



## *The President's Message...*

Can you believe it's May already? In April we held our annual Building Trades night at St. Hedwig's. Having been part of Penn's building trades program, I know how hard those kids work. I think everyone looks forward to seeing our future contractors every year, plus the great food as well. We also had former Irish Hockey coach Lefty Smith as our guest speaker.

In April we also had a "Lunch and Learn" program with INSafe. INSafe is offering free consultations to anyone interested in getting their OSHA program up to par. This is a joint program that our state IBA partnered with to help our contractors, since OSHA is stepping up their inspections on residential projects. If you missed the luncheon and are still interested please contact Barbara for more information.

May 5<sup>th</sup> is IBA's committee and Board of Directors Meetings in Indianapolis. There will be a housing trends and forecast seminar by housing guru Edsel Charles, and don't miss your opportunity to meet NAHB President Bob Jones who will be addressing the IBA Board as well. What a great opportunity to see what else is going on around the county.

Alright members, it's that time of the year again, May 25<sup>th</sup> is National Membership Day, and anyone who brings in a new member throughout the month of May receives **DOUBLE SPIKE POINTS!** So bring out your contact lists and start calling.

While you are thinking about what to do for your mothers on the upcoming Mother's Day, why not bring her out to our annual Panorama and Builders Showcase. This year's event will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 6pm and the 12<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm. The central site this year is at Portage Woods subdivision off of Portage and Adams Rd. in South Bend. Including the scattered sites, there will be a total of 33 new homes.

Don't forget, the Associates Council is also setting up a couple fundraisers for the year. We will be doing our 2<sup>nd</sup> HBA Garage Sale on Sat. August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Joers Floor Center parking lot again. We will also be selling Port-a-Pit chicken on September 10<sup>th</sup> this year.

Let's go SOX!