# SCWBA NEWS



FEBRUARY 2023

#### A NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

The South Central Wisconsin Builders Association (SCWBA) is a not-for-profit professional trade organization, which **unites** people involved in the building industry in order to **encourage** high standards of professionalism and service, **promotes** attainable, quality housing and **improves** our community through active involvement.

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



#### PAULA CARLSON, BRABAZON/TITLE TEAM

#### **2023 SCWBA PRESIDENT**

Happy February,

I hope 2023 has been off to a fabulous start for each of you. SCWBA has a great lineup of member events. Make sure you are following on Facebook and checking your emails often. Heidi does an excellent job of letting everyone know what is going on. If you are new/newer to SCWBA we look forward to meeting you at these events.

I would like to say a "Thank You" to Norm and Lori Paulson, Doug Scott and Heidi for attending the WBA Presidents installation day/evening. We are thankful to have such great representation at the State level.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon. Stay warm!

Paula Carlson

SCWBA President

Paula Carlson

## 2023 LEADERSHIP



Paula Carlson President



Tessa Dongarra President Elect



Kevin Fanning Vice President



Eric Scherdell Treasurer/Secretary



Casandra Wagner Past President



Adam Perkins Builder Director



Eric Richards Builder Director



Joe Kruser Associate Director



Becky Carter Associate Director



Tom Naatz State Life Director



Andy Dongarra State Director



Norm Paulson State Director



Doug Scott State Life Director



Bob Sarow State Life Director



Scott Engelberger State Life Director

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# MEGAN OLEARY PHOTOGRAPHY DESIGN

If you have suggestions, concerns, or ideas that may help improve YOUR association, we encourage you to reach out to any of your Board Members to share your thoughts.

Even better, join a committee!

If we collaborate more, we can make SCWBA the best association possible.

To obtain email addresses for your Board Members you can access them at: <a href="https://www.scwba.com/about.html">https://www.scwba.com/about.html</a>

Membership / mbassadors

- Paula Carlson, Brabazon/Title Team
- Casandra Wagner, Wagner Construction
- Sara Reque, Blackhawk Bank
- Amanda McCulloch, Blackhawk Credit Union
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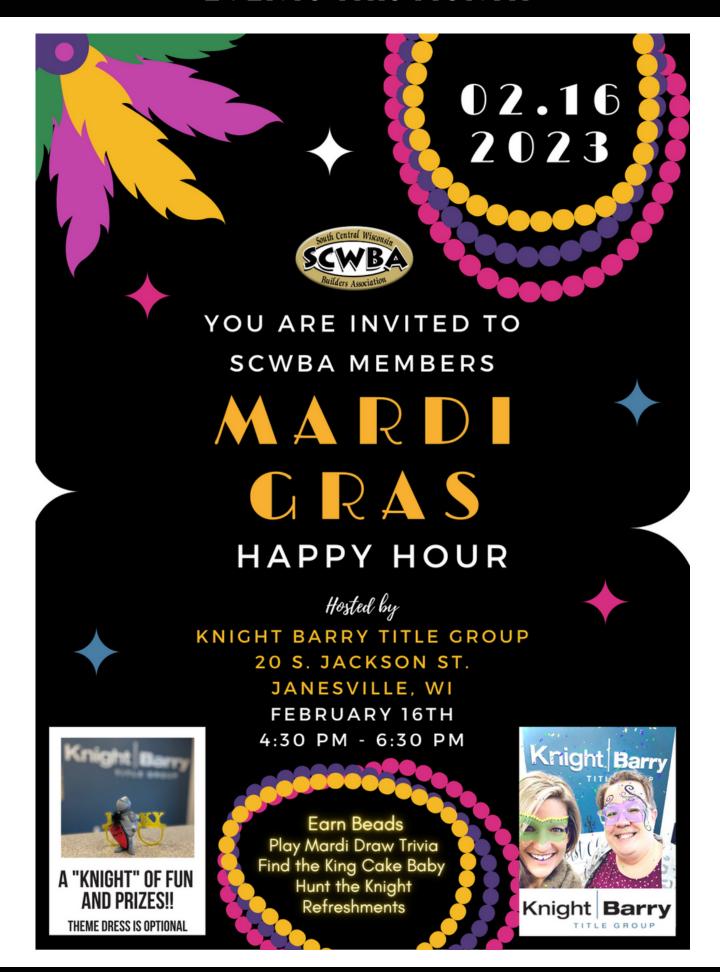








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# NEW MEMBERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN FORUM FOR ANY/ALL ACTIVE SCWBA MEMBERS TO SHARE THOUGHTS & IDEAS

> FEBRUARY 21 2023 5:00 PM

SCWBA OFFICE 4450 MILTON AVE.. SUITE 105 JANESVILLE, WI 53546

2023 DATES FEBRUARY 21 MAY 16 OCTOBER 17

# SPEAK UP SPE

**MEMBERS MAKING MOVES** 

VAL EAGAN
LAND TITLE & CLOSING SERVICES
HAPPY RETURN [N]



**APPLICATION PENDING** 

JUSTIN LANKFORD
LANKFORD CONSTRUCTION
& DESIGN

If you have feedback regarding a New Member Applicant please forward information to Heidi at office@scwba.com

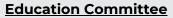


# STUDENT BUILD UPDATES

# 2022-2023 STUDENT BUILD UPDATE

797 WAVELAND, JANESVILLE NAATZ CONSTRUCTION





Co-Chair: Tom Naatz, Naatz Construction

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**Co-Chair**: Paula Carlson, Brabazon/Title Team

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- Joe Kruser, A+ Insulation
- Henry Londo, Century 21
- Kelly McPherson, Realty Executives Premier
- Christopher Maedke, School District of Janesville
- Rvan Naatz. Naatz Construction
- Adam Perkins, AP Designs









Students learn from our members at Ray Lloyd Plastering & Painting.
Testing out the stilts, and working on the drywall and painting process.
Thank you to Kevin Lloyd and his team for this great

mentorship each year!











# 2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE IS OPEN! ACADEMIC OR DIRECT TO WORKFORCE

DOWNLOAD AT: https://www.scwba.com/student-build.html



SCWBA is extremely proud of our Student Build Program! In cooperation with the School District of Janesville, SCWBA provides an on-site classroom for students in the Advanced Construction Classes at Craig and Parker High Schools in Janesville. From its humble beginning in 1992 until today, this program has been providing a hands-on classroom experience, exposing area students to the skilled trades. And since 2007, the program has provided numerous scholarships to participants that are looking to make the construction industry their chosen profession. SCWBA is proud to be a part of training future builders in our local home building industry.

This year's Student Build Project is led by SCWBA Member, and General Contractor, Naatz Construction. Thank you to Ryan Naatz, Joe Kruser, and the entire Education Committee for all you do to support this program!







# COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### **Parade of Homes Committee**

Co-Chair: Tessa Dongarra, Cabinet Country tess@cabinetcountryltd.com

Co-Chair: Brian Kaiser, Kaiser Design/Build kaiserdb@charter.net

- Al Herbst, First National Bank
- Kevin Ferguson, Ferguson Custom Homes
- Tom Naatz, Naatz Consctruction
- Gary Oehlberg, Main Street Cabinet Co.
- Steve Lauber, Janesville Gazette
- Andrea Mroz, Johnson Bank
- Preston Laws. Johnson Bank
- Brenda Knighton Slatter, Realty Executives
- Janine Birkhimer, Realty Executives
- Pam Heineck, Knight Barry Title

The 2022 Parade of Homes was a great success. Thank you to our participating members. Virtual viewing access will run through July 2023.

Visit www.scwba.com/paradeofhomes and use promo code \$CWBA22POH.



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# 2022 PARTICIPANTS











































919 N. Henke Road, Milton









# SANDLOT PROJECT AFTON FIELD RESTORATION

# PHASE 2 PROJECT <u>NEEDS</u> SPRING 2023

- Sideline Fencing: 6' x 50' each x2
- Outfield Fencing: 6' x 314' x1
- Fencing Installation: Labor and Equipment
- Concrete Excavation: Labor and Equipment
- Scoreboard: Equipment and Labor to raise

PHASE 3 PROJECT NEEDS WILL BE POSTED IN 2023.



To donate time or materials, contact Heidi (608) 752-8075 office@scwba.com

## **JOIN IN THE IMPACT!!!**

#### WE NEED SOME DONATIONS OF TIME AND MATERIALS THIS SPRING

Needs listed above



Students from SCWBA's Student Build Program build and paint cubbies for the Afton Field Restoration Project. Supervised and led by instructor, Joe Kruser, and Naatz Construction.

## STATE NEWS

### **Home Building Numbers Remain Consistent**

Number of new home starts down just three percent



February 2, 2023 - The latest new home construction numbers from year-end 2022 show just a very slight decrease compared to those of 2021.

The data, submitted by all municipalities across the state, shows 11,326 permits were pulled statewide between January 1 and December 31, just 3 percent less than the 11,711 permits pulled during 2021.

"We're pleased with these year-end numbers, after a slow start the first half of the year," said WBA President Mike Howe. "At the culmination of the second quarter, we were down 24 percent compared to the second quarter of 2021, so to recover from that so quickly is great news for the industry."

While down slightly compared to 2021, Wisconsin numbers are still above those nationally, with the National Association of Home Builders recently reporting single-family starts ending the year down more than 10%, its first annual decline since 2011.

"Low mortgage rates in 2021 tremendously aided the home building industry, as they helped offset high material prices," said WBA Executive Director Brad Boycks. "The interest rates of 2022 really impacted existing home sales, along with home building. Simply put, homeowners could no longer afford mortgages on homes they may have been able to afford just a year earlier."

#### **Spotlight on State Membership Benefits**

#### **Member Hotline**

The WBA provides complimentary access to legal, building code, and safety experts to answer any building-related issues you're facing.

Check out the Membership Matters section on the last page of the newsletter for instructions on how to access your WBA benefits.

https://www.wisbuild.org/member-hotline



## NATIONAL NEWS

# **Aging Housing Stock Signals Remodeling Opportunities**



Feb 06, 2023

The U.S. owner-occupied housing stock is aging rapidly especially after the Great Recession, as residential construction continues to fall behind in the number of new homes built. With a lack of sufficient supply of new construction, the aging housing stock signals **a growing remodeling market**, as old structures need to add new amenities or repair/replace old components.

Rising home prices also encourage home owners to spend more on home improvement. Over the long run, the aging of the housing stock implies that remodeling may grow faster than new construction.

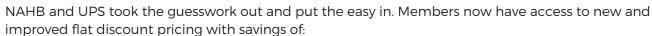
The median age of owner-occupied homes is 40 years, according to the latest data from the 2021 American Community Survey. A little less than half of the owner-occupied homes were built before 1980, with around 35% built before 1970. New construction added nearly 8.3 million units to the national stock from 2010 to 2021, accounting for only 10% of owner-occupied housing stock in 2021.

Due to modest supply of housing construction, the share of new construction built within past 11 years declined greatly, from 17% in 2011 to only 10% in 2021.

Na Zhao, Ph.D., a principal economist at NAHB, provides more details in **this Eye on Housing post**. <a href="https://www.nahb.org/blog/2023/02/aging-housing-stock">https://www.nahb.org/blog/2023/02/aging-housing-stock</a>

#### **Spotlight on National Membership Benefits**

#### Flat Rate Discounts on Shipping with UPS





- 50% on Domestic Next Day/Deferred
- 30% on Ground Commercial / Residential and
- up to 50% on additional services

In addition, members can take advantage of UPS Smart Pickup® service for free.

Open a new account, or if you are already taking advantage of our UPS savings program, re-enroll and apply the new discounts to your existing account by visiting: www.savewithups.com/nahb or call 1-800-MEMBERS (1-800-636-2377), M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., ET.

https://www.1800member.com/nahb

# ASSOCIATE

Member Spotlights



Cabinet Country
Carpet One
Combs & Associates
Consigny Law Firm
Country Door Systems



**Dale Walker Roofing** 



**E&D Water Works** 



#### **MAKING THE LIST**

#### **RENEWED**

#### **MEMBERS**

- Adams & Sons
- Bank of Milton
- Classic Custom Homes of Waunakee
- Knight Barry Title Services
- Northland Equipment
- Ray Lloyd Plastering
- Schwartz & Shea Insurance

#### **UPCOMING**

#### **MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES**

#### February

- Advantage Homes
- Henry Londo, C21
- Janesville Gazette
- Next Generation Homes
- Pella Windows & Doors
- Pipe Dreams Plumbing
- Post Builders
- S&S Enterprise of Janesville
- Schwartz & Shea Insurance
- Stone Edge Landscaping
- Summit Accounting Group
- Terrill Remodeling
- Tower Designs

#### March

- · Consigny Law Firm
- Finco Concrete
- Foundation Building Materials
- Ignatek
- Johnson Bank
- Land Title Closing Services
- Paulson Kimball Construction
- Sign A Rama
- Sullivan Signs

Anniversary months are the month of dues deadlines. To remit payment contact SCWBA or submit your payment by mail or online.

# SPOTLIGHT ON SCWBA MEMBERS

# BUILDER

Member Spotlights



Capstone Home Design
Classic Custom Homes of Waunakee
Connell Construction
Craig Kjendle Builders



**Diversified Construction** 



**Egge Construction Evergreen Designs** 



#### **MEMBERSHIP VALUE**

#### **Membership Committee**

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When you join SCWBA you gain access to benefits at three levels; local, state, and national. From discounts to education, and everything in between, we've got you covered. With opportunities to network and collaborate with professionals throughout the industry, we've got plenty of events and social gatherings to get you in front of your target audience. A SCWBA membership comes with many fun, rewarding, and prosperous incentives to help you make the most of your membership investment.



Cash in on your membership by taking advantage of membership value incentives, by joining a committee, by attending events, and by collaborating with member partners. Your membership has value beyond measure.

# PHOTO GALLERY

# 2022 WBA AWARDS & 2023 WBA PRESIDENT'S INSTALLATION

MANITOWOC, WI



Life State Director, Doug Scott, State Director, Norm Paulson and PKC Administrator Lori Paulson, and Executive Officer, Heidi Van Kirk, joined representatives from across the state to celebrate 2022 Awards Recipients at the 2023 President Installation Dinner. A special honor was bestowed upon our very own, Harvey Kessel at Wisconsin Building Supply, as he was honored with the WBA Hall of Fame award. This honor is well deserved. Congratulations to Harvey and all honorees!







# 2023 NOTHING BUT NET NETWORKING AND LEADERSHIP SESSION

BELOIT, WI

Our Executive Officer, Heidi Van Kirk, proudly represented SCWBA serving on a leadership academy fundraising panel and as a facilitator at their annual networking event. Joined by other top fundraising professionals in the area, the team mentored other professionals for an entire day of leadership training.



# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

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# "Why Do I need to become more involved? I'm already too busy!"

Today, it's not just about managing your already successful business or finding your next client. For many of our long time companies, your current partners are aging out and you will need to cultivate new relationships with new people and get connected with the next generation of collaborators. More importantly, consumers and partners need to begin to recognize YOU as the face of your company. It's also about making your days at work as productive as possible and making each interaction COUNT. For newer companies, there are even more reasons to dedicate yourself to becoming part of an association. Don't rest on the laurels or the sweat and hard work of those who have paved the way to success for your company. People give to, and work with, PEOPLE... not companies, and the same goes for loyalty. You now have to BECOME those PEOPLE they want to work with and are loyal to. Relationships are EVERYTHING! Associations bring like minded people within an industry TOGETHER. It's both smart and efficient business. - Heidi Van Kirk, SCWBA MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SCWBA's Education Committee works hard to inspire the next generation of young professionals in our industry.

In 2022 we sponsored an education table at the Forward Janesville Annual Dinner to illustrate to our rising professionals what it means to be part of building a better community.





#### What was the catalyst that led you to this industry?

My father has been in the building industry for years doing HVAC, and I always kinda knew that I wanted to be apart of it somehow, I just had to find the right fit somewhere. I loved tagging along on weekend jobs with him and watching the homes come to life. Fast Forward to my senior year of High School, I got a ring from Realty Executives Premier! Bingo - Real Estate! What an incredible opportunity to start my career, and I knew it was where I belonged!

#### What value have you found in your SCWBA membership?

SCWBA has allowed me to learn so much more about the building industry, along with giving me many great opportunities to network and create new relationships.

#### What is one reason your peers should get more involved?

I believe my peers should get more involved because it is an awesome industry that is growing with so many neat opportunities

#### Tell us something about you that most members wouldn't already know?

I'm very passionate about music! I love singing, dancing, and learning new instruments

#### **Packers or Bears?**

Go Pack!

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As a member of SCWBA, you are automatically a member of WBA and NAHB. Both associations have awesome benefits available to help you grow your business and save money. Be sure to take advatage of your benefits and follow up on messages from WBA, NAHB and SCWBA.

#### Thank you for joining SCWBA. Your membership matters!

#### **HEIDI VAN KIRK**

#### **SCWBA EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Happy February Members and Friends of SCWBA!



This month is a great time to reflect on all the things there are to love about SCWBA. This month we have our first event of the year, our Members Happy Hour at Knight Barry Title on February 16th, with a fun Mardi Gras theme! Join us and thank your member hosts at KBT!

On February 21st we will meet four potential new members, and welcome all current members to come to our open forum at 5pm to share your thoughts and ideas with us. Our membership committee will be there to gather your feedback and take note of any concerns you may have. This is how you can be heard and get involved, without committing to a committee or board service. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

We are working on planning our March Trivia Night, May Comedy Night, and June Golf Outing. We have a lot of exciting things in the works for you this year, and all dates are set so you can mark your calendars. Thank you to our Title Sponsors for your early commitment! Events are always posted in the newsletter, on our webpage, and on our Facebook page. Be sure to check back often.

Our scholarship cycle is now open. High school seniors can download our Academic and/or Direct to Workforce Scholarship Application online at www.scwba.com/education. Parade of Homes Intention Letters are now due as well so please get yours to me as soon as possible.

I'd like to thank the many members supporting the student build, our committees, our community impact efforts, and the association as a whole. SCWBA is a great organization thanks to all of you. I appreciate your efforts and dedication, tremendously.

If you'd like to get more involved, join a committee. Ask me how. As always, I'm here to support you, so reach out at any time. Feel free to call or text my cell (608) 346-2403 or email: office@scwba.com. Until next time, take care and remember to check your emails and visit our website and Facebook frequently. We keep everything updated just incase you miss our emails. After all, I am imperfect.

Check out our website:

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Best Regards,



#### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **WBA MEMBER BENEFITS**

Contracts & Forms
(37 to choose from)
Member Hotline
Member Rebate Program
Coaching & Consulting
Business Insurance
Health Insurance
On-line Course Discounts
Travel Discounts
Digital Marketing Services
Financial Planning
WBA Affinity Programs

- 1. Go to www.wisbuild.org
- 2.In the bottom right corner, click the black button labeled Login/Request
- 3. When the popup box appears, click the white button labeled Request Login
- **4.**Input the information requested and click continue
- 5.After you select continue, WBA will receive an email that you have created a login and will approve you within 24 hours so you can access all the information under the password-protected members only section of the website

\*\*WBA benefits are located by clicking "Members Only" on the WBA website, then choosing "Member Benefits" from the dropdown menu\*\*

# GROWTH ZONE INFORMATION

GrowthZone (formerly MemberZone) is our member management software that we use in the Association. It is used to keep track of all member data and member invoices, More importantly, it is used to create our annual membership directory, so it is critical that you log in and check your information for accuracy.

#### Contact GrowthZone

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