

# Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC

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## The “Nuts and Bolts” of What’s Happening at RT of DC

**Our 2010 Rebuilding Season is Underway....**

**THERE’S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP TO WORK ON A PROJECT**

Without a Rebuilding team, such as yours, many desperately needy homeowners will have to go another year without... without working furnaces, without working plumbing, and without grab bars that will prevent falls. **It’s not too late to help.** Go to our website at [www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org) and click on the “sponsorship” link to sign up for Rebuilding Day 2010 on Saturday, April 24, 2010. If this date is inconvenient for your group, you may work on any day that you choose—we’re not just in April anymore.



**March 19, 2010**

### Attention House Captains: New Procedures- Free Materials

Just reminding all House Captains of this year’s new procedures. Most importantly is our opportunity to get many materials for free. In your House Captain manual’s front flap is an order form for all Captains to fill out to request free materials before they purchase such items. A list of available items is provided on the sheet. Please remember that we will not reimburse for paint purchases as our warehouse is overflowing with first quality paint— just come prepared to tell us what color paint you want and we will mix it for you on site at the warehouse.

Our Warehouse Days are:

- Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8am to 11am
- Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 8am to 11am
- Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from 10am to 2pm

The warehouse is located at:

- 6620 Sandy Spring Road, NW  
Washington, DC 20012

### New Procedure: Sales Tax Exemption in VA, too

We are now tax exempt for the purposes of paying sales tax in all three area jurisdictions—DC, MD, and VA. House Captains were provided a copy of our tax exemption numbers/authorizing certificates for each jurisdiction. Most shopping should be done at Home Depot as we have provided Home Depot gift cards to all House Captains. The procedure for not paying sales tax at Home Depot is quite simple: Just give the cashier our phone number (202) 965-2824. Tell them we are tax exempt and they should look up the tax exemption by phone number. We are registered. Again, the phone number to use is (202) 965-2824. If they insist you give them a tax exempt number, again, tell them to look it up by phone number. It’s in there. We’re registered. It should be very simple. We test it out all the time and we have had perfect success.



### Our Mission

Since 1983, Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC (formerly Christmas in April) has been working to revitalize low-income homes and communities in our nation’s capital. With the generous support of house sponsors, volunteers, and donors, we make free home repairs for low-income DC homeowners who are elderly, disabled, and/or caring for young children in seriously deteriorating conditions. The repairs enable them to stay in their homes, where they live in warmth and safety with independence and dignity.



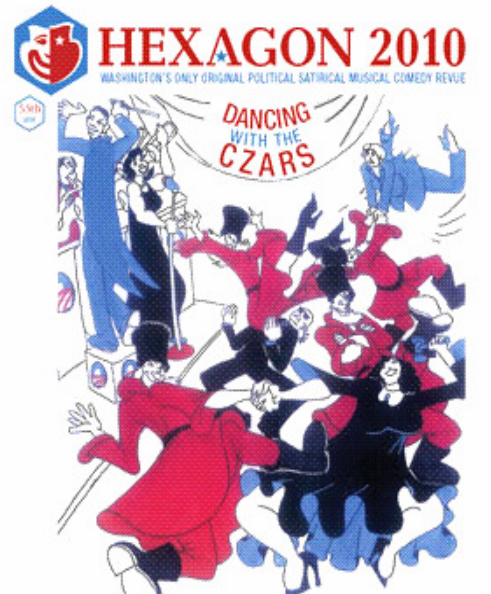


## Save the Date RTDC's Third Annual Golf Tournament Friday, October 15, 2010 at Renditions Golf Course

Sign up today to sponsor and play in our Third Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 15, 2010 at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville, MD. Registration begins at 12 noon and tee off time is at 1:45pm. There'll be a silent auction, a dinner banquet, golfer goodie bags... all in all an afternoon of great fun. \$175 per golfer to sign up. Please spread the word to all of your golfing buddies and any organizations that may be interested in sponsoring the tournament. For more information, go to our website at [www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org) or call the office at (202) 965-2824.

### Hexagon 2010 Show: "Dancing with the Czars"

Rebuilding Together of DC is the proud recipient of proceeds from the 2010 Hexagon show. Hexagon is a political satire theater group that has been donating its proceeds to charities like ours since 1956. This year's show, "Dancing with the Czars", will be staged at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center. Go to [www.hexagon.org](http://www.hexagon.org) to see show times and order tickets. The show opens on Friday, March 19, 2010 and runs through April 10, 2010. Order your tickets TODAY. We encourage you to attend the show on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday night as most tickets are available for those nights. But of course if you can't make it on a week night, Saturday and Sunday tickets are available.



March 19-April 10, 2010  
NEW VENUE: Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center  
7995 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Information & Tickets:  
Phone 202-333-SHOW (7469) or [www.hexagon.org](http://www.hexagon.org)  
2010 Hexagon Beneficiary  
Rebuilding Together logo

### First Annual Stone and Holt Weeks Green Hammer Award: St. Columba's Church is Named First Recipient

On March 9, 2010, St. Columba's Episcopal Church was named the first recipient of RTDC's Stone and Holt Weeks Green Hammer Award.

Last Spring, the team from St. Columba's Episcopal Church installed solar panels at a Rebuilding Together project for a low-income homeowner living in Ward 4. This has led to tremendous cost savings in utilities for the homeowner and her granddaughter, who are living on a very fixed income. This was the first time in RTDC's 27 year history that a solar panel installation was completed.



The award was established, in conjunction with the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, to honor the memories and spirits of brothers Stone and Holt Weeks, who were tragically killed in a car accident last summer. The award is given to a volunteer or organization that has embodied RTDC's mission of "going green" while giving free home repairs to low-income homeowners. Thanks to the Foundation's generosity, RTDC will be able to expand our effort at 'going green' through the use of low-VOC/non toxic paint, increased efforts at weatherization such as insulation, caulking, weather stripping, and purchase of energy star appliances. The Green Hammer Award will lead to lower utility costs for low-income homeowners receiving the free home repairs made by RTDC.

We applaud the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation and the Weeks family for their courage in establishing this award to keep alive the beliefs and energy of their two sons, Stone and Holt.

Pictured above is the team from St. Columba's represented by, left to right: Tom Bauder, who has been a House Captain for the entire 27 year history of RTDC; Jeff Gorman, long time St. Columba's volunteer; Bob Hohl, who House Captained the solar panel project; Erika Sward, Rebuilding Together Board Member, representing St. Columba's; Jan Taylor Weeks, Stone and Holt's mother; Kirk Renaud, whose company provided the solar panels; Reverend Rose Duncan; Linton Weeks, Stone and Holt's father; Janice T. Stango, Executive Director of RTDC; and Ryan McNavage, who volunteered at the project last year and is House Captaining St. Columba's 2010 team.

We hope to encourage all RTDC Teams to make more "green" repairs at the homes they are working on. This award will be given out for the next 9 years so YOUR TEAM could be the next recipients of the Stone and Holt Weeks Green Hammer Award.

## Featured Homeowner—Awaiting help...

Here's an example of a family awaiting our assistance and one that your group can sponsor on National Rebuilding Day or ANY DAY that is convenient for your volunteer team to work:

Mr. and Mrs. H, 62 and 57 respectively, have lived in their Ward 4 home for over 22 years. Mr. H, who served in the Air Force, is now visually impaired and has foot problems that cause his feet to swell whenever he stands for too long. Mrs. H is on permanent disability; after an accident in 1991, she has such bad problems with her feet that she cannot wear shoes. After paying their mortgage, they only have \$311 left each month. They are in desperate need of new windows and doors, as now their gas bills are over \$500/month. Their roof leaks, the kitchen floor is in danger of collapsing, and when it rains, their basement floods, which has caused mold to grow.

Is your company, club, place of worship, alumni group, etc looking for another community service project? This family desperately needs a Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC group to make the above needed repairs so they can live in a warm, safe environment. Please call us at (202) 965-2824 to sign up and help Mr. and Mrs. H.



Questions or Comments? Email us at [rtdc@rebuildingtogetherdc.org](mailto:rtdc@rebuildingtogetherdc.org) or call (202) 965-2824