October 2026

Dubuque HomeBuilders and Associates

Serving the Dubuque area since 1963

From the President...

Dear Members,

Fall has arrived, and with it comes a very active and exciting stretch of our year. We have been hard at work preparing for upcoming events, strengthening partnerships, and building momentum as we head toward the holiday season.

We want to extend a heartfelt congratulations to board member Mark Ernst on his well-deserved retirement from Black Hills Energy. We are grateful for Mark's leadership, partnership, and steady presence that have been invaluable to our association.

Two key reminders this month:

1. Booth registration is now open for our **38th Annual Greater Dubuque Home & Builders Show.** Booth sales are already stronger than previous years, and interest continues to grow. If you haven't reserved your space yet, now is the perfect time to reach out to Lisa, at Events Inc., and secure the perfect booth for your business. Lisa can be reached at lisa@events-inc.com or 309.256.2834.

Our Early Bird Discount runs through October 31, and you can combine it with your member discount for even greater savings. We also encourage you to check out the interactive floor plan for the 2027 Home Show at (https://dubuquehomebuilders.com/greater-dubuque-home-builder-show/). New this year is the opportunity for exhibitors to be an Interactive Floor Plan Sponsor for $200, which includes your business logo displayed directly on the interactive map on our website that exhibitors use to select their booth, and attendees use to plan their day at the show. It's a high-visibility upgrade that puts your brand front-and-center.

2. We're also looking forward to kicking off the holiday season together at our annual **Christmas Party** on **December 3rd** at the **Diamond Jo**. The invitation is included within this newsletter, and **RSVPs are due by November 18th** to Kristie. If you have any questions or need assistance, Kristie would be happy to help — she can be reached at 563.582.4553 or dbqhba115@gmail.com.

As we look ahead, we're already beginning early planning for 2027. If you have ideas for new events, fresh programming, or member-focused initiatives you'd love to see next year, please share them with Kristie. Your input helps shape the experiences and opportunities we create for our members. Also, if you are working on next year's budget for your organization, please feel free to reach out to Kristie on opportunities to make the most out of your marketing budget by sponsoring one of our events dialed in on your target market.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Your engagement keeps our association strong, connected, and thriving.

Warm regards,

Brian Bowles, President



Key Dates...

November 2026

November 9th - Board Meeting

November 18th- Holiday Party RSVPs due

December 2026

December 3rd - Christmas Party at Diamond Jo Casino

December 14th - Board Meeting

Christmas PARTY
Sponsorship Opportunities –

All sponsorships include **signage** at the event, **newsletter** mention and **social media** shout out.

Diamond Sponsor (limit 1, includes 6 tickets): $1500
Platinum Sponsor (limit 1, includes 4 tickets): $1000
Gold Sponsor (includes 2 tickets): $500
Dessert Sponsor (includes 2 tickets): $400
Appetizer Sponsor: $300
Giveaway Basket Sponsorships:$50

Contact Kristie to make the most of your marketing budget and hit your target market!
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Mission Statement..

Dubuque Homebuilders and Associates is a non-profit trade organization formed to promote and enhance the professionalization of home building and associated businesses in the tristate area. Our goal is to achieve continuity and communication among builders, sub-contractors, suppliers, financial institutions and local government to network for community growth and development

Dubuque HomeBuilders and Associates Went OVER THE EDGE with UNITED WAY Dubuque Area Tri-States

Your paragraph text

- the Dubuque HomeBuilders & Associates raised $1,996
- United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States' event raised $140,000 to help prevent and reduce poverty in our community at the event

We are building communities in more than 1 way!

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Help Us Spread the Word – There's Only ONE Greater Dubuque Home & Builders Show!

With other home shows being held in Dubuque, some at the same venue as ours, we want to clear up any confusion and remind the community which show is ours!

For **37 years**, Dubuque HomeBuilders & Associates has proudly presented ONE home show each year — ALWAYS in February!

We've launched our "THERE'S ONLY ONE!" campaign to celebrate this tradition and promote our **38th Annual Greater Dubuque Home & Builders Show, February 12–14, 2027, at the Grand River Center.**

As members, YOU are our greatest ambassadors, and we need your help! This is your association and your show, and its continued success hinges on all of us working together. We're asking each of you help to spread the word:

*Share our Facebook posts on your personal and business pages.

*Talk about our show! Mention it to customers, coworkers, friends, and family.

*Help clear up confusion by reminding people that our show is held once a year, every February.

*Encourage people to attend and support the local businesses that make our show a success!

The **more** voices we have sharing the message, the stronger our reach throughout the Tri-State area!

38 years. One show a year. Always in February!

Thank you for taking an active role in protecting our tradition and making our 38th Annual Show another success!



This graphic can be found to share on both social media accounts listed below.

Please share our posts

FACEBOOK: DUBUQUE HOMEBUILDERS

INSTAGRAM: DBQHBA

- **Boost your company's visibility**
- **Help us grow our presence**

Greater Dubuque Home & Builders Show





Flashback






Dubuque HomeBuilders & Associates

Christmas PARTY

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 3rd 2026

DIAMOND JO CASINO
HARBOR ROOM

cocktails at six o'clock in the evening, dinner at 7:00 & a short program immediately following

Join us for an evening of celebration and holiday spirit as we come together to honor the accomplishments of our community. This year's Holiday Party is a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect on a successful year, and enjoy the festive season with fellow members.

PLEASE FIND RSVP INFORMATION ON THE BACK. KINDLY RETURN YOUR RSVP TO KRISTIE BY **NOVEMBER 18, 2026.**

Reservation changes made after 11/18 cannot be guaranteed and are not eligible for a refund.

Dubuque HomeBuilders & Associates

Christmas Party Invitation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2026 6PM-11PM DIAMOND JO CASINO HARBOR ROOM

COMPANY: _____

CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

Dinner will be served buffet style. Please list guest names in your group below.
Tables are up to 10 guests per table, and a complete table can be reserved below. Please print clearly.

Name Name Name

_____

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Should you wish to sit with a specific guest not listed above, please indicate below (name and company) & we will do our best to accommodate your request:

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Total Number of Guests: _____ X $45 each = $_____

Total Number of Tables (up to 10 guests at each): _____ X $400 each = _____

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I would like to be a **Appetizer Sponsor**: $300 _____

Number of **Giveaway Basket Sponsorships**: _____ X $50 each = _____

GRAND TOTAL: $_____

RSVP IS DUE TO KRISTIE **BY NOVEMBER 18, 2026**

mail to PO Box 1352, Dubuque, IA 52004 or email to dbqhba115@gmail.com

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