

## NIA Holds 2<sup>nd</sup> Silent Auction at 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention



The National Insulation Association (NIA) held a 2<sup>nd</sup> Silent Auction on Wednesday, April 2 at our 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Indian Wells, California. Attendees eagerly entered into a friendly competition to bid on many of our luxury items, including fine jewelry, sporting-event tickets, golf accessories, fine wines, and more. To include more attendees, NIA also raffled off a Lagos bracelet valued at \$495 dollars, so everyone had the chance to win.

We are thrilled to report we raised approximately \$22,000, allowing for a donation of about \$11,000 to both the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation and the NIA Foundation for Education, Training, and Industry Advancement. The Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation is a nonprofit organization that brings patients, families, physicians, advocates, and researchers together to help end the devastating effects and fatalities caused by mesothelioma. The NIA Foundation for Education, Training, and Industry Advancement promotes and educates others on the benefits of mechanical insulation.

Melinda Kotzian, CEO of the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, said, “This check means we can continue to hold educational seminars for patients, or connect them with doctors. I look at every dollar as a way to help me do more programs.” When asked about why NIA chose to donate half the proceeds from the Silent Auction to this group, EVP/CEO Michele Jones said, “Our members can relate to this charity because of the prevalence of this terrible disease within our community. Helping those affected is such a good cause, especially when it has impacted so many.”

NIA received 36 donation packages from 30 companies. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the following companies for their generous donations:

- Armacell
- Aspen Aerogels, Inc.
- Bay Industries, Inc.
- C.E. Thurston & Sons, Inc.
- CertainTeed Corp.
- Dover Insulation, Inc.
- E.J. Bartells
- Eastern States Insulation Contractors Association (ESICA)
- GarCo Manufacturing Co., Inc.
- General Insulation Co., Inc.
- Lamtec Corp.
- Old Dominion Insulation, Inc.
- Owens Corning
- P.A.G. Industries, Inc.
- PBI Supply, Inc./Selle Supply Co.
- Performance Contracting, Inc.
- Homans Associates, LLC
- Hudson Bay Insulation Co.
- Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort and Spa
- Insulation Contractors Association of NYC
- Insul-Con, Inc.
- Irex Contracting Group
- Johns Manville
- Knauf Insulation
- Proto Corp.
- Roxul, Inc.
- Winroc-SPI
- Unifrax I, LLC
- Zampell Companies

NIA would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Silent Auction and offer our congratulations to our winning bidders! Your generosity is crucial in supporting the groups that support our industry.

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