&R also. As you plan for next year, remember that the NAHB and HBAM have some excellent tools to help you with your business. Take advantage of them!

It is still not clear if we will be able to hold our annual Home Show in 2021, and that causes me some concern as that is our main source of non-dues revenue. We also were not able to hold a fall event to raise funds to support our efforts in the student chapter area. But at some point, I know that we will rebound. The 3rd home in the Monroe High School program is underway, although it is a little behind previous years due to the COVID restrictions. But it is indeed moving forward.

As we move into 2021, consider how you may be more involved in your HBA. We are always looking for new/different ideas. We will need someone (or two or three) to help with the Student Build and Student Design programs to replace Bob Polk. Bob's passing leaves a large void in that area. He was very passionate about working with the students. May he rest in peace.



HBA Board of Directors

We would like to announce that for the Board of Director elections, the results are as follows:

- Bart Lydy was re-elected
- Wayne Pavlika was elected for his 1st term.
- We would like to thank Mark Heller for his service in the past few years. He decided to not run again.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all are doing well. By now you have all heard of our newest restrictions from our Governor. I started downloading the new orders today. It is not clear cut.

You have to fill in the distancing requirements and apply them to you project.

Don't assume anything. OSHA has also posted guidelines for our industry.

I am anxious to see the opinions we get from our MAHB along with their recommendations.

In the very near future we will get information on our proposed budget for next year. This is another challenge because we don't know if we will have a home show.

We will be electing our new officers soon. Please volunteer to help our association as we go into our challenging future.

Stay Safe

Dave

TROJAN STUDENT BUILD #3

Monroe High School's Trojan Build 3 is underway. There was some concern over how it would be handled with the COVID-19 restrictions, but Tom Bell and Andy Marchese have the situation under control. There is a limit to how many students can be on-site at a time, but the students are able to use technology to schedule their time on-site. Both instructors also alternate their times on-site and this makes it possible. They also sanitize all tools and equipment daily, helping make it safer. They have made a contingency plan that would allow for this build to span 2 years, but hopefully the system they have in place will keep it at 1 year. It is encouraging to note that there have been students that are graduates of the program and are in the trades as a career path. This is a major endeavor for our association, and one that can pay long term benefits for our industry. We hope to have a fundraiser this fall to provide financial support, but it all depends on the pandemic.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Construction Work Activities May Continue—you should have seen an all-member message last evening about the state's new Health Department Order that will close down a number of businesses, schools and others for the next three weeks. While the order did NOT close down the construction sector, members having in-person contact with customers must collect/document contact information for contact tracing purposes (there are rules on protecting and keeping this information confidential that members should be advised to follow).

GOOGLE MY BUSINESS

Have you ever "googled my business" for your own business? It would be a good idea if you did. You may be surprised to find out what appears when you do. We are in the process of updating the HBA website, and the person doing the work indicates one of our members is out of business. I know this to not be true and related that to the designer. I am in process of notifying the member. PLEASE GOOGLE YOUR BUSINESS AND MAKE SURE IT IS CORRECT!

STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

The HBA of Monroe County will once again be sponsoring the Student Design Competition for Monroe County High Schools. Completion will be April of 2021 with the awards in May of 21. This program has been an annual program for over 40 years now! One of the alumni of the program is now the instructor at Monroe High School. It has produced many success stories over the years, help young people find their calling in building trades. It is something our local HBA is very proud of, and from what I have been able to see throughout the state, we are the only program of this nature in Michigan!

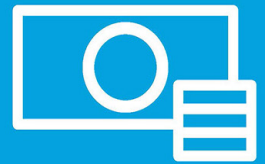
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