

CAHI REPORTER



Connecticut Association of Home Inspectors, Inc.

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President's Corner

by Dwight Uffer

I hope all of our members are having a great summer season! As we will all experience a summer slowdown with both buyers and realtors on vacation, it should be time to take a breather from what was apparently a good spring market, despite the interest rate increases and inflated sales prices. From what I hear, most inspectors had a great spring and look forward for this trend to continue into the fall.

Speaking of fall, Bernie Caliendo, along with Ken Mita and Rich Kobylenski, has put together some great speakers for the fall season. They will be posting our schedule within the next few weeks and I hope that all of our membership takes advantage of this educational opportunity. Remember, you are paying dues to the organization in part, so that we can present a vast array of educational speakers for your benefit. If you don't attend our meetings, you are missing out on a great opportunity to educate yourself, as well as keep up-to-date on subject matter which affects your job performance.

We have received a mixed reaction to having our meetings at the Holiday Inn (No. Haven), instead of at Donato's or some other restaurant in the area. CAHI had outgrown Donato's, as they could only seat 40 people legally in their rear dining area and our average attendance has been over that number. The Board of Directors searched for a convenient location in the No. Haven area, as it was central to those members commuting from Fairfield, Litchfield, and Hartford counties as well as an easy commute from our members living along the southeast coast line. Our search did not locate a restaurant that could hold 75-100 people and serve dinners within our limited time period 6-7PM without having to encroach on our guest speaker's time. This would have brought about the same problems

Continuing Education & Training

July 28th

Leo Oulette

ELECTRICAL

This month's speaker will be **Leo Oulette**, from the **State of CT Electricians Licensing Board**. He will discuss electrical and home inspector issues.

Due to the large meeting turnouts, all meetings will be held across from Donatos Restaurant at the

Holiday Inn

at 201 Washington Avenue (Rt 5) Exit 12, I-91, N. Haven, CT

203-239-6700

Meeting Information

Monthly meetings are held on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY** of each month. Due to the large meeting turnouts, all meetings will be held across from Donato's Restaurant at the **Holiday Inn** at 201 Washington Avenue (Rt 5) Exit 12, I-91, N. Haven, CT 203-239-6700. Dinner @ 6 pm, Meeting starts @ 7 pm.

**NO
AUGUST
MEETING IS
SCHEDULED**

2004 Meeting Dates

August 25NO MEETING

September 22 HEATING
Hydronic & Forced Hot Air

October 27Wood Destroying Insect

November 17 Insulation & Ventilation



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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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CAHI LIBRARY OPEN

The CAHI Library is OPEN. Librarian, Bob Dattilo tells us that the books and tapes may be used for **one month** at a time. **THIS IS A FREE SERVICE TO MEMBERS.** Members are to contact CAHI at ctinspect@yahoo.com to request the tape or book. One tape or book per month. The member is required to bring the tape or book back to the next meeting. Any tape or book that is lost or damaged is the responsibility of the member. Replacement cost could be as high as \$50.00. See last page of newsletter every month for available titles.

CAHI would like to thank Joe Scaduto of the Society of Professional Real Estate Inspectors (SPREI) for donating tapes and books and newsletters to get the library up and running. Joe has been a Giant in our Industry, teaching students throughout the country at his school in Massachusetts. If anyone is interested in joining SPREI please contact Bob Dattilo: rjdhi@hotmail.com

More library stuff to come! Any members who have books or tapes to donate should contact ctinspect@yahoo.com



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Click on **Register**, fill out the form and send it to (**submit**) CAHI for approval.

Also send an additional e-mail to ctinspect@yahoo.com with your name stating that you just registered for the message board. This is needed for verification.



President's Corner (continued)

previously occurring at our old meeting facility, of having meals served while our speaker was trying to present their subject matter and cause a disturbance. It was the Board of Directors opinion that we should contract with the Holiday Inn for our meetings as they have a dining room available and we still have the benefit of Donato's Restaurant across the street for those who prefer to use that facility for there meals.

In closing, I hope that all of our members I have remembered to submit their annual dues to Pete Petrino, as it was payable on June 30, 2004. As I have mentioned before the dues

that you pay is a bargain for the educational experience that you receive from CAHI.

The best way to maintain your existing flow of business is to market your services in a professional manner and to perform an inspection to the best of your ability. Old clients will tell their friends, relatives and acquaintances about your company when they are looking for an inspector and you won't have to rely solely on the real estate agent. Attorneys, bankers and other persons involved in the real estate transaction are also a great source of referrals.

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Classic Hydronics Part 1,2,3, and 4
Kids & Hazards
Moisture Meters
The Inspector "Heat Exchange Camera"
Home Inspection
Inspecting a House Before You Buy
Avoiding Roofing Disasters
Code Check
Home Inspection Industry Problems
The Home Inspection Story
Little Giant Ladder System
Air Screen
The Inspector Infrared Camera
Electrical Transformer Harmonic Currents
Hot Water Heater Scalding Video
Steam Heat & Hot Water Boilers
Masonite Hardboard Siding Application
Masonite Hardboard Siding Maintenance Tips
GEO Exchange Systems
Nu-Wal Systems

General Books

Timber Frames Post & Beam Construction
100 ways to Offer your Service
Little Giant Ladder System
Computer Users Dictionary
Is Self Employment for You
The Business Of Home Inspection
Inspectors Resource Guide ITA
EPA – Healthy Buildings, Healthy People
HUD – Lead Paint Safety
Mold, Moisture and your Home
IAQ Tools for Schools
How Come – Hydronic Heating Questions
Means of Egress
Mold Remediation Commercial Buildings
EPA - Asbestos & Vermiculite
Mold In The Home Fact Sheet
EAA Guide to Indoor Air Quality
The Termite Report

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A/C & Heat Pumps
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Expert Witness

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Home Inspection & Maintenance Articles
Keep Its Worth Common Building Problems
Whats Its Worth Home Inspections
Home Inspection Bible
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Cooling
Structural Exterior Framing
Wood Boring Beetles
Basement Framing
Inspecting Roof Structures
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Electrical Hand Book