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Mark Your Calendar—

JOIN US FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, December 19, at the Alamo Cafe on 281 (just north of Bitters). This month, we'll hear from the SAABE board about the status of the organization, and the membership will elect its 2008 Board of Directors.

The meeting will be held in the first floor Travis/Bowie rooms, to the right of the entrance. There is plenty of parking at the back of the restaurant. **Please make sure to check in at the front desk when you arrive.** Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle, as members have reported attempted break-ins in the restaurant parking lot.

RSVP to (210) 408-1699 by Tuesday, December 18.

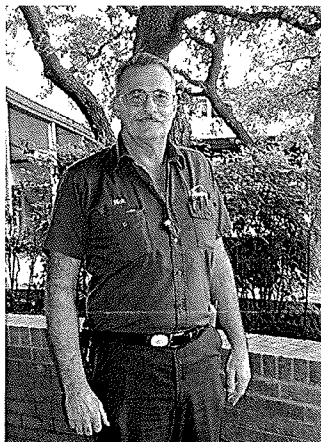
PLEASE RSVP so we can be sure to have enough meals on hand! ♦

Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov

Rick Crowell

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• **How long in the building engineer trade?**

I have been involved in this trade since 1974 and have held various positions. Currently I have worked for Lillibridge for approximately eleven months and been a member of SAABE the same amount of time. After working for many years within the manufacturing and packaging industry, it is very refreshing to be maintaining commercial office buildings once again. I couldn't work for a better company.

• **Any awards, recognition, or special training?**

I received an Associates degree in Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating from Oklahoma State Technical School and have accumulated numerous hours of CEUs over the years. After 34 years of hands-on training, what other kind of training do you need?

• **Hobbies/what do you enjoy during off-hours?**

My greatest hobby is rebuilding and refurbishing old cars and trucks. The oldest vehicle I have rebuilt is 1936 Ford pickup, and I am currently working on a 1946 two door Ford sedan. My favorite activity, however, is spending time with any one of my seven grandkids.

• **Family/Children?**

I am married and have five kids.

• **What do you enjoy about the building engineer trade?**

The challenge of meeting everyday needs of the tenants and accomplishing tasks required by management. Also, working a proactive maintenance program that reduces reactive activity.

• **As a transplant to the San Antonio area, what do you like most about it?**

The thing I like most about it is the weather. If you think you got it bad down here, spend some time up in Oklahoma maintaining a building in the dead middle of winter.

• **What is your philosophy for life?**

Do the right things and the right things happen.

• **What do you like most about your involvement with SAABE?**

The ability to learn by association whether, it is at a luncheon or a Last Thursday Training Seminar. I also enjoy networking with other industry professionals and getting and sharing advice. ♦

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A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk, CBE-M

It is a time for thanks.....

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend November's luncheon. For being the day before Thanksgiving, the attendance was great. For those of you who were unable to attend, all I can say is you missed one heck of a skit performed by Dimensions Contracting and a few property managers as well. Thank you Marcy Barber and Kim Webb for making this one of the most real-life memorable moments I can ever recall!

Also, thank you to all who attended the SAABE Christmas Social at Dave and Buster's. As usual, Jeff and Laura did an outstanding job getting everything just right for the event.

Many, many thanks go out to the remainder of the SAABE Board of Directors (Tom, Mike, JR, Allen, Kendal and Jock) for a job well done! We will see the outcome of a few of these positions at this month's luncheon/elections, and no matter the results, it was my pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with you.

Thank you all to our many vendors who have contributed to our beliefs and provided support and training to all the SAABE members. Thanks to each of you.

Thank you all who donated items to the Construct a Kid's Christmas!

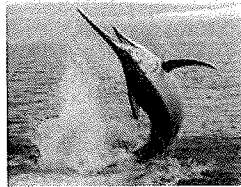
Finally, thank each of you who are attending this month's special meeting/elections.

Merry Christmas to all!

Once again, if you've any photos to share, please send them my way.

In parting, please be sure and RSVP to the SAABE luncheons....

Till then, FISH ON! ❖



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Seminar schedules:

- Tuesday, January 22, 2008: 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code Chapters 3, 4 and 11
Session I: 8:00 am—12:00 pm; Session II (repeat of am session): 1:30 pm—5:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 23, 2008: 2006 International Residential Code Mechanical Provisions
Session I: 8:00 am—12:00 pm; Session II (repeat of am session): 1:30 pm—5:30 pm
- Thursday, January 24, 2008: 2008 National Electrical Code Analysis of Changes
Session I: 8:00 am—12:00 pm; Session II (repeat of am session): 1:30 pm—5:30 pm

Register by December 14 for an early bird rate. The deadline for a guaranteed reservation is December 28. The registration fee includes a workbook. Codebooks are recommended for each seminar but are not included in the registration fee.

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SAABE November Lunch Summary by Kendal Langenberg



Our November general membership luncheon was truly a treat for all who attended! John and Gail from Dimensions put on quite a show for us with able assistance provided by Marcy Barber, Kim Webb, and Marcy's grandson. A big thank you to the entire cast for such an entertaining and insightful presentation! We will certainly stay tuned for the much awaited, and highly anticipated, sequel!

Although it was hard to concentrate on business matters with so much laughter in the room, Charlie reminded us about some upcoming important issues. BEOTY is in full swing. Nominations have been closed, and now we need some able-bodied engineers to help judge the nominees. We have a target award date of shortly after the first of the year. If you are interested in serving on the committee, see Mike Halvorsen.



Board elections are just around the corner. It is always nice to have some new blood in the mix, so be sure to throw your name in the hat or the name of someone you think would be good for a specific board position.

Our next general membership luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 19! Don't end the year on a bad note—be there! ❖


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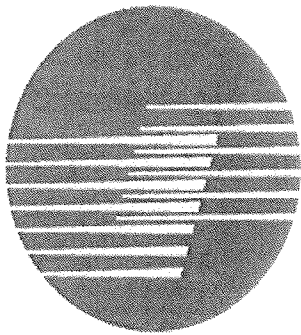
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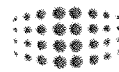
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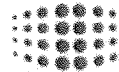


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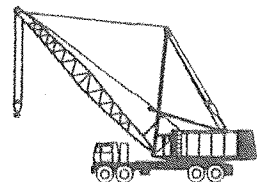
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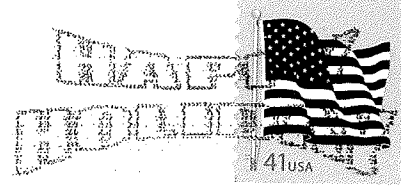




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Final Thought:

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." — Bill Cosby

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 Wednesday, December 19**

Business Meeting and Board Elections
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**Upcoming Program:
 Wednesday, January 16**

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