

HBAM Presents Top Industry Awards

The Home Builders Association of Maryland (HBAM) will present its coveted awards for Builder of the Year and Associate of the Year as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award, during the Icon Awards at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City this evening, November 20th. The awards are the premiere honors awarded to dedicated and respected members of the home building community.

The following awards were presented:

2008 HBAM BUILDER OF THE YEAR

Builder members are the heart of the homebuilding industry. The Builder of the Year award is given to the individual who consistently contributes to the association. Participation in industry legislative efforts, committee involvement and dedication to the profession are the standards of this recipient.

Lou Baker Pulte Homes

Lou has been employed by Pulte Homes for thirteen years, the last six as the Division President for Pulte's Maryland Division. Lou joined the company in 1995 as the controller of the Baltimore Division, and he has also held the positions of division and area vice president of finance. Lou is involved with Habitat for Humanity, as well as the Johns Hopkins Children's house. Lou has been active in HBAM for the last five years. Prior to working for Pulte, Lou was employed by Deloitte and Touche, an international accounting firm and Communication systems Technology, Inc. a local government contractor.

Lou is a 1986 graduate of Loyola College, and is married to Kathy Ahearn Baker. They have an 8-year old daughter, and a 7-year old son. Lou is a board member of Loyola's Alumni Association and a steering committee member for the school's Accounting Alumni Circle. He also enjoys coaching basketball in his spare time. Lou resides with his family in Timonium, Maryland.

2008 HBAM ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

Associate members are vitally important to the homebuilding industry, since they are the ones who supply the builders with products and services to build the homes. The Associate of the Year award is given to the individual who consistently contributes to the association by chairing committees, sponsoring events and participating on various boards.

Judy Borns Residential Title & Escrow Co.

Judy Borns has been on the various HBAM committees including the HBAM Executive Committee and Board of Directors, The Builders' Haven Foundation and Harford County Chapter. She is active with several local charities and organizations including the Harford County Department of Aging and SARC (Spouse Abuse Resource Center). Her positive outlook has helped numerous committees work together as friends, rather than just colleagues, and has motivated many people to band together for the home building industry's causes.

2008 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On rare occasions, it is deemed appropriate to acknowledge someone for achievements spanning a lifetime. This year, HBAM has chosen to honor a notable individual with this award.

Dwight Hikel
Shelter Systems Limited

Dwight has been a member of HBAM for 40 years, and has sat on the Board of Directors for many of those years. He has earned 122 SPIKE credits (for recruiting new members). He has served on the NAHB Board of Directors since 1993 and has been a life director since 2003. Dwight has served on countless other boards, including the Building Systems Council and the NAHB Executive Committee. Dwight founded Shelter Systems in 1976 with his wife, son and one partner. In 1993, he bought out his partner and the company is now family owned. His company has developed and built the most state of the art component manufacturing facility in the United States, and moved into the new facility in February of 2005. It is Dwight's commitment to the building industry, as well as HBAM that has earned him the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2008.

Awards for the Associate of the Year and Land Developer of the Year were presented at an earlier ceremony.

***Remodeler of the Year:** Donald F. Lynch Jr., Lynch Construction*

***Remodelers Council Associate of the Year:** Cheryl Crothers, Thos. Somerville*

***Land Development Council Developer of the Year:** Sandy Marenberg, Marenberg Enterprises*

***Land Development Council Lifetime Achievement Award:** Martin K. P. Hill, Woodhaven Building and Development, LLC*

The Home Builders Association of Maryland is a not-for-profit association that provides governmental relations, educational opportunities and generally functions as a housing industry advocate. HBAM consists of 1,200 member firms, representing over 100,000 employees, including home builders, commercial and industrial builders, remodelers, material suppliers, sub-contractors, lending institutions, developers, manufacturers, utilities, Realtors, architects and others from across the central Maryland region.

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