

# CAHI REPORTER



Connecticut Association of Home Inspectors, Inc.

March 2004

## President's Corner

by Dwight Uffer

With winter behind us, low interest rates and an ample inventory, the spring real estate market appears to be on track for another a healthy year for home inspectors.

This month's meeting will be held in the **American Legion Hall**, 20 Church Street, North Haven, CT at 7:00 pm. CAHI invites the membership to enjoy pizza & soft drinks at 6:00 PM. This is the only meeting that we plan on using the American Legion Hall, as we expect a larger crowd than what Donatos can hold safely. As CAHI has grown from a few members 13 years ago to over 140 members today, we have outgrown our facility for which we have been meeting. A new meeting facility will be required and the Officers and Directors are actively looking for new space.

Ever wonder what your dues are used for? Well CAHI has just purchased a new sound system which will be used at our meetings so that all of the members will be able to hear the speaker clearly. This will also help in the membership hearing questions of the speaker by the membership. CAHI also uses your dues to pay for quality speaker fees and pays a portion of all seminars that the membership attends. i.e. New Hampshire Trip, Dan Hollahans, Seminar (Steam Heating), CT Business Law Seminar and other quarterly workshops. You cannot find a better deal for the amount of our dues. The education that the membership receives far exceeds that of training facilities or other organizations in the region. We hope that you all spread the word that if you want continuing education in the Home Inspection profession, CAHI Meetings are the place to go.

This month, CAHI is starting a library for our membership in which our members will be able to sign out video tapes, books and possibly DVD's on the subjects covered in a home inspection. Bob Dattilo will be our librarian and he will have more information at the March meeting. Hope to see plenty of old faces as well as new ones at the meeting.

## Continuing Education & Training

**March 24th**

**Christopher Laux**

**BUILDING CODES**

This month's speaker will be **Christopher Laux**, Chief State Building Inspector. He will speak on common building code issues found in residential construction.

**Check Out  
New & Improved  
CAHI website**

[www.ct-inspectors.com](http://www.ct-inspectors.com)

**To all CAHI members:** Go to the CAHI web site and register to use the message board.

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](mailto:ctinspect@yahoo.com) with your name stating that you just registered for the message board. This is needed for verification.

## Meeting Information

### 2004 Meeting Dates

**April 28** ..... MOLD  
Mary Heyman - CT Dept of Health

**May 26** ..... FOUNDATIONS  
George Torello

**June 23** ..... CEDAR SIDING  
Ed Burke - Western Red Cedar Council

**July 28** ..... ELECTRICAL  
Leo Oulette - CT Electricians Licensing Board

**August 25** ..... NO MEETING

**September 22** ..... HEATING  
Hydronic & Forced Hot Air

**October 27** .... Wood Destroying Insect

**November 17** Insulation & Ventilation



## CAHI Officers/Directors 2003-2004

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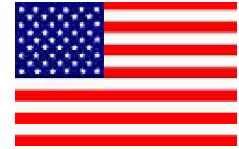
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### How to Contact CAHI

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### CT Licensing Board

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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:

**[bsurehomeinspect@juno.com](mailto:bsurehomeinspect@juno.com)**

## Special CAHI Sponsored Seminars Members Only

The first seminar is on **HEATING** and will be conducted in groups of 20. We have 2 dates scheduled and we will add more dates as the demand for attendance increases. This offer is extended to every member. The first date is scheduled for **Monday, May 10, 2004**; the second date is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 16, 2004**. The Center is not open on weekends. This is an all day seminar from 8:00am to 3:30pm. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. This seminar will be conducted at the **Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association Technical Education Center in Cromwell, CT**. This facility has oil & gas fired heating systems in the workshop area that consist of everything from single pipe steam systems, boilers, forced hot air systems, to radiant heat systems. From fuel supply to different flue and venting systems, different type burners, fire chambers, and all types of system control and operating devices are present for all of us to learn what as home inspectors we should know, observe and report on during our inspection process. David Flood, Director of Technical Education at the center has explained that you will learn a wealth of information that you can not find anywhere else in the state. It was his recommendation to limit our groups to 20 for our maximum benefit. This will not be a story telling seminar, but a complete educational training seminar. The cost of this seminar for attendees (this is the cost imposed by the center - no profit or gain to the association) is \$150.00, However as a membership benefit; your cost will be \$100.00 and CAHI will pay the balance of \$50.00 per attendee. This is going to be a first paid, first on the list basis. If you prefer the June 16<sup>th</sup> date please let us know, other wise you will be placed on the May 10<sup>th</sup> date. When we reach 20 for the May date, you will be placed on the June date. If more than 40 members want to attend this, we will set up as many dates as needed to accommodate as many members who want to attend. The Center provides training for many heating technicians, groups and organizations, so if we need to schedule more dates, we will have to conform to the availability of the Center's scheduling. **You need to send payment by check to CAHI attention Pete Petrino, Treasurer, 18 Garden Place, Derby, CT 06418, or pay by credit card by calling Pete Petrino, Treasurer at (203)734-6009, or paying by cash, check, or credit card at the CAHI monthly meeting on Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

The second seminar will consist of learning how to date the age of a home. This **HISTORICAL DATING** seminar will be conducted at the Gilford Keeping Society in Gilford. Sandra Rux will conduct the seminar on **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Sandra is an expert in dating all types and styles of homes inside and out. She developed her interests very young by visiting such houses as Andrew Jackson's Tennessee home, Jamestown settlement in VA and most of the midwest and northeast. She has 2 degrees in history, a bachelors from UCONN and a masters from Trinity. This seminar will be geared towards the aspect of performing a home inspection and what are tell tale signs to their age. We will be able to set up 2 groups of 25-30 each to visit various locations around Gilford and also the Historical Center. Sandra will arrange for parking across the street from the center at a school parking lot. This again is open to all members, however if we exceed 50 to 60 attendees, we will have to set up another date that has not been determine yet to accommodate any additional members wanting this seminar. **CAHI will be paying for the entire seminar:** Sandra Rux's fee, a bus to transport the members around from site to site, and any and all admission fee to enter some of the buildings. Another great benefit of being a member of CAHI. **However I must hear from everyone interested in attending ASAP (by the Wednesday meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup>).** We need a count in order to reserve the bus. Call me (860) 285-0332, e-mail me; [bsurehomeinspect@juno.com](mailto:bsurehomeinspect@juno.com) or fax me at (860) 298-9977, or see me at the meeting. Thanks, Bernie Caliendo

**Contact & Pay Pete Petrino, Treasurer for the Heating Seminar.**

**Contact Bernie Caliendo for the Historical Dating Seminar**

Always give us your contact #s in case we need to get in touch with you and for us to inform you on which list and date you will be on.