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President's News

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting 3-3-15
- ◆ AHPBA Annual Event May 1-2, 2015
- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting 5-1-15
- ◆ HPBA EXPO 2015 March 4-7, 2015

Dear AHPBA Members,

It is the start of another year; I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a great start to the New Year. My wife and I are enjoying our new baby boy, Luke born on November 5, 2014.

I would like to invite everyone who is going to the HPBA EXPO this year in Nashville to come to the Western States reception at BB King's Restaurant and Bar on the night of March 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The reception will include all the affiliates of the HPBA from the Western United States, AHPBA, HPBA Pacific, NWHPBA, and OHPBA. There will be some great free food and of course some free drinks too. Please come and

HPBA News

I want to invite everyone to attend the HPBA EXPO in Nashville on March 4-7. Sales of booths and number of attendees are both up around 20% from the past few years. This means more products to see that may help your business plus you will be able to enjoy the city of Nashville with all its history in the country music business. You can visit the Country Music Hall of Fame or check out the new young talent at some of the bars on Broadway. The convention center is close to both.

In December, the HPBA board approved their budget for 2015 at 20% over the 2014 budget because of the great

enjoy the evening.

Also I would like to invite you to our annual event coming up on May 1st and 2nd. We will be having a BBQ cook-off again this year where there will be lots of great food, and then we will have someone wonderful educational classes too.

Remember to let your friends and associates know that you are a member of the AHPBA. Contact me for if you have any questions or concerns regarding the AHPBA.

Keith Richardson
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amount of booth sales for Nashville.

Another good reason to come to EXPO is find out the latest update on the NSPS, the DOE, CSPC on screens for gas appliances, etc. on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm, March 6, 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the HPBA, please feel free to contact me anytime at 505-983-5264 or at retail@thefirebird.com.

Gene Butler

Region 8 HPBA Board Member

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Annual Event News

We have set the dates for next year's annual event on May 1 and 2. It will be very similar to this year's event with a reception and BBQ cook off on Friday night and some education on Saturday morning. We will be sending out an invitation soon. If you have any ideas for the type of education topics to be given, please contact me. We will be having the event at the new Southwest Gas building in Phoenix.

I know those of you that came this year had a lot of fun, and had a tremendous

amount of great food. Hopefully you will come again next year, and brings some of your employees and some of your friends in the business. And if you didn't come, please try to make it to next year's event.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND NEXT YEARS EVENT - LOOK FOR THE DATE TBD!

Contact Larry at 480-772-2169 or ahpba@outlook.com

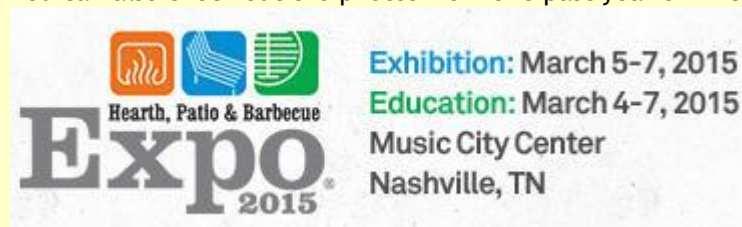
Sponsors:

We are looking for sponsors for this year, and I now that we have a date set, please plan to become a sponsor and make plans to attend in person. At our annual event, there will be natural gas hook ups if you would like to show something there. I will be sending out sponsorship letters soon. We hope that our past sponsors will be able to help out this year as in the past.

AHPBA MEMBERS - PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS BY USING THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES!

HPBA EXPO News

Hope you are planning to come to EXPO 2015 in Nashville, TN. It should be the best one in quite a while with more vendors and attendees. It's not too late to sign up to come, you can still sign up on line, but you will need your membership ID number. Also we will be having a reception at BB King's Restaurant and Bar at 152 2nd Ave. N., Nashville on Wednesday night at 6:30 - 8:30 pm on March 4. The reception will include the affiliates from AHPBA, HPBA Pacific, NHPBA, and OHPBA. Free food and drinks, don't forget to come, but please RSVP to me. So if you haven't signed up, do so now. You don't want to miss this EXPO, or the government affairs educational update on Friday, March 6. So make your reservations now at www.hpbexpo.com, and also check out all the educational opportunities that will be available too through HPBEF. Hope to see you there. You can also check out the photos from this past year's EXPO.



Young Guns News Items

If you are just getting started in the HPBA industry, whether you are young or old, the Young Guns is the group for you. Young Guns get their own mix-and-mingle event in Music City, a reception on Wednesday, March 4 from 5:30p.m. to 7p.m. CST at the Benchmark Nashville Bar & Grill at EXPO 2015. So get involved, please contact them at youngguns@hpba.org for more information or to get put on their newsletter mailing list. In Arizona, you can contact the Region 8 Young Guns representative Erica Peterson at erica@eehpatio.com.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

NSPS - EPA is now finalizing the NSPS and should release it on Feb. 3, 2015. It should be in printed form by the time EXPO starts in early March. For 60 days after that date, HPBA and others can file for a judicial review. HPBA is stilling working with EPA on the NSPS, and they are also involved with the testing procedures for using cordwood. For the latest updates on this issue, please attend the session on EXPO on Friday afternoon concerning all the government affairs issues. For more information contact: John Crouch at crouch@hpba.org.

DOE: It looks like the DOE is still intent on controlling all gas appliances. They just came out with another ruling on banning standing pilot lights. So the HPBA is working on multiple fronts including legal, working with congress and environmental groups, and other groups. They are also looking at ways where they might come up with things that probably would fall within the DOE rules. An update on this will also be happening at EXPO to on Friday afternoon. More information concerning the DOE, please contact Ryan Carroll at carroll@hpba.org.

TAX CREDIT ISSUE: The Residential Energy Efficiency (25C), which includes a tax credit for biomass-fueled stoves did pass through Congress but only for the year 2014. So if you sold any qualified product, please pass on the information to your customers. You can still help by contacting your Representatives and Senators to try and push it to be extended this year too. Rachel can help you with contacting your Senator too, or if you more info please contact Rachel at Feinstein@hpba.org.

CSPC -Remember all gas products manufactured this year must have some type of approved barrier

installed on them, and you must make sure that the barriers are installed when you leave the house. Be warn your customers about the dangers of children touching the hot glass fronts on gas appliances. To see a video that you can order or view online, go to www.safefireplacetips.com. You can order this video and have your logo or information included on the video. For more info on the rule or any other code please contact: Rachel Feinstein, Feinstein@hpba.org.

NFPA 211: The NFPA 211 committee has come out with their revisions for the 2016 NFPA 211. Go to www.nfpa.org/211next to check out the revisions. Scroll down to "First Draft Ballot". Be sure to check out the revisions for Sections 3, 6, 11, 12, & 13. Those are the revisions that HPBA are concerned about. If you have any other questions, please contact Tom Stroud, stroud@hpba.org.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: HPBA has gone live with its Legislative Action Center (LAC) program, an online tool that links you directly to members of Congress. Go to hpba.org, go to Government Affairs, click on Federal & State Govt. relations, then click on get involved: LAC. If you have any problems getting on, please contact Rachel Feinstein at Feinstein@hpba.org.

LOCAL ISSUES: Maricopa County will be issuing no burn day warnings in the coming months. Maricopa county did not fail any EPA levels around Christmas and New Years this year. For more info on Maricopa County go to www.cleanairmakemore.com. Even though this is not in Arizona, another state, Utah is trying to ban all wood burning from Nov.thru Mar. in all their Northern counties. This is one of the reasons you need to get involved with the association, because this association is helping to protect your future in our industry. **JOIN TODAY!**



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Education Update

Are next education will be offered at our annual event on May 2, which another reason to attend out annual event. You can also go to the HPBExpo 2015 at Nashville for up to 4 days of education where you can learn something new concerning technical, safety, elective including business classes. If for some reason you can't go, then you can hear most of the classes on Hearth On Line with an individual or company subscription. You can also earn ceu's for your NFI certifications where

you can renew your certification by taking ceu's. Go to hpbef.org for more information on Hearth On Line, and go to hpbexpo.com for more information on what classes there will be at EXPO

So there are lots of ways to get some education with your membership, some at lower prices than non-members, and some for free. If there is some education that you feel would be good for our entire membership, please let me know at ahpba@outlook.com.

Membership Update

Become an AHPBA ambassador and tell everyone you know about the AHPBA, and it's affiliation with HPBA and what it is doing for our industry, and for your business. Push **"Become A Member!"**

Please check out the www.hpba.org website to see a list of benefits that you enjoy as members, and also check out what the **government affairs** department has been doing for you whether you are a member or not, but the more members we have, means the better job they can do for us.

There are many reasons to become members of our association and the national HPBA, and here are some of them:

1. Grow Your Business
2. Make Connections
3. Stay Informed
4. Make a Difference in our Industry
5. Grow Professionally

Invoices have been sent out, and thanks to all of you who have renewed or signed up for your 2015 AHPBA membership dues. Remember you will need to have your membership number to sign up for EXPO, and have your dues paid up to date.

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Member Spotlight: We will be spotlighting a future member of our association this time in the newsletter, the son of our president, Keith Richardson. His name is Luke Richardson, born on November 5, 2014.

Members who have signed up for 2015:

Arizona Gas Products, Retail, Scottsdale, AZ
D. Brown Sales, Manufacturer's Representative, Phoenix, AZ
Builder's Wholesale, Retail, Prescott, AZ
Cory Church, Manufacturer's Representative, Glendale, AZ
Fireplace Furnishings, Retail, Phoenix, AZ
Forest Energy Corp., Associate, Show Low, AZ
LCG Enterprises, Associate, Phoenix, AZ
Masonry Heater Assoc., Non-Profit, Tucson, AZ
Southwest Gas, Associate, Phoenix, AZ
Specialty Fireplace Equipment, Service, Phoenix, AZ
Wizard's Hearth & Home, Retail, Flagstaff, AZ and Show Low, AZ

Remember: If you would like to see photos of this year's or any of the last few years of our annual event, Please check them out at www.azhpba.org .

If you have any news on our members, please let me know at ahpba@outlook.com.



Photo Above: Meet the next generation of Arizona Fireplaces. This is a picture of Luke Richardson, at 2 months, the son of Keith and Christina Richardson, grandson of Don and Debbie Richardson, the owners of Arizona Fireplaces. If you need a great BBQ, contact Keith at 602-243-6423 or check out their website www.arizonafireplaces.com.



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