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Greetings BIA members:

Congratulations to new Sarasota Commissioners Al Maio and Paul Caragiulo and to Manatee County Commissioners Carol Whitmore and Charles Smith and North Port City Commissioner Jacqueline Moore. Also congratulations to Florida House Representatives Ray Pilon and Julio Gonzales.

The BIA conducted its installation of new officers and directors last week at the Palm Aire Country Club installing: Mike Rahn – President, Jimmy Stewart - Vice President, Bill Smock - Treasurer, Brian Keller – Secretary along with Builder Directors – Mike Greig, Mike Johns, John Carlson and Michael Neal. Associate Directors – Matt Russell, Bill Waddill, Joe Ernst and Tom Brady. Thanks to Past President Drew Smith for his service as President this past year along with the 2014 committee and council chairmen and members for a great job. [Click Here for pictures.](#)

Reminder that the 2015 Parade of Homes is just around the corner and there are many sponsorship opportunities available for the BIA's planned largest POH scheduled for February 21st through March 8th. As a an additional event in conjunction with the POH, the BIA will be supporting Manatee Technical Institute's (MTI) annual Tour of Kitchens fundraising event planned for Sunday March 15th at six of the model homes in Concession. More details to follow.

The BIA is also planning for next year an opportunity to invest in an annual sponsorship program with the BIA, allowing you and your company to be listed on all of the BIA's events throughout the year, please call the BIA office and ask for the details.

On behalf of the BIA Board of Directors and Staff we want to wish you the best for the holiday season and on to another record year of new home construction in 2015.

Alan Anderson

Executive Vice President



February 21-March 8, 2015

**Builder and Sponsor
packets are ready!**

Please email Leslie@ms-bia.org or Beverly@ms-bia.org if you did not receive yours.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 5TH!

Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County Receives Prestigious Housing Award

U.S. Department of Energy's Housing Innovation Award recognizes industry leaders.

The Energy Department presented **Housing Innovation Awards** to 28 industry leaders from across the nation during the Energy and Environmental Building Alliance's Excellence in Building Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The industry leaders are commercializing and deploying cutting-edge technologies and helps significantly reduce the energy costs of the nation's homes. Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County, Inc. was named a winner in the Affordable Building category.



Sam Rashkin and Michael Sollitto

"The Housing Innovation Awards recognize forward-thinking contractors and builders for delivering extraordinary energy efficiency while ensuring superior comfort, health and durability in new and existing homes," said Dr. David Danielson, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Michael Sollitto, Habitat's Director of Construction stated: "Like all Habitat for Humanity affiliates, the South Sarasota County, Florida, Habitat promises its families "affordable, safe, and decent housing" and that's what the six families who signed up for housing at the affiliate's new Laurel Gardens expected. They got more than they bargained for. Every home has been certified as a U.S. Department of Energy Zero Energy Ready Home. That means every home qualifies for ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Version 3.1 and meets the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor airPLUS and WaterSense criteria, as well as DOE's strict energy efficiency and zero energy readiness requirements."

Dee Danmeyer, Executive Director said: "Energy costs can contribute substantially to the overall financial burden of housing and can make it unaffordable for many families. Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County's mission is to build or renovate affordable

housing and to make that housing as energy efficient as possible, so that our partner families can spend the balance of their income on other basic necessities."

Since 2008, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Builders Challenge program has recognized hundreds of leading builders for their achievements in energy efficiency—resulting in millions of dollars in energy savings. The DOE Zero Energy Ready Home — an ambitious successor to the Builders Challenge program — represents a whole new level of home performance, with rigorous requirements that ensure outstanding levels of energy savings, comfort, health, and durability on the path to zero energy ready homes. A Zero Energy Ready Home is a high performance home that is so energy efficient that a renewable energy system can offset all or most of its annual energy consumption.

Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County, Inc. is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operating on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by bringing together people to build homes, communities and hope. Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County, Inc. serves the communities of Venice, Osprey, Laurel, Nokomis, Englewood and North Port. For more information go to www.habitatsouthsarasota.org.



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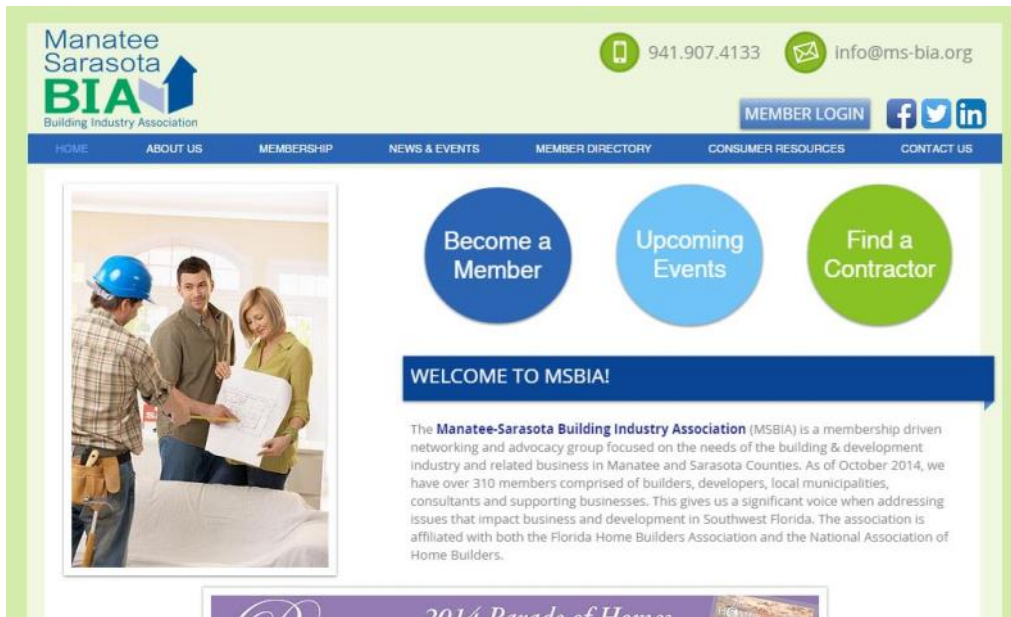
[Click here for details and commitment form.](#)

New Website and Member Database/ Communications System In The Works

You may have noticed we are working on a new website for the Manatee-Sarasota BIA. The one that is currently in place is a temporary one while we work on the backend of our new system. The new website will be more geared toward the local consumer finding our members for business.

The backend which we are calling "Members In Charge" or MIC will be a lot more interactive for our membership. It will allow you to post jobs, advertise, sign up for events and sponsorships online, send out press releases, set up conversation groups and much more. Leslie will set up a schedule in the new year for you and your staff to learn how to use the new system.

We thank you in advance for your patience as we make this awesome upgrade and look forward to letting you know when it is all in place.



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