



THE NARI RENOVATOR

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry

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NARI members will tour Pella door plant at April meeting Meeting is set for April 21 due to religious holidays and Pella plant schedules

Pella Corporation is known for its windows, patio doors, and folding doors, but the company is also a leading manufacturer of entry doors—and they're made right here in southwest Ohio at the Pella Entry Systems Division plant in Fairfield. Cincinnati area NARI members will have an opportunity to see how Pella doors are made as the door systems division hosts the April meeting of Ohio Valley NARI.

The meeting, which will include lunch, a plant tour, and presentations on Pella's doors and the entry door industry, will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 21. The meeting was moved from the second week of the month because of the Christian and Jewish holidays. The day was changed to Friday to accommodate previous commitments of key people from Pella.

The plant is at 7100 Dixie Highway (Route 4) north of I-275 exit 41 and just south of Mulhauser Road.

Please call the NARI office at 800-498-6274 or send e-mail to info@naricincinnati.org to R.S.V.P. for the meeting. Our hosts at Pella need to know how many will attend so they can plan accordingly.



Call NARI to R.S.V.P.

What: April Factory Tour
Program: Developments in the Door Business
Pella Entry Systems Plant Tour
When: Friday, April 21
Where: Pella Entry System Division
7100 Dixie Highway, Fairfield
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Cost: Hosted by Pella
RSVP: Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274

Government was focus of March meeting

Remodeling contractor registration will come back to the Ohio legislature during the next year, but this time the state's NARI chapters want to be active supporters of legislation they plan to help write. Ohio Valley NARI Legislative Chair Larry Kessler, CKBR, is working with his counterparts from Dayton and Columbus to promote passage of a state-wide registration law that protects consumers and contractors alike. This initiative was the subject of the March OVNARI meeting. In the photo Mike Lang (standing), legislative chair of NARI of Central Ohio, is shown reporting on the current status of the registration issue

Remodeler and home builder associations oppose lead paint rules proposed by USEPA

Lead paint has been an issue in remodeling since 1992, when Congress passed the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act to limit exposure to lead-based paint.

For over eight years remodeling contractors have been following Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations on information that must be provided to home owners prior to the start of renovation work in homes built before 1978.

On December 29 the EPA announced new proposed lead paint rules resembling those that apply to asbestos and called for public comments. NARI has submitted comments opposing implementation of the rules. In a statement submitted to EPA NARI cited a number of problems with the proposed rules.

"While NARI members remain concerned about the incidence and effects of lead in young children and have every reason to protect their clients and consumers, the proposed rules will not decrease incidence," the statement said.

"The proposed rules focus on lead handling during remodeling and fail to address other real and potential sources of exposure

that may be present outside of remodeling.

"The proposed rules do not educate homeowners about the incidence and effects of lead. Homeowners do not consistently use professional remodeling contractors. The EPA has no way to ensure that homeowners, handymen or installers can and will know about or observe lead-safe practice in a remodeling project. The EPA should consider point of property sale as an opportunity to educate the homeowner beyond the existing disclosures. This could be accomplished through a requirement that buyers of homes and property built prior to 1978 be given appropriate information about lead paint and its potential hazards during the homebuying process.

"The proposed rules are entirely focused on contractor behavior with the creation of more regulation added to existing regulations. Further restrictions on training, licensing and insurance will only raise the cost of remodeling. These costs cannot be absorbed in the cost of projects born by the contractor and will be passed on to homeowners.

"There is grave concern that the new proposed rules will foster unlicensed, unethical behavior among less reputable contractors whose only appeal will be in lower cost and shorter deadlines. It will encourage the avoidance of building permits and the inspection process. Professional remodeling contractors who consistently observe competent, diligent work practices and ethics will be subject to unfair competition and thus economically harmed.

"In closing, NARI urges the EPA to consider these points in amendment of the new proposed rules governing lead-safe work practice. NARI and its chapters are willing to

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2006 baseball outing set for June 30 Cleveland-Cincinnati interleague game

Last year's baseball outing at the Redlegs Landing Party Deck at Great American Ball Park was such a great success we're going back again this year. Ohio Valley NARI has engaged Redlegs Landing for the June 30 interleague game between the Reds and the Cleveland Indians.

If you attended the chapter's 2005 outing at Redlegs landing you know what a great evening it was. (If you didn't attend, it was still a great evening!) Just about everyone who came to the game last year and has heard about this year's outing has said they will be there again.

Ohio remodelers score highest on NARI CR, CKBR, and CLC examinations in 2005

Does Ohio have the smartest remodelers in the country? Maybe so, based on a clean sweep of all three 2006 Henry Spies Superstar Awards by the Buckeye State at the 2006 Evening of Excellence banquet on March 18 in San Francisco.

At the event, attended by nearly 400 representatives from NARI member companies, Timothy Stephens, CR, Archadeck of West Central Ohio, received the Superstar Award for the highest score on the Certified Remodeler examination in 2005 and Kevin McCloskey, CKBR, Craftsmen Home Improvements, Inc., was recognized as the recipient of the award for the highest 2005 score on the CKBR examination.

Archadeck of West Central Ohio and Craftsmen Home Improvements are members of Miami Valley NARI.

The CKBR program in southwest Ohio was sponsored by Ohio Valley NARI and directed by Steve McCord, CR, assisted by the chapter's Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodelers, Don Patten, CR, CKBR; Larry Kessler, CKBR; and Ed Kramer, CR, CKBR.

At the same event Christopher Cline, CLC, from NARI of Central Ohio member J. S. Brown Company, Inc., received the award for the highest CLC score achieved in 2005.

In addition to a baseball game with a cross-state rival the evening at Redlegs landing will include an all you can eat ballpark buffet, beer and soft drinks, and a party area overlooking both the river and the playing field where you can enjoy the food and beverages in comfort. And there's one additional special attraction for the evening. After the game there will be a fireworks display complete with coordinated music.

What a great way to spend a June evening with your friends and colleagues from the remodeling industry! And the cost is only \$65 per person. Games with the Indians are great draws for fans so the tickets carry a premium price. Tickets, beverages, and food would cost you \$50 to \$60 per person if you went to the game on your own. And you wouldn't have the ambiance of a private party area or the company of your NARI friends and colleagues.

Return the ticket order form included with this newsletter to the Ohio Valley NARI office today to be sure you will have seats at the game on June 30.

The mission of Ohio Valley NARI is:

- ✓ To establish and maintain the association's firm commitment to developing and sustaining programs that expand and unite the remodeling industry as well as to ensure the industry's growth and security.
- ✓ To encourage ethical conduct, sound business practices, and professionalism in the remodeling industry.
- ✓ To present NARI as the recognized authority in the remodeling industry.

These missions are carried out by:

- ✓ Promoting the common business interests of those engaged in the industry.
- ✓ Sponsoring educational programs and activities for members.
- ✓ Enlightening consumers to the needs and advantages of home remodeling and maintenance, thereby improving the nation's housing inventory.
- ✓ Recommending legislative and regulatory action that safeguards and preserves the remodeling industry, and stimulates the marketplace.

Goals of chapter to accomplish mission:

- ✓ To provide education to enhance professional and personal competencies.
- ✓ To create and encourage networking.
- ✓ To develop and promote the profession.
- ✓ To serve as a resource center.
- ✓ To provide quality publications to members.
- ✓ To improve membership and membership participation.
- ✓ To improve consumer awareness.
- ✓ To remain proactive on current and pending legislation.



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Lead paint rules *(Continued from page 2)*

work with EPA and any other private or government entity in determining and implementing better solutions to lowering the incidence of lead in young children.”

The National Association of Home Build-

ers has informally stated its opposition to the rules, and has called for the comment period, which ends on April 12, to be extended. If the extension is not granted it's likely NAHB will join NARI in submitting a formal statement of opposition.

An NAHB spokesperson has made the following observations about the proposed rules.

“Since the rules will apply only to contractors they will result in increased costs and increased incentives for home owners to do renovation work themselves or to seek non-certified individuals to do it.

“Contrary to an EPA statement the proposed rules are not at all simple. They are very complex and expensive.” (NARI has informally made the same comment.)

“The rules can be interpreted as essentially requiring every remodeler to be effectively a lead abatement contractor.

“There are no studies linking remodeling jobs to blood lead levels in children.

“The rules represent regulatory “overkill.” At least 90% of homes built between 1960 and 1978 have no lead paint. Imposing onerous rules that have no relevance in nine out of ten cases is a waste of time and money that would be better spent on more effective approaches.”



Coming Events

April Meeting

Friday, April 21

(Scheduled one week later than usual due to Holy Week and Passover)

Hosted by Pella

“Developments in the Door Industry”

Pella Entry Systems plant

May Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn I-275 North

Baseball Outing

Reds vs Cleveland Indians

7:10 p.m., June 30

Great American Ball Park - Redlegs Landing

Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 10

Sharon Woods Golf Course

Swing Road (off Cornell Road), Sharonville