

# BIANCO Newsletter

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## BIANCO Public Outreach

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President James Gilhooly has been busy promoting his aggressive agenda of raising the image of the Building Inspector. In 2012, BIANCO has attended four construction related trade shows. At each event BIANCO had a booth with several members who answered questions and discussed code related issues with the public. Through the ICC, BIANCO purchased brochures on household code issues that were distributed to the attendees.

The first program was in April at the Long Island Builders Institute home show. Contractors, Developers and Suppliers had many comments to share with the BIANCO representatives. This show included an informal "meet the inspector" one on one discussion session.

Next the booth was displayed at the American Institute of Architects Product Fair on April 19, 2012 at

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## 2012 BIANCO Installation Dinner

On February 12, 2012, BIANCO held its 34<sup>th</sup> annual installation dinner at the Sandcastle Restaurant. Over 150 members and guests enjoyed an evening of good food, drinks and professional conversation. This year for the first time, BIANCO held a 50-50 raffle with the proceeds shared with two non-profit organizations: Wounded Warriors and Island Harvest. Over \$500.00 was raised for these worthwhile causes. The Executive Board hopes to continue this tradition with other non-profits at future BIANCO affairs.

After being installed as President, James Gilhooly gave an empowering speech outlining his agenda for the next two years. The primary goal is to raise the image of the Code Enforcement Officer in Nassau County through participation at public venues, publication in local newspapers and community interaction. This will require the involvement of more members than ever before.

Several dignitaries attended including Ron Piester, Vice President of the International Code Council, Dorothy Harris, ICC Vice President for Government Affairs, and Jim Morganson, President of NYSBOC.

There was excitement in the air as we approach a busy and productive year for BIANCO.

Don't miss the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers on Thursday March 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the New Hyde Park Inn.

the Uniondale Marriot to distribute applications for associate membership in BIANCO. Many local architects stopped by the booth to extend their support for the organization. AIA has been a sister organization to BIANCO with many shared programs over the years.

On April 27, 2012 BIANCO attended the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management Family Safety Fair held at Wantagh Park. Again several members talked about the Building Inspector as the “first preventer” in safety matters in the built environment. The two organizations share a serious common bond in keeping our citizens safe.

Once again in May the traveling booth was displayed at the Building Safety Month Event at the Green Acres Shopping Mall in conjunction with the local fire company. Free batteries were distributed for smoke detectors. Valley Stream Junior Firefighters and Engine Company 341 helped with the distribution. Village of Valley Stream Mayor Ed Fare attended the event. Fire safety cookies provided by “Sweetkiiera Baked Goods” were given to the Junior Firefighters. This building safety month event was chronicled on the Sweetkiiera.com web site. The blog post was noticed by the ICC Foundation facebook page which has national distribution.

Many more programs are scheduled. In time the public will learn that Building Inspectors have a genuine concern for the community’s health, welfare and safety. Please join in by attending at least one future public function and work at the BIANCO booth for an hour or two. For more information go to the organization website [bianco1.org](http://bianco1.org) or contact President James Gilhooly at [jgilpres@bianco1.org](mailto:jgilpres@bianco1.org)



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# BIANCO Education

BIANCO will be providing continuing education Classes on the dates listed below. Classes will be held at the Town of Hempstead Pavilion.

Class Dates: April 15, May 13, June 10, July 15, August 12, September 16, October 21, November 18





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