

Greater Houston Builders Association Honors 2009's Best

The Greater Houston Builders Association recently announced "The best of 2009" Production Builder, Custom Builder, Developer and Remodeler of the Year winners. Awards were presented by Kevin Holland, incoming GHBA board president and Lisa Clark, outgoing president at the January GHBA Forecast Luncheon.



The Production Builder of the Year 2009 was awarded to Cervelle Homes. The company is headed by two extraordinary individuals, Jeff Payson and Kevin Holland. Jeff, the president and CEO of Cervelle Homes since 1990, has been in the homebuilding industry for over 30 years. He has been responsible for the construction of approximately 75,000 homes throughout his career and is the designer for the homes he and Kevin build for Cervelle. Jeff holds a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. Kevin, vice president of Cervelle Homes, has been a loyal GHBA member for nearly 20 years. Kevin began his Association involvement with the Bay Area Builders Association, serving as its president in 2000. BABA grew by leaps and bounds during Kevin's term. He also served as GHBA president in 2005. Kevin will take the reins as GHBA president again in January, one of an elite group of only two members who have served multiple terms as association president. He has a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and is a Sigma Chi alumnus. He is also the local county commissioner.



Custom Builder of the Year 2009 was awarded to Stephen Hann with Hann Builders. Stephen has been active at GHBA, the Custom Builders Council and NAHB for years. He was the first Certified Graduate Remodeler in the state. He recently received his life director status at NAHB. He is also an active member on the Custom Builders Council. Stephen earned degrees in Business Administration and Construction Management from Trinity University. He began his professional career in commercial building but soon formed his own company in 1993. Stephen builds homes in Houston, Sugar Land and The Woodlands. Stephen continues to hone his skills and education. Last year he was the first in Texas to earn his certification as a Graduate Master Remodeler and he is being certified as Master Green Building Professional at the 2010 International Builder's Show in Las Vegas. Stephen is also an active member of The National Association of Home Builders where he has achieved Lifetime Director status.



Developer of the Year 2009 was presented to Carl Stephens with Stephens/Tingley & Associates, Inc. Carl has been part of the backbone of the Developers Council for many years. Always helping with local, county and state issues, he was very instrumental in crafting the Development Participation Contracts with the City of Houston. Stephen is a member of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, HOME-PAC, Fort Bend Business Alliance P.A.C., the chairman for Fort Bend Subsidence District and the Vice Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Sugar Land.



The Remodeler of the Year Award was presented to Allen Griffin with Gryphon Builders. Allen has been involved with the GHBA Board of Directors, Education Committee, HOME-PAC and a chairman of the Remodelers Council for the last five years. While president of the RMC in 2009, Allen, his board of directors, and their committees were able to increase membership, reestablish the Sandcastle Competition event, raise \$14K for charity projects and received three national council awards for outstanding accomplishment in Membership, Charity Projects and Community Outreach. Allen continues to serve on several GHBA councils today. Allen established Gryphon Builders, an award winning Design Build firm, in 1999. He has been recognized in the industry for dedication to quality craftsmanship and excellence in client care on the state and national level. Gryphon Builders has grown from a custom building firm to one that is renowned for its major renovations in Houston's most noted neighborhoods, receiving four state awards for Remodels over \$250K the last six years.



The Associate of the Year Award was presented to David Hodges an active member of the GHBA since 2000. David is on the sales team at Pella Windows and Doors. He has served as chairman of the GHBA Membership Committee, president of the Associates Council, a HOME-PAC Trustee for 4 years, a member of the Spike Club recruiting over 50 members to the GHBA, and a member of the 2010 Remodelers Council. David has also shown his generosity through his participating in the Frank Aranza Adopt a Family Charity, the Bay Area Builders Association events and charities, and is currently working on their latest Military Benefit Home with the generous help of Pella providing the windows for this project.