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January 2011

Mark Your Calendar—

JOIN US FOR OUR JANUARY MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, January 19, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

The meeting topic is "CPS Energy 2011 Programs and Services," and the presenters are Joe Jones, Rick Luna and Bob Nelson with CPS Energy. The meeting sponsor is CPS Energy.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, January 17, at noon.

If you must cancel your attendance, please call Melodie Goff at 408-8135 BY **MONDAY, JANUARY 17, AT NOON** so we can cancel your meal.

Please make sure to check in at the front desk when you arrive.

RSVPs are REQUIRED, so we can be sure to have enough meals on hand! ♦

Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov



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- **What is Bray Communications?**

We are a management group that provides management services to eight different trade groups - a few of those being SAABE, The Association of Fundraising Professionals and National Association of Women Business Owners.

- **How long have you been involved with SAABE?**

I started managing SAABE back in 2002 when the average luncheon attendance was 50 and we met at the Old San Francisco Steakhouse. Our current luncheon record attendance is 120. At Bray Communications, I employ two assistants - Jan Hall and Melodie Goff.

- **Any save the date information you would like to share with us about SAABE in 2011?**

Yes, the January luncheon presenter will be CPS Energy who will be covering the rebate program for 2011. So please make sure you RSVP, as this promises to be a packed house.

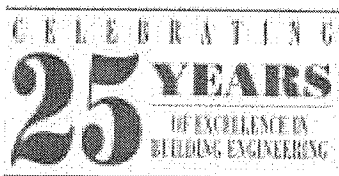
- **Family/Children?**

I have been married to my husband Bruce for 28 years, and we have one son named Sean who is 25. Our son recently graduated from the University of North Texas and will soon be starting his career with the Marines.

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

In my spare time, I have started my own blog called AlamoALaCarte where I write about San Antonio

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A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk, Jr., CBE-M

Thanks to everyone that attended the 2010 SAABE Christmas Celebration! It was great to see everyone and get to unwind... a little! Also, I don't know about you, but I've had so much turkey and ham that I'm beginning to gobble and grunt! Now it's time for some BBQ and those new Super Bowl commercials!

In case you missed the December SAABE luncheon, the SAABE board members that were up for election were reappointed for another two-year term. Please commend them when you have the chance, for they do a lot of work in their spare time to make SAABE what it is today!

Be sure and make plans to attend the January SAABE luncheon, as CPS Energy will be presenting the 2011 Rebates/Structure, among other items. If you're replacing some HVAC items, there is nothing worse than leaving money on the table, so be sure and get the info you need!

Have you had a chance to review your SAWS irrigation invoices from last month? It appears that our local water vendor is making it so that only those with big budgets can afford to keep any type of landscaping or flower beds! Oh well, let's see what happens in April/May when the colors come out.

Wishing you all a great 2011! ❖

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food, arts and travel. Check it out at <http://AlamoALaCarte.blogspot.com>. My husband and I also enjoy traveling and cooking. In fact, a couple of our dishes have won first place at the Central Market Hatch Chili Pepper Cook Off. My husband also contributes the Hatch macaroni and cheese at the annual SAABE picnic.

- Since you like to travel, what would you say is your best trip ever?

That would be a toss-up between an Alaskan cruise that I took and a trip to Hawaii. The Alaskan scenery was magnificent, but they about had to kidnap me in order to bring me back to the mainland from Hawaii – I did not want to leave. ❖

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Vendor Rep Report by Randy Cummings

Wow, 2011 is here already! If you blinked, you might have missed 2010.

With the economy looking to make a turnaround, I know everyone is optimistic about what the new year will bring. SAABE is excited about 2011 and the potential growth we have envisioned. Our membership held strong this last year and is looking to increase this year with new engineers and vendors jumping on board. And, nearly all of the luncheons are booked for 2011.

Even though attendance was low at the last few luncheons, we had a great turnout at the Christmas party. For those of you that did not make it to the Christmas party, you missed a great time. Everyone won at least one door prize, and several folks won two. Make sure you thank Robert Steele and the entire board for putting on a great party.

Speaking of the board, take some time to congratulate Charlie Mikolajczyk, Jr., Mike Halvorsen, Mike Copp and J.R. Uresti on their reelection. It's the leadership these guys provide that make SAABE the great organization it is.

If you have not already RSVP'd for the January luncheon, make sure you do so ASAP. CPS Energy always brings the largest turnout of the year, and space will fill up fast.

Thanks, and see ya'll this month. ❖

San Antonio Building Codes Academy Training

From January 25 to January 27, the San Antonio Building Codes Academy will host training sessions on the adopted 2009 International Fuel Gas Code and the anticipated adoption of the 2011 National Electrical Code.

Bob Schutz will present the 2009 IFGC Design, Installation and Inspection Principals seminar, and the course is worth six hours of continuing education credit.

Keith Lofland will present the 2011 NEC Analysis of Changes seminar, and this course is worth four hours of continuing education credit and can be used to renew your state electrical license.

The seminar schedule is as follows:

January 25, 2011 - 2009 IFGC Design, Installation & Inspection Principals

January 26, 2011 - 2011 NEC Analysis of Changes (morning or afternoon session)

January 27, 2011 - 2009 IFGC Design, Installation & Inspection Principals

Registration fees for the 2009 IFGC Design, Installation and Inspection Principals are \$160. Registration fees for the 2011 NEC Analysis of Changes are \$75. The deadline for a guaranteed reservation is January 21, 2011. For more information, visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/sabca.asp>. ❖

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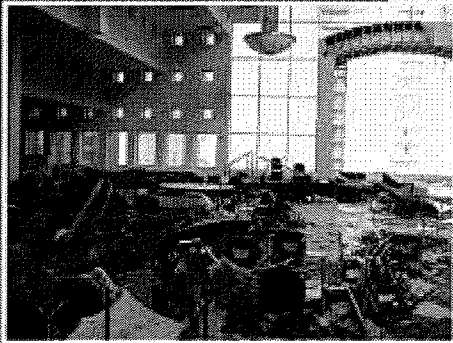
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- Sponsored by Austin Association of Facility and Maintenance Engineers (AAFAME)
- January 18, 401 Congress Avenue (Frost Tower), Austin
- Cost: \$50 for nonmembers
- For more information, visit <http://www.aafame.org/cde.cfm?event=334019>

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- Sponsored by COSA Development Services Department
- January 21, Cliff Morton Development and Business Services Center (Training Rooms A & B), San Antonio
- Cost: Free
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San Pedro Plaza - LEED Certification Only Four Points To Go!

by Tom Lasater

Chief Building Engineer Mark Rybczynski and Building Manager Art Villarreal of Reata Real Estate Services are all smiles as they near LEED Certification at San Pedro Plaza!

Not very long ago, they were all frowns, since most of the energy conserving programs that Mark had presented to management were not acted upon. Even so, Mark knew he could do many cost saving programs that would not require a great expenditure of funds. Then, about two years ago Reata began looking at energy savings and LEED Certification as a companywide goal. They provided qualified personnel to oversee the certification, and before long, Mark's programs were being accepted.

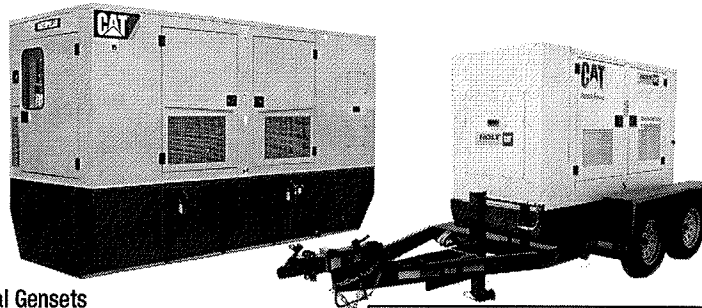
To begin with, he noticed that various areas were not running at comfortable temps and that many areas had wide temp variations. Mark started a systematic inspection of all temperature controls which led to the repair of leaks in his pneumatic system and calibration of all thermostats. He also tackled the lighting systems in the building. Light levels were measured, and many areas were found to have overly high light

levels which allowed for the removal of several light fixtures. He also did a major light fixture retrofit to T-8's, and light switches were changed to motion sensors for added savings.

Mark was actively involved and provided practical and efficient solutions to a number of roadblocks. For example, there was a need for additional stalls in the restrooms. By looking at building blueprints, Mark found ample room was available in the chase areas next to the restrooms. These chase areas had been converted to janitor closets, and by closing them, they were able to convert these under-utilized spaces to the required additional restroom stalls.

Mark is an example of how skills and knowledge of building trades, along with persistence, can result in cost savings of energy and water. He is an inspiration to other SAABE engineers who want to integrate cost saving measures in their buildings. Mark will be glad to share and assist you with your building efficiency ideas and can be reached at (210) 841-3219. ♦

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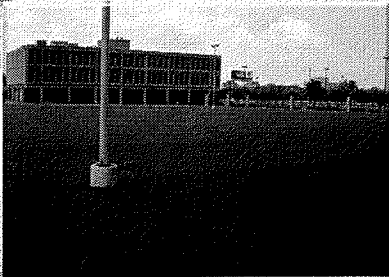
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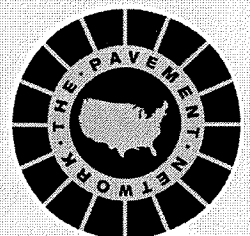
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The seminar is open to **SAABE Engineers and their assistants only**, and there is no cost to attend. There is a limit of 25 attendees.

If you are coming, please email mgoff@braycommunications.com. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 26 so we know how many lunches to order. If you RSVP and cannot attend, please call Melodie Goff at 408-8135 so she can move someone off the waiting list. ❖

December Lunch Summary by Curtis Thompson

Hello to all.... What a crazy but great year it has been for those with SAABE! Reflecting back, how can you not say that we have provided some awesome luncheons! With all the great vendors giving some valuable info on topics well needed for discussion! We definitely thank everyone for being a part of such a great organization! As we look forward to 2011, our goal is to improve SAABE, so any input is valuable!

The SAABE Board will remain the same for 2011! Remember guys - you raised your right hand and swore not to drink or hunt this year! All you guys have done an awesome job, and I am truly grateful to be a part of it!!

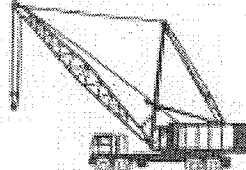
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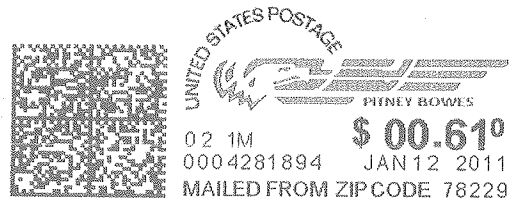
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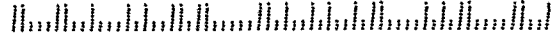
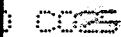
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