



Hammer Times

HBA SWLA

September 2017

Join Us For

The Annual Tommy Coyne Steak & Election Night

November 2, 2017

Chalkley room,
Burton Coliseum
Doors Open at 5:30
Food Served at 6:30



Menu:

Pork Steaks, baked beans, potato salad and garlic bread
Enjoy Live Music and Networking with your fellow members.

\$15 - member and guests

\$25 - non-member

Tickets must be purchased by noon, Monday, October 30th,
online at www.hbaswla.org or call the office 337-478-7893

If you are interested in serving on the 2018 Board of Directors,
please contact Mary Lara at 337-478-7893 or director@hbaswla.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10

Continuing Education
Presented by Bobby Parks

October 18, 19, 20

Quarterly LHBA Meeting
In Alexandria, LA

November 2

Annual Tommy Coyne
Steak & Election Night

December 6

Continuing Education
Presented by LSU Center
for Energy Studies

February 23, 24, 25

2018 Home Show of
SWLA

The Home Builders Association of SWLA has recently started using a new membership software program that allows members to create accounts, register for events online, store payment information if they choose, and stay connected and up-to-date on everything happening within the Association. You can create an account online by clicking Log In under the Members tab at www.hbaswla.org.

If you have any trouble, call Mary Lara at 337-478-7893 for assistance.

Vote Yes! On October 14th to Constitutional Amendment #1

Currently, the Louisiana State Constitution is silent on tax assessments concerning uncompleted construction projects. Constitutional Amendment #1 protects taxpayers by prohibiting property tax assessments while a project is in progress.

Only when construction of a house, building or facility is complete should the assessor place the property on the rolls. This has been established practice in Louisiana for decades however one parish threatened to tax a major project that was under construction.

That potential action poses a significant threat to all Louisiana property owners. If the tax were implemented, construction work would be taxable for every home, barn and building under construction in Louisiana.

Constitutional Amendment #1 provides certainty to every business seeking to invest money and create jobs in Louisiana by ensuring it is not targeted with a new, arbitrary and unexpected property tax bill.

Constitutional Amendment #1 will be on the October 14th fall ballot. Your support is needed to pass this critical constitutional amendment to our industry. Please vote yes on Election Day.

Reminder: Enforcement Begins October 1st

Notice to all Builders, Remodelers, and Subcontractors

An addendum to the Contractors Licensing Law and Rules and Regulations were promulgated on January 20, 2016 to require a specialty license for six sub classifications. They include:

1. Residential Pile Driving
2. Residential foundations
3. Residential Framing
4. Residential Roofing
5. Residential masonry/stucco
6. Residential swimming pools

A grace period was given by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors before enforcement began. That grace period has now expired. As approved by the LHBA BOD on May 11th enforcement will begin on October 1, 2017.

Fall Membership Drive

Why aren't more companies members of the HBA? Maybe it's because they were never asked. The best people to do the asking are current members like you. Each year, the HBA SWLA counts on you to help us grow by encouraging your building industry colleagues and peers to join. We'll even reward you for it!

Share your personal and professional experience to help your colleagues discover the benefits of being a member of the HBA SWLA. Share how our members network and learn from each other's experiences.

The 2017 Fall Membership Drive will run during the month of October with the winners being announced on Election Night.

Help us recruit new members and be entered to win.

1st place - \$250

2nd place - \$150

3rd place - \$100



New Office Building Update

9/25/17

To: All Members of the Home Builders Association of Southwest Louisiana

Our goal to have our own HBA Southwest office building is looking good for a start of construction late this fall.

The building, designed by Randy Goodloe, AIA, will be 2,819 s.f. under roof. About half the space will be for lease and the income from the lease will offset the costs of owning and operating the building. Russell Stutes Construction (Patrick Milligan) is our GC for the work. The new office location is on Ihles Rd. directly behind Albertsons grocery store (next door to our current office where we are renting). Our Board of Directors does a good job of holding costs down and this project has been planned in line with that spirit.

Randy Tupper is the Chairperson for the Building Committee and Committee Members are Don Veronie, Ken Robbins, Jody Guidry, Chris Salvador, Lee Bruney and Mike Bertrand.

We want/need for all of our members to consider being a part of this exciting new project by contributing in a manner of their choosing. The contributions could be doing a sub part of the work, donating materials, fixtures, appliances, office furniture, etc. or making a cash contribution to the project.

All members that contribute to this project shall have their names displayed in the finished part of the construction for permanent recognition. The prominence of the location will be determined on a first come/first served basis. The size of the contribution will also be considered.

Please talk to Mary Lara, our Executive Officer, or one of the Building committee members for more information on how you can be a part of the building of our new HBA Office Building.

Thank you for your support,

Don Veronie – President

Randy Tupper – Treasurer, Building Committee Chair

New Members

SWLA Construction LLC

Michael Hoffpauir
337-526-1222

Crew Lending

Kyle Fontenot
337-477-5626

Kingsley's Building Solutions LLC

Derrick Edwards
304-923-6716

KNK Construction LLC

Nathan Rainwater
337-912-1918

JAI Construction LLC

Jena DuRousseau
337-990-1104

Trifecta Construction LLC

Todd McKellar
337-842-7506

Coast Concrete Services, Inc.

Gregory Orkus
985-882-8001

Lifetime of Louisiana

Gabriel Verret
337-275-5032

Dreamcatcher Construction LLC

Robert Hoke
337-244-7760

2018 Joe Lanza Family Fish Fry



Continuing Education - October 11

Breakfast 8 am, Class 9am – 12 pm

SEED Center, 4310 Ryan St. Lake Charles LA 70605

Moisture Management in Foam Buildings - 3 Hrs.

Presented by Bobby Parks

Session 1 Humidity We will address humidity management by the many methodology's such as the proper sizing of ac system, ventilation operation and the various challenges experienced over the various seasons. We will also study various case studies in an attempt to distinguish between myths and actual building performance.

Session 2 Condensation Of course humidity and humidity control are a great lead-in to understanding the dynamics condensation control. Again we will use numerous case studies and various demonstrations to understand issue experienced and situations that cause problematic issues such as sweating ac vents, mold growth arounds bath exhaust fans and stove hoods, etc..

Register online www.hbaswla.org or call 337-478-7893



Please Join us for the 27th Annual Home Show of SWLA
Friday, February 23, 5pm – 8pm Vendor Appreciation Night

Saturday, February 24, 9am – 5pm

Sunday, February 25, 11am – 3pm

	Member	Non-Member
First Booth	\$450	\$600
Second Booth	\$425	\$575
Each Additional Booth	\$400	\$550
Outside Space	\$425	\$575
Add-On Space	\$150	

Early Bird Special - September through November 22 – Take \$50 off per booth when paid IN FULL by Nov. 23, 2017.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or vendor, please see the website, www.hbaswla.org, or call 337-478-7893

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Lake Charles, LA

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Matt Crador
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