

Chuck Latiff Elected 2005 President

Main Line Builder J. Chuck Latiff is the new president of the Home Builders Association of Chester & Delaware Counties. He was elected at the association's general membership meeting in November with his term starting in January 2005. He served as HBA vice president in 2004. Chuck is president of Linmere Homes, Inc. based in Chadds Ford.

The 2005 executive team includes Builder Vice President Ted Moser of Moser Builders of Berwyn; Terry O'Neill of Machine Drywall, associate vice president, Rick Sudall of Richard James Group, treasurer and Jefferey Vermuelen, HBA executive vice president, secretary.

HBA builder directors include HBA immediate past president Paul Finley of Nolen Companies in King of Prussia; John Bachich of Woodstone Homes in Uwchland; Bud Avery of Avery Builders, Inc. of Kennett Square, Scott Cannon of Cannon Custom Homes of Glen Riddle; and Ray Iacobucci of Iacobucci Homes of Havertown.

Also serving on the board are John Dewey of Dewey Homes of Wayne; Dave England of Rouse/Chamberlain, Inc. in Exton; Mike Linthicum of Ryan Homes in Wayne; Frank Mckee of the Mckee Group in Springfield; Richard Miney of The Kelly Group in Newtown Square; Todd Pohlig of Pohlig Builders, Inc. of Malvern; Dana Roos of Pulte Homes; in Trevese; John Thompson of Thompson Homes, Inc. in West Chester; Kevin Valenta of Manchester/Hall, Inc. of Malvern, and Nelson (Chip) Vaughan of Vaughan & Sons Builders Inc. in Wayne. Don DeLess of D & C Developments is a life director of the HBA. New to the board this year are David D'Agostino of D'Agostino Builders of Wayne; Bob Birney of Welcome Home Builders in Malvern and Joe Mignioni, Jr. of Mignioni Construction in Edgemont.

Associate directors for 2005 are Andrea Connors of Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company of Media; Jeff Greuhn of Creative Financial Group in Newtown Square; John Snyder of Saul Ewing, LLP in Wayne; Joseph Viscuso of Vollmer Associates, LLP; in Kennett Square and Mary Wentz of First Keystone Savings Bank in Media. Joining the associate directions this year is Dale Smith of Sterling Kitchens of West Chester.

The primary mission of the HBA is to keep the industry strong. Homeownership is the cornerstone of family security, stability and prosperity. Equally important, housing is a crucial component in the nation's economy and in individual financial security. New home construction and remodeling provide millions of jobs and generate billions of

dollars in wages and tax revenues each year. HBA programs focus on supporting builders and those who work in the homebuilding industry through education, seminars, lobbying for legislative issues, consumer education on housing related issues, developing new green building initiatives and promoting technical education and training. The HBA also advocates for safe, fair and affordable housing in Chester and Delaware Counties.

"I am also proud of what our members give back to the community," Chuck said. "In the last year our members have sponsored a Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build, supported CADA Youth Advocates through fundraising programs, "Adopted a Highway" for regular cleanup as well as contributed to individual causes and programs."