

CAHI REPORTER



Connecticut Association of Home Inspectors, Inc.

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President's Corner

by Bernie Caliendo

I hope everyone is staying busy. As we approach May, I want to remind you that you will be receiving your membership renewal notice. Please send in your renewal promptly with any corrections or changes to your information and web site listing. It is very important that we have correct information in the event that we may need to contact you. All records and information are confidential and are not sold or given out to anyone. This is the last call for anyone interested in having their name on the CAHI election ballot to serve a 3 year term on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested please see me. Starting this month and periodically, we are going to have an informational speaker on non CE credit topics, speak to the members during the dinner hour (6-7). If you are interested in hearing this information please try and come early. Those of you who arrive late or come only for the main presentation at 7:00, we ask that you show respect and demonstrate courtesy during the early speaker presentation. We want to try to bring information to the membership on topics that are important but the State will not allow credit, while still bringing a CE speaker in at the regular time. The less open forum meetings and non CE presentations, the more CE credits CAHI can provide

Go to the CAHI website at
www.ct-inspectors.com
to check out your directory listing.

Continuing Education & Training

April 23rd

David Goldstein

ASBESTOS

This month's speaker will be **David Goldstein** from **Mystic Air Quality Consultants**, Groton, CT. David holds 2 Bachelor Degrees, a Masters Degree & is a Certified Industrial Hygienist. All aspects of Asbestos will be discussed.

Summer Meeting Information

On **May 28th** **George Torello Associates** will give a special seminar on **Post & Beam Construction**. **CAHI members may attend free**. All guests, including first time guests will be assessed a fee of \$35 to attend. A booklet produced by George will be handed out free.

On **June 25th** Paul Sullivan of Mueller-Sheehan-Sullivan Sales will present a seminar on **Plastic Slate Roofing**. The owner of Isonene Co. of Canada will also demonstrate **Isonene Sprayed-in Insulation**.

On **July 23rd** we have Todd Forselius from **Overhead Door** presenting an overhead garage door seminar.

Meeting Information

Monthly meetings are held on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY** of each month at **Donato's Restaurant** -270 Washington Avenue (Rt 5) Exit 12, I-91, N. Haven, CT 203-239-6011. Dinner @ 6 pm, Meeting starts @ 7 pm

Before This Month's Meeting

Chuck Argo of **Mutual of Omaha** will be available to speak & answer questions, **BEFORE** our April 23rd, from 6-7pm at Donatos. CAHI is always looking to provide quality products & benefits to our members. We invited Chuck to explain the different types of benefits available, including new ways for small & single person businesses to save & protect their income. Chuck will have information on a new retirement plan called "Uni-k", this is a type of 401-K for self employed individuals. This plan allows higher contribution limits than IRA's and SEP's, with attractive loan provisions available. Income protection plans that pays a monthly check of up to 60% of adjusted gross earnings, tax free. Business Overhead program for those who qualify. Social Security disability and retirement planning, this is not a "product" but information for planning for your "golden years".

As you know the State of CT Licensing Board would not approve this type of subject matter for credits toward continuing education, so the Board of Directors has decided to invite people like Chuck to come before regular credited meetings, this way you can have important information available to you. Chuck has 31 years experience in this field, and has a goal, as does CAHI, to have our Association be a "Recognized" Association, this way all members are eligible for discounts. To be eligible we need to have 150 members, which we are close to, and have 10 of those members enrolled in a disability plan. If you do not have a disability plan, I highly recommend that you look into this type of income protection, if not from Chuck or this Association, from an insurance vendor that you deal with. *Pete Petrino, Treasurer CAHI*

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2 Positions Open

The Licensing Board meetings are held at 9:30 in room 117 at Consumer Protection, 165 Capitol Ave, in Hartford. The public is always welcome. E-mail Bernie Caliendo for the latest meeting schedule at:

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Licensing Board Update

Submitted by Bernie Caliendo



The Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on April 10, 2003. As of this date the Governor has not replaced the public member (vacant since 12/01), has not replaced the inspector position (vacant since 12/02), nor has he reappointed or replaced the present members since our first term expired on Jan. 7, 2003. The first part of the meeting was very contentious. Members expressed their outrage at not having a presentation of the new home inspection exam before it was put out for use. At the January Board meeting we were told that PSI (the new company) would present a draft to the Board at the scheduled February meeting. DCP canceled the meeting claiming a lack of an agenda. A request was made by the chairman for a special meeting to review the exam and that was denied. The Board made and passed a motion unanimously asking that a formal presentation to the Board be made by PSI concerning the exam. We quoted the State statute to DCP at the Board meeting that: "Sec. 20-491a.Examinations. The Board, with the consent of the commissioner, shall prescribe the form and content of the examinations to determine the qualifications of persons who apply for licenses to engage in home inspection. The department shall administer such examinations or may contract with a testing service to provide and conduct such examinations at least three times each year. (P.A. 99-254, S. 4, 18.)" After a heated debate it was obvious that DCP does not understand the difference between "prescribe" and "administer".

In other news the Board reviewed a complaint that the DCP settled with the buyer and an inspector. The inspector admitted he missed something, agreed to pay for repairs and was fined by the DCP. It surprised us that since the complaint was not contested that a fine was levied. Apparently due to the fact that a complaint was filed and it was deemed that the Standards of Practice were not followed, the statute has provisions for fines and a minimal fine was imposed. To sum up this issue, make sure you are following the CT Home Inspection Standards of Practice.



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Connecticut Post

Bazooka shell found in vacant house Bomb expert removes war relic

By Sean O'Hara

Tuesday, March 25, 2003 - DERBY - A state bomb expert was called to the city after a housing inspector conducting a routine inspection on Hawthorne Avenue discovered an apparently inert relic bazooka round in a vacant house. Officers responded to 334 Hawthorne Ave. after receiving reports of a bomb found in a second-floor bedroom closet at 3:40 p.m. Derby Police Sgt. Don Margiano then sealed off the building's entrance with police tape while waiting for Trooper Charles Shaw from the State Police Emergency Services Unit to assess the situation. Shaw was recently relocated to Troop G in Bridgeport as part of heightened state security throughout the area. Margiano said the home was in probate and was being fixed up for sale. Inspection is a routine part of that process. A for-sale sign reading Select Associates Inc. was posted on the front lawn. At 5 p.m., shortly after arriving, Shaw exited the home with a 10- to 12-inch, blue bazooka training round. He could not be contacted about the device. Derby Police Lt. Eugene Mascolo said an elderly couple previously owned the vacant house. "Any time we find something dangerous like this, we call the State Police bomb squad to handle it," Mascolo said. Mascolo said state police determined the round wasn't dangerous. Blue rounds are usually associated with training rounds, he said. Mascolo said the round appeared to be old, but would not estimate its age. "Every now and again, these things are found and are usually war souvenirs left behind by war veterans," he said. Sean O'Hara, who covers the Naugatuck Valley, can be reached at 736-5440.

For those of you wondering who the lucky home inspector was, it was CAHI's own Treasurer, Pete Petrino.



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