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### **Home Builders Association of Dayton Installs 2009 Officials and Presents Leadership Awards**

(February 9, 2009) **Marty Coates** of M. J. Coates Homes was installed as the 2009 president of the Home Builders Association of Dayton. He was officially recognized during an inaugural ceremony celebration on February 7 at the Golf Club of Yankee Trace. The event was attended by more than 170 industry professionals and guests including Congressman Mike Turner, Greene County Commissioner Rick Perales, Montgomery County Commissioners Judy Dodge, Debbie Lieberman and Dan Foley.

Coates is the 68th president of the Association which was founded in 1942.

Joining Coates on the 2009 Executive Committee are Vice President **Kim Haverstick** of Haverstick Builders, Inc.; Treasurer **Dan Ernst** of Ernst Concrete; Secretary **Jeff Grisez** of Generations Construction; **Tom Tanner** of Tanner Heating and Air Conditioning; **Adam Zengel** of Zengel Construction and Immediate Past President **Jenny Diorio** of Diorio Custom Homes.

Joining the HBA officers on the 2009 Board of Trustees are **Lisa Allan** of the Dayton Daily News; **Newt Bartel** of Fortress Homes; **Rick Fishbaugh** of Fishbaugh Homes; **Greg Page** of Pickrel, Schaeffer & Ebeling; **Scott Denlinger** of Design Homes and Development; **Jason Brower** of Nisbet Brower; Remodelors Council Chair **Rick Flaute** of Supply One; Past Presidents Council Chair **Jim Zengel** of Zengel Construction; Associates Council Chair **Tony Rice** of Quality Waterproofing; Sales and Marketing Council Chair **David Klass** of Dominus, Inc.; Small and Custom Builders Council Chair **Chad Ellis** of Ellis Custom Homes and Large Builders and Developers Council Chair **Gary Spencer** of Diggitt Excavating.

The Inaugural ceremony was also the occasion for the Association to recognize its distinguished leaders with seven very special awards – President’s Award, Associate Member of the Year, The Industry Partner Award, Builder Member of the Year, the Industry Pioneer Award and the McDaniel-Zengel Leadership Award.

For special recognition of recent extraordinary achievements, the 2008 HBA President Jenny Diorio presented the evenings first **President’s Award** to **Greg Vreeland** of Vreeland Construction for his leadership preparing the association operationally and financially to deliver member programs and services effectively into the future. His tireless efforts and devotion to the association was unwavering.

The second **President’s Award** given by Jenny Diorio to **Chris Godfrey** of Springboro, a senior at The Ohio State University graduating in the Spring with a Bachelors Degree in Construction Management. Mr. Godfrey was recognized for his commitment to the industry, excellent demeanor and hard work ethic while managing home shows and special programs for the association as an intern.

The **Greene County Sanitary Engineering Department** was the recipient of the HBA’s **2008 Industry Partner Award**. The County’s Department provides a vital service to the home buyers and residents within its borders. “They have participated in the HBA Developers Forums, given feedback, asked for participation in their programs and offered facilities for the HBA use. The crucial department met the water challenges from over a year ago with a solid plan for improvement and has implemented the successful plan including the HBA as a partner in the resolution process”, stated Walt Hibner, Executive Director, HBA of Dayton. Accepting the award was Rick Perales, Greene County Commissioner and Ron Volkerding, Sanitary Engineering Department Manager.

**Dan Ernst** of Beavercreek was the winner of the **2008 Associate Member of the Year**. Mr. Ernst’s guidance and logical thinking while leading a strong Task Force charged with producing a full rewrite of the Association’s By-laws was the principle reason for his acknowledgment with the award. He has held several positions with the association and is the Vice President of Sales for Ernst Concrete located in Dayton.

Also announced was **Jenny Diorio**, a Sugarcreek Township resident, as the **2008 Builder Member of the Year**. Recently she has been a very active member of the HBA taking on the hard work, rewards and risk of elaborate and gorgeous show homes such as the Holiday Home and a 2008 Homearama showcase home as an obligation to the association combined with breaking new ground as the association’s first woman president and many council and committee positions made her a very worthy choice for the Builder of the Year..

The **Robert E. McDaniel / Karl L. Zengel Leadership Award**, the HBA's highest honor awarded for demonstrated leadership accomplishments over a career was presented by Karl Zengel to **Charles H. Simms** of Simms Development. He follows in his father's footsteps as Charles V. Simms won the award in 1994. Mr. Charles H. Simms is a multi-generational builder that has been involved in the industry over 25 years. Mr. Simms has fought diligently for code improvements, FHA loan limit increases and responsible development and has not been afraid to voice industry concerns with elected officials. He has held many leadership positions within the HBA of Dayton Association including President in 1999 and has held the Ohio Home Builders Association pinnacle role as President this past year. Likewise he is very active in the community with the Life Enrichment Center and spends much time with his most important focus – his children.

The last award of the evening was the rarely presented Industry Pioneer Award as it is reserved for an industry legacy of innovation and longevity. The Zengel Family of Zengel Construction was the last recipient in 2005. The award this year went to the Tanner Family of Tanner Heating and Air Conditioning. Bob Tanner began in the heating and air condition business with a truck and pair of tin snips well over forty years ago. In 1970 he orchestrated a merger with seven other similar companies from across the nation. This innovation provided better material costs and a stronger larger scale operation. When the seven companies merged, they adopted the name of Mr. Tanner's company – Airtron. They operated under that closely held corporate structure until 1978 when they sold to Atlantic Richfield. His two sons Tom and Dave were excellent studies of their father as today they operate Tanner Heating and Air Conditioning, also founded by their father.

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THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF DAYTON REPRESENTS 500 MEMBERS EMPLOYING OVER 16,000 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS LIVING WITHIN THE GREATER DAYTON COMMUNITY. THE ORGANIZATION'S VISION IS TO PROMOTE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION BENEFITING MEMBERS, HOMEOWNERS, AND COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE FIVE COUNTIES OF MONTGOMERY, GREENE, NORTHERN WARREN, PREBLE AND DARKE.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

TO MAKE THE DAYTON REGION MORE ATTRACTIVE TO BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS,  
PROVIDING SUPERIOR VALUE IN HOME OWNERSHIP BY:

- PROMOTING INDUSTRY STANDARDS,
- EDUCATING OUR MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY,
- MARKETING MEMBER CAPABILITIES AND,
- ADVOCATING FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT