

Association Honors Year's Best

As 2009 leadership took office, GHBA recognized the best of '08

The New Year brought in a new venue as "the best of 2008" were honored at the February 2009 GHBA board of directors meeting at the GHBA offices. The guest of honor list was headed by incoming GHBA President Lisa Clark, vice president of Ryko Development, who was installed along with her 2009 Executive Committee and board of directors. Lisa's daughter Melissa served as the installing officer, and Lisa's son Jonathan and husband Randy were also on-hand to share in the honor.

The 2009 Executive Committee includes Vice President Dan Wallrath of Wallrath Custom Homes; Secretary Mike Dishberger, GMB of Sandcastle Homes Inc.; Treasurer John Madsen CPA of Parmet, Chapman & Madsen PC; Immediate Past President Brian Binash, MIRM of Wilshire Homes Houston Ltd.; and Executive Vice President & CEO Toy Wood, JD, CAE of the GHBA. The 2009 presidential appointees are Rebecca Akins, Relocation Resources LLC; Jennifer Arriaga, Array Custom Homes Inc.; KC Cox, CGA, CAPS, CGP, Weyerhaeuser Co; Kathy Howard, Masco Environments for Living; and Randall Tuller, The Tuller Group. Out-

going President Brian Binash swore in the new board of directors.

GHBA staff and members congratulate this year's builder, associate, developer and remodeler of the year award recipients.



Chesmar Homes was tapped as GHBA's Production Builder of the Year. Accepting the award are Donna Newcomb, Seth Tobey, and Scott Merovitch.

Production Builder of the Year 2008 was awarded to Don Klein of Chesmar Homes. Don has donated construction of three homes for GHBA's annual Benefit Homes Project. In his position as chairman of the project over the course of two years,

he has been part of many record-setting events, including the most funds awarded to the charities in the 28 year history of the project. Another record was the recent sale of Chesmar's third Benefit Home (2009). That home sold before the ceremonial ground breaking.

Custom Builder of the Year 2008 was awarded to Jennifer Arriaga of Array Custom Homes. She has been active on the Strategic Planning Committee for 2008 and 2009. She is also a TAB director, and past president of the Custom Builders Council.



Roy Behrens of Mischer Investments LP (right) was honored as Developer of the Year. Award was presented by outgoing GHBA President Brian Binash, MIRM.

GHBA's 2009 leadership was sworn in at the February board meeting. The guest of honor was incoming President Lisa Clark (front, center). She is joined here by her 2009 executive committee and board of directors.



Developer of the Year 2008 was presented to Roy Behrens with Mischer Investments, LP. Roy has been a long-standing and hardworking member of the Developers Council for many years. He is committed to his profession as he quietly works within the industry with an uncompromising level of professionalism. Roy has been with Mischer Investments for 25 years and has completed more than 30 developments in and around the Houston Area.

Roy has been active not only within the GHBA but also in Harris County, actively participating on the Harris County Momentum and Landscaping task force, as well as representing the Community Developers Council on the Harris County Frontier Drainage Committee.

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The **C.S. "Bud" Inscho Associate of the Year Award** is given to the associate member who has contributed greatly and with consistency over the years to the success of the GHBA. It was with honor that Brian Binash presented this award to Suzi Haynie, CGA, CSP, CGB, with StrucSure Home Warranty. She is a TAB director, an NAHB director and has served multiple years on the GHBA board of directors. Suzi is also active in the Associates Council.

The **Remodeler of the Year Award** was presented to Wayne Ball, CAPS, CGR of Lone Star Building & Construction Services Inc. This award is presented to a GHBA remodeler and active member who upholds the highest standards and credentials for both himself and the Remodelers Council. Wayne has been in business for more than 30 years. He was instrumental in the success of the RMC earning \$10,000 at the council's first annual garage sale. He is the vice president of RMC and has been active in the council for 18 years.



ABOVE: Congratulations to 2008 Associate of the Year, Suzi Haynie, CGA, CSP, CGB with StrucSure Home Warranty (right). Award was presented by 2008 GHBA President Brian Binash, MIRM.

BELOW: Wayne Ball, CAPS, CGR of Lone Star Building (right), was GHBA's 2008 Remodeler of the Year.



Presidential Citations

Each year, the outgoing GHBA president bestows several Presidential Citation Awards to acknowledge those individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in helping support the GHBA president during his term in office. GHBA's 2008 President Brian Binash MIRM, presented citations to the following members:



Dan Wallrath, of Wallrath Custom Homes is past president of BABA, a member of the GHBA board of directors, a TAB director and an NAHB director.



Jeff Hunt, CGR, GMB, CAPS, CGP, of Brothers Strong is past president of the RMC, past Education Committee chair, GHBA board member, TAB and NAHB director.



Terry Swenson of The Writer's Block, (pictured right) has handled public relations for the Benefit Homes Project for 14 years. She has

also volunteered public relations services for HomeAid Houston for five years.



John Madsen, CPA, of Parmet, Chapman and Madsen, PC, is a long time member of the GHBA Executive Committee, overseeing the financials of various GHBA committees.



Tasha and Scott Steiner of On-Target Marketing, are both very active with HomeAid Houston, also volunteer for SMC helping

with creative for Parade of Homes and PRISM, and provided creative direction for Extravaganza 2008.



KC Cox, CGA, CAPS, of Weyerhaeuser Co., is a member of the RMC, HomeAid board, GHBA board, TAB director, NAHB directors, and active on the Associate Council. KC has also

been instrumental in securing thousands of dollars for HomeAid Houston.

Jennifer Arriaga of Array Custom Homes, (not pictured) is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee in 2008-2009, past president of the Custom Builder Council and a TAB director.

For the third year in a row, **Kathleen Stadler of Suncoast Post Tension**



was honored. She is part of the Membership and Retention Committees, the GHBA board of directors, past president of HomeAid and a TAB director. Kathleen has also been influential in garnering generous support for numerous GHBA events through sponsorship dollars.



The GHBA Staff - Every member was instrumental in GHBA's growth, increasing public and industry awareness.

2009 GHBA president, Lisa Clark, concluded, "Congratulations to the recipients of these prestigious awards. Each of these winners upholds high standards for themselves and our association and every one of them remains heavily involved on the local, state and national level. They contribute countless hours and expertise to the advancement and visibility of our industry. Through the hard work and dedication of members like these, the building industry remains strong and thriving."