Dennis Shuman, retired president of Speer Mechanical, has been selected as the 65th recipient of the association’s Cornerstone Award. He was selected based on his leadership contributions to the community, the industry and the Exchange. Considered to be the highest honor presented in the central Ohio construction industry, the Cornerstone Award has been given annually since 1954. Shuman is the second member of his family to receive the award. His father, Sam Shuman, was honored in 1978.

A BX member since 1982, Shuman served on the board of directors from 2006 to 2011. His involvement at the Exchange includes participation as a BX Craftsmanship Judge, BX Workers’ Compensation Trustee, BX Scholarship Trustee and champion for the BX Rising Leaders Institute. Shuman is well known in the industry for his legislative work for the Mechanical Contractors Association, where he has held leadership positions at the local, state and national level.

In addition to his BX involvement, Shuman has chaired or served in various capacities for several local charities and organizations including Recreation Unlimited, The Columbus Urban League, Dublin Youth Athletics, Dublin Music Boosters, Dublin Irish Festival and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Shuman was selected to receive the Cornerstone Award by the BX board of directors, based on an initial review by the BX Cornerstone Award Review Committee. The recipient is chosen based on the following achievements:

- BX Involvement
- Industry Involvement
- Industry Impact
- Community Involvement
- Years of Service to the Industry

BX board members, staff and employees of Speer Mechanical surprised Dennis Shuman (center) with the news that he had been selected as the 2019 BX Cornerstone Award recipient. Pictured with Shuman from left: BX Executive Director Mary Tebeau and BX Board President Mark Setterlin (R.W. Setterlin Building Co.).