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Aloha & Welcome to April 2015!

Just a quick thank you to our phenomenal members and Executive Director! It has been an extreme honor to be the Southern Arizona NARI President this past year, representing one of the best organizations I am involved in. One thing I want to spotlight is the quality of our members, we have the best of the best and I look forward to Chris of Tucson Rolling Shutters leading us strong in 2015/2016. Again, thank you all!

The March meeting was an excellent meeting with new guests at Family Air; Jim and staff were awesome as always! And thank you to our gracious co-Host Larry Hume of Accessible Home Remodeling. And thanks again for our speaker, R-DUB (a.k.a.

Rebecca), for going thru our 1<sup>st</sup> Membership Orientation! You rock!

Thank you to all our members who attended our March meeting,

### **NARI MEMBER APRIL ANNIVERSARIES!**

1-Granite Specialists, a member since 2009

2- The HabiStore, a member since 2013

*There is something about NARI!*

NARI of Southern Arizona's goal this year is at least 15 new members! (The current President (til May 1<sup>st</sup>) would like more and with 100% Retention Rate).

MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP! Remember we are looking for the best to join us! So if you know someone who is the best in what they do, tell them about NARI and Invite them to our next meeting.

Now for the good stuff!

### **April Monthly Observances**

Celebrate Diversity Month

Fair Housing Month (as opposed to unfair housing month)  
International Customer Loyalty Month  
National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Month (celebrate every day!)  
Testicular Cancer Awareness Month (wear your baby blue)  
Workplace Conflict Awareness Month (Or just fire them all)

**But wait there's more:**

April Daily Observances  
National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day – April 2  
New Beers Eve – April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Tater Day (It's Sweet Potatoes) – April 6<sup>th</sup>  
National Beer Day – April 7<sup>th</sup> (I'm liking this Month)  
Walk on Your Wild Side Day – April 12<sup>th</sup> (Lisa celebrates this day!)  
Thomas Jefferson Day – April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Talk Like Shakespeare Day – April 23  
Eeyore's Birthday Day – April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Bugs Bunny Day – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
And HAPPY EASTER!

So go out there and celebrate!!! Oh yeah, coming soon- May is National BBQ Month and NATIONAL REMODELERS MONTH!

Continued success in all you do,  
Mahalo,  
Val Romero, President of NARI of Southern Arizona and "THE KING" of BBQ's

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### Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Special Events

#### Upcoming Events with links- note the dates

- April 17<sup>th</sup>, [Lead Renovator Certification course in Tucson](#)
- April 17<sup>th</sup>, [Lead Renovator Refresher course in Tucson](#)
- Apr. 16-18<sup>th</sup>, NARI Nat'l business meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>, monthly chapter meeting hosted by Sky's Sunlight
- May is National Remodeling Month
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, NARI's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Multi-Industry Mixer at Poppy Kitchen
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, monthly chapter meeting hosted by Westar

All events are subject to change. Please check our [Calendar of Events on our website](#) for details and updates on all events.

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## Home Show Success!

Our little NARI booth kicked serious butt at the home show! Our new directory was a huge hit and we gave away about **600** to consumers and even some contractors and suppliers! Our placement in *Remodelers Row* this year was brilliant- lots of traffic and many people looking for reputable remodelers!

A **HUGE THANKS** to the 10 volunteers that tirelessly worked in the booth along with Rebecca over the course of the show: Carrie Beauto of LegalShield, Chris Trafton of Tucson Rolling Shutters, Lisa Walling of Re-Bath and 5-Day Kitchens, Dave Mellgren of Mellgren Homes, James Beard of Family Air, Tim Barrett and Kent Griese of Desert Earth and Wood, Jessica Herring of Westar, Gordon Yarrington of The HabiStore, Pete Farrow of Farrow Remodeling! You are all superstars!



Pete Farrow shows off the new directory at the SAHBA Home Show

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## Got NARI Directories?



If you missed the last chapter meeting, come to the April meeting and pick up some directories for your own showroom- they are beautiful- and running out fast!

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## Thanks Family Air and Accessible Home Remodeling!

We had perfect weather for the outdoor meeting at Family Air- we even had three new guests: Chris Retrum of Affordable Chimney and Duct; Justin Leitner of Canyon Drywall, and Jeff Shoemaker of Custom Solar & Leisure! The meeting was causal and fun, with presentation of our new member orientation PowerPoint by Rebecca and a whole lot of networking going on! It was like one big tailgate party. Thanks again to everyone that attended!



## RightResponse First Aid Kits- for you & your family!

Jillian also presented a great fundraiser opportunity for our group- in the form of something everyone needs in their home, car, work vehicles, and worksite- first aid kits! The kits for small children and pets make wonderful gifts. For more information about RightResponse products, click [here](#).



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## Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: NARI Chapter Meeting Hosted by Sky's Sunlight

Join us at Sky's *home* for this fabulous outdoor meeting- definitely a first for NARI! We have a very special educational segment planned- a presentation by Paul Bellows, Chief Performance Officer of [Be Good @ Doing Good](#). Paul works with entrepreneurs, business owners and non-profit executive directors to help them achieve their mission and *Do More Good* in their communities and around the planet. He is also a chair at [Vistage](#), a CEO/Business Owner Peer Advisory Group.

Sky's home is [located here](#); please RVSP to Rebecca by April 17, 520.310.3386 or [email](#).



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## Save the Date for an Evening at Poppy!

Save the date for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>! NARI is planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual multi-industry mixer cocktail party at Poppy Kitchen! We will be inviting members of ASID, AIA, SAHBA, NKBA, NAWIC, etc. We are looking for event sponsors-

please [contact Jessica at Westar](#) if you would like to be a sponsor- you can even have a table at the event! Please contact Jessica Herring if you would like a table.

**poppy**  
**KITCHEN**  
**@ LA PALOMA**



This event is May 11, 5:30-8pm, at [Poppy Kitchen](#) at the Westin La Paloma ([Map link](#)). NARI members pay \$10 and non-members \$20 per person- call (520) 751-6022 Brenda to pay ahead of time or pay at the door. Please RSVP by May 4<sup>th</sup>. Delectable

appetizers will be served and there will be a no-host bar. Bring your business cards and be ready to meet the coolest people in Tucson!

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### **Reminder: New NARI Policy- Credit Card Transactions**

Due to the cost of transaction fees, NARI will now be adding on a 4% service charge to all credit card transactions. NARI will continue to take checks for any type of payment to the Chapter- dues, meeting charges, etc. Thank you very much for your understanding.

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