

Bangon - 12.31.11 - New Years Resolutions

This is the time of year to take stock of what we have accomplished while also looking forward to a new year of possibilities.

Despite the uncertainty of the local and global economy throughout 2011, the London Home Builders' Association and our members remained focused on our core values: the pursuit of energy efficiency products and practices in homebuilding and renovations, the promotion of careers in construction, advocating on behalf of our members as well as new home and renovation purchasers and enhancing the membership experience for our members.

We have also made significant contributions to our community this year, through numerous charity projects, the ongoing construction of our Cancer Survivors Garden, and a hefty contribution to the food bank. Giving back to the community where we live and work is woven into the fabric of our Association.

So what does 2012 hold? Starting January 1 we will be working with new building code regulations, which means we will be building some of the best quality, most energy efficient homes in the world. January is also the month we host our annual Lifestyle Home Show at the Western Fair. This amazing show will feature hundreds of the latest technologies and products for homes, and is a must-attend event for anyone looking to customize their personal space, considering a renovation or the purchase of a new home. We're also very excited to showcase information and products that will be found in the LHBA Green Home that we're building in the new year.

In 2012, we will continue to work with and support local school boards, Fanshawe College and the North American Trade School to assist those pursuing a career in construction. With a shortage of skilled trades in our workforce, there couldn't be a better time to foster relationships between education and industry that help to get people working.

We are also looking forward to working with you. If your plans for 2012 include enhancing your family's quality of life through the purchase of a newly constructed home or renovation of your existing home, I hope your new years resolutions include doing the appropriate research to make a well-informed decision.

As always, we will be offering countless free seminars, literature packages and an interactive website full of valuable information and guidance. Purchasing a home or renovating an existing home is not something you do everyday, but it is something we do everyday. You'll find expert opinions and guidance to be invaluable.

Check out our website for free, practical publications. Visit our Lifestyle Home Show in January, where you will be able to pick up a copy of our latest Signature Home and renovation publication. Keep an eye out for the spring and fall issues of Signature to arrive in your mail. Even if you're not quite ready to make a decision, talking to a builder representative at a model home will most certainly help you get the answers you're looking for.

For those wishing to renovate, the Steps to a Successful Renovation and the Get It In Writing publications offer tips on how to find a professional renovator to fit your project,

gaining an estimate, finalizing the design, the need for good communication and expectations and warranties.

While the financial impact of these decisions qualifies them as important, the complexity is often compounded by the nearness to our heart.....Home is Where the Heart is.....Home is our place of caring, of safety and of comfort. May 2012 bring you the joy and happiness of a safe, secure, healthy home. We look forward to working with you. Happy New Year to all.