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JOIN US FOR OUR APRIL MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 at the Embassy Suites San Antonio Northwest, located at 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio, TX 78230.

CPS ENERGY WILL BE PRESENTING ABOUT THE LAUNCH OF THE 2017 LOAD CURTAILMENT PROGRAM

RSVPs are due no later than Monday, April 17, 2017. YOU MUST RSVP or you will have to wait until all attendees are seated.

If you must cancel your RSVP, please email Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com BY MONDAY APRIL 17TH AT 5:00PM so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time will still be invoiced.

RSVPs are REQUIRED,



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

SAABE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL FOR OUR LUNCHEONS PERMANENTLY. GOING FORWARD, BEGINNING WITH OUR APRIL 2017 LUNCHEON, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED, WE WILL BE LOCATED AT THE EMBASSY SUITES SAN ANTONIO NORTHWEST.

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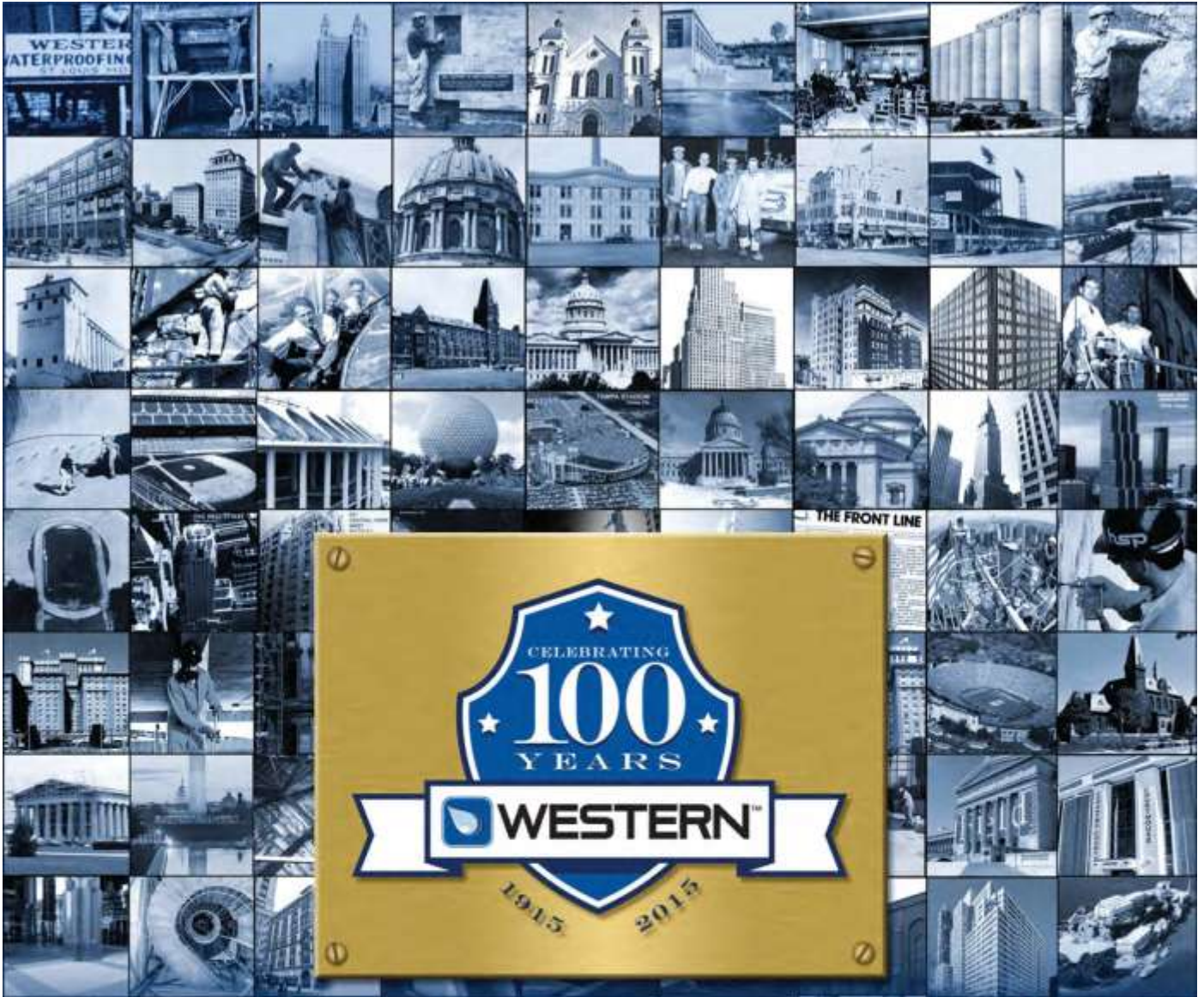
Last month's BESST tour was something you should not have missed. Port San Antonio has its hands in what equates to most everything, hundreds of buildings, high end clients and such utilization of diversity make it my high mark on obtainable knowledge. Lee Moore out did himself on this tour, his knowledge being a military veteran, in your face historian provided insight on what was, to what now is, happening on this massive multi-tiered network of responsibilities not to mention the land mass. Air Force One was reportedly having maintenance performed during the Tour. This magnitude is rarely seen even with careers working for many companies. Okay, too much words—wish you were there!

Moving forward, the previously sent information about the old Butter Crust Bakery building, chill water ice, was scrubbed due to ownership division as reported. It's hard to get into the belly of the beast unless you know an engineer. Hence no Tour was SET for March. Let's make April a positive move and suggest Tours that impacted your career. Do make a respond to make things happen as this is our association, let's grow it.

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Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

Birds are chirping, windows are being cleaned, flowers are being replaced and its light still when we get home. Spring must be officially here, which means spring cleaning time! Many of us are taking the time at work to either perform in house or those lucky ones are contracting out coil cleanings, tower cleanings, roof inspections, tube brushing, etc. Let's not forget about our homes though. They all require the same things, just on a smaller scale. When is the last time you looked in the condenser on the side of the house to see if it resembles more of a compost pile inside?

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. I get to journey back outside and do some yard work / honeydo's that I have been putting off due to the unbearable heat and holiday season from last year. I recently completed a patio extension project that required removing 3 yards of dirt and moving in 7 new yards of material. If you ever wanted to know how in shape you aren't, I highly recommend a tool called a "dirt tamper". I am convinced that no one buys these, as I got mine for free, and gave it to someone else for free just to not see it ever again.

Spring also is our cutoff for unpaid memberships. Anyone that has not paid their dues for this year that was a member must now pay these before attending any meetings going forward. If this might be you please get these back in to us as soon as possible so that you can continue to enjoy the SAABE experience and participate in all of the upcoming events that are being planned.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

by John Leifester

Happy April to all association members! The year is a quarter of the way through. It's amazing how quickly time flies. Please be on the lookout for upcoming training sessions and or the article announcing this years SAABE Social. I challenge you to make it out this year. It will be an amazing time and the fact that you're competing for free cash in horseshoes should make it very appealing. Look for the training and social announcements in future SAABE Times.

If you are a vendor and have training you think would be beneficial, please email me at john@dedicatedls.com for more information.

Thanks and God Bless



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Kendal Langenberg

I'd like to offer a huge thank you to all of you who got your dues renewed on time this year. It is very helpful to the organization when most members renew early into the new year – and some even paid their 2017 dues before 2016 was over! If you're reading this and you're not sure if you are up-to-date or not with dues, please send me or Britney an email so that we can verify your status. This is very important, because we will need to start turning away those who have not paid, from any and all SAABE functions from here on out, until your membership is caught up. On another note, as a reminder, please direct me toward any building engineers who are not part of SAABE – they need to join so that they too can enjoy all the benefits that SAABE provides to all of its members!

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SAABE SPOTLIGHT

By Justin Titus

Tell us about yourself.

I've been with SWBC since June 1st 1998. Married for 32 yrs. I have 2 sons a 23 and 17 year with 1 grandson. When I'm not working I like to go fishing, taking care of my grandson.

Have you received any awards/recognition/special training?

While with SWBC I have received 2 employee of the Month awards. 1st in August 2003 and 2nd in May 2006. I also received employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of 2011. **I've attended several of the Trainco training classes.**

What hobbies keep you busy?

In my free time I enjoy going fishing and I really don't mind if I catch anything. I find it very relaxing just to be sitting on the pier.

Where is the best place you have ever traveled to?

I went to California and Colorado for work as we were opening up new offices. While I was there I was able to do a lot of site seeing and I would love to go back for an actual Vacation.

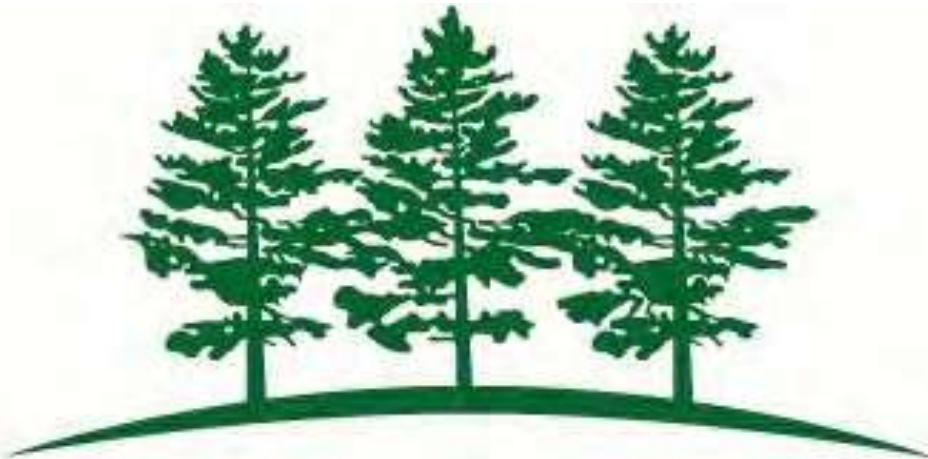
What Advice would you share with those just entering or considering the trade?

Find a job/work place that you like and even though you will have a few rough days you will like what you do.

What is the most challenging part/aspect of the job?

I manage several properties in San Antonio, Austin and the Dallas area. There is always a bunch of work that needs to be done and there never enough time to get it all done.

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-Swami Sivananda

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