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Mark Your Calendar-

JOIN US FOR OUR JULY MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, July 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

The meeting topic and speaker will be announced soon. Please visit www.saabe.org for the latest details.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, July 19, at noon.

If you must cancel your attendance, please call Melodie Goff at 408-8135 BY MONDAY, JULY 19, AT NOON so we can cancel your meal.

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Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov



Danny Luera

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How long have you been in the building engineer trade?

I have been involved in building maintenance for around ten years and have been with Transwestern for about a year and a half. I also worked as a roughneck in the oil industry and spent a lot of time on oil derricks out in the gulf—two weeks on and four days off. Before that, I worked for my father as a backhoe operator. I did this for seven years and enjoyed every minute of working with my Dad.

Family and children?

I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 43 years, and we have three kids (two sons and one daughter) and eight grandkids. I came from a family of eleven kids—eight brothers and two adopted sisters. And my wife comes from a family of 20 brothers and sisters with three sets of twins. When we have a family reunion, we rent an entire park.

How did you meet your wife?

My friends and I were in the bleachers at the athletic field of my high school, and there were some girls playing football. One girl in particular caught my eye, and it was love at first sight. I told my friends that someday that girl would be my wife, and they told me she already had a boy friend. I found her in school the next day and introduced myself and told her that some day we would be married. She said she already had a boyfriend, so I told her that I would have to talk to him. I found him and told him that I would be dating

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A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk, Jr., CBE-M

Thanks to everyone that attended the 2010 SAABE Picnic/Phil Anderson Memorial at the Alzafar Camp on the Guadalupe River in Boerne! Also, thanks to all of the members that came out and generously donated their time to help set up/tear down. And, thanks to all the wonderful vendors and members who supported this event with the drinks and the door prizes. Finally, if you were unable to attend or left hungry, it's you own fault!

May seemed to have passed quickly this year. It may have been due to all the activities, but it seems we got robbed a day or two somewhere! As we roll into June, this month will mark the end of Mike Halverson's and my term as part of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) with CPS Energy. Hopefully, our participation will warrant another term and allow SAABE a voice in electrical energy matters.

Earlier this month, SAABE participated in the BOMA SA Inaugural Sporting Clay event at the National Shooting Complex. It was once again great to meet many BOMA SA members off the course of business and spend some quality time in a relaxing environment. Of course, who would dare go outside the box with so many shotguns handy...I may be crazy, but I'm not foolish! Your Team SAABE placed first!

Another large social event coming up is the ASA (American Sub-Contractors Association) Bay Fishing Tournament in Port Aransas on June 25th. Many of our vendor members will be in attendance, and many good times will be shared. And, July marks the turn from the skinny water of the



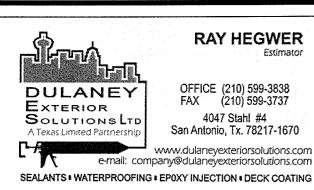
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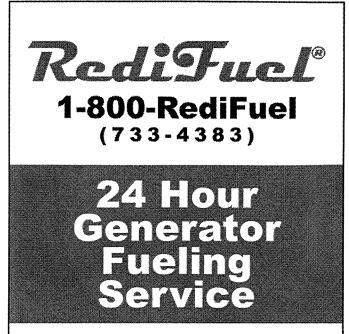
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bays and flats to the deep blue sea, as the 75th Deep Sea Roundup is July 8-11 in Port Aransas, and the Poco Bueno Deep Sea Tournament is July 15-18 in Port O'Connor.

I would like to express thanks to Advanced Filtration Systems for their presentation on "Energy Savings and Sustainability with the Use of UV-C" at the May Luncheon. Also, thanks to Will Fawcett with Joe W. Fly Company for presenting the Last Thursday Training Seminar "Optimizing HVAC Performance Filtration and Coil Maintenance!"

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Vendor Rep Report

by Allen Mangrum

Below is the calendar for the remainder of the SAABE luncheons this year. ❖

Meeting Date	Topic	Meeting Sponsor	<u>Presenter</u>
July 21, 2010	TBD	TBD	TBD
August 18, 2010	TBD	Mechanical Reps	Mike Layman
September 15, 2010	TBD	Trane	Jeff Turov
October 20, 2010	TBD	Preferred Landscape and Lighting	John Leifester
November 17, 2010	"Building Automation"	Johnson Controls, Inc.	Allen Mangrum
December 15, 2010	Business/Board Elections/Year End Awards	SAABE	SAABE Board



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SAABE June Last Thursday Training Seminar

Save the date for this month's Last Thursday Training Seminar. The topic for this month's seminar is "What Gerloff Offers Commercial Property Partners, and New EPA Regulations for Lead Paint Removal and Painting." The presenter is Randy Cummings with Gerloff Company, Inc. which is also this month's training seminar sponsor.

Where: First National Bank (6243 IH 10 W)

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When: Thursday, June 24, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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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, June 23 so we know how many lunches to order. If you RSVP and cannot attend, please call Melodie Goff at (210)408-8135 so she can move someone off the waiting list. ❖

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his girlfriend form this point forward, and if he disagreed, then we would have to come to an agreement right then and there. He left and never bothered us again. And here we are 43 years later.

Hobbies/what do you enjoy during off-hours?

I really enjoy fishing and actually was able to fish when I worked out in the gulf. I caught dolphin and black tip shark and would usually bring home a whole cooler full of fish. The helicopter pilot would always call me on my cooler, but he usually gave in and let me bring it aboard. I also enjoy riding horses, golf and spending time with my family. My eight grandkids also keep me busy.

• Any other interesting stories?

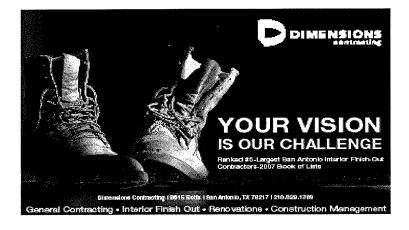
Yes. Straight out of high school, it was my intention to serve my country in the armed forces. My friends and I volunteered, and we began the process of completing the paperwork and health screening. As I was going to the health screening, I was getting off the bus that took us there and stepped wrong. I did not realize it, but I gave myself a hernia when I stepped wrong, and the screener noticed it was close to bursting. So he told me to go to my private doctor to get it repaired. I spent two weeks in the hospital and then received a letter classifying me as 4Y with a medical discharge. My friends left me behind, and some never returned. I was lucky to have known them. *

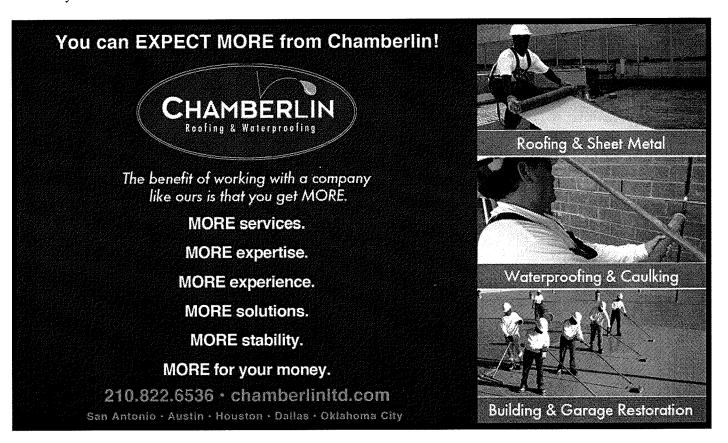


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May Lunch Summary

by Curtis Thompson

Good day everyone, and thanks for checking out the May luncheon report. SAABE would like to thank everyone that showed up and appreciates you for making SAABE such a successful organization. Thank You!!!!!

This month's luncheon presentation was provided by James Mock, President, and Drew Price, Sales Consultant, with Advanced Filtration Systems (AFS). They gave an awesome presentation. The following is an overview.

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Roundtables by the High Performance Buildings Forum

by Tom Lasater

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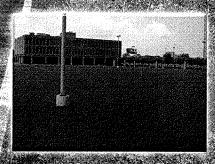
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2010 SAABE 5th Annual Picnic/Phil Anderson Memorial

by Robert Steele

Well folks, another successful event came off without a hitch! Many thanks to all who attended this year's picnic and to all who helped with door prizes. We must give very special thanks to both Allen Mangrum from Johnson Controls, who provided a great venue at Camp Alzafar, and to John Leifester from Preferred Landscape and Lighting, who provided the BBQ trailer and the expertise on the grill.

We went through eight large briskets, 40 pounds of potato salad and all the side dishes that the membership thoughtfully provided. Hot dogs and Kiolbassa sausages were sizzling and disappeared in no time.

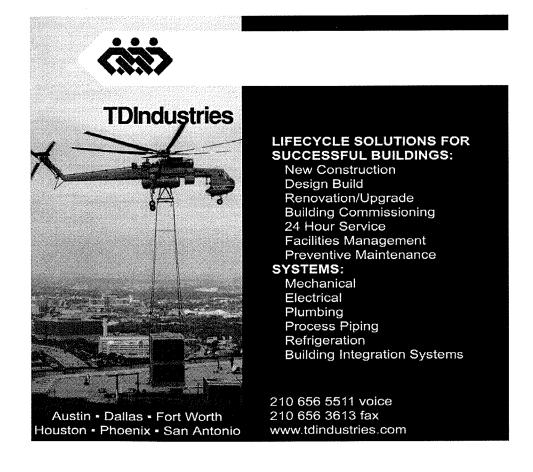
The river floats were awesome, with the flow just right for an hour float from the bridge. Kendal's clan was in great form out there on the tubes, along with everyone else who participated.

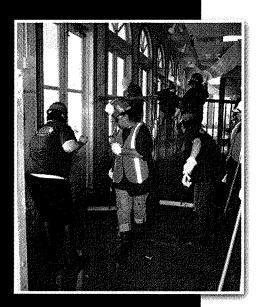
The pool was refreshing, and the kids who were swimming were splashing and playing with all the toys that SAABE provided.

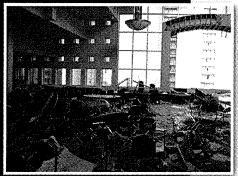
Our horseshoe tournament was well played on the three brand new pits. Shoes were flying, and the sun was shining! Another round of thanks to Allen, John and Robert Steele for their work in installing them. The results were as follows:

- First place and \$300 went to Charles Mikolajczyk and Audie Howell.
- Second place and \$200 went to Kendal Langenberg and Carlos Garza.
- Third place and \$100 went to Allen Mangrum and Robert Steele.

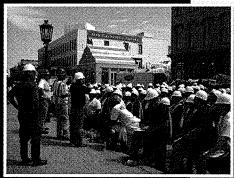
Camp Alzafar was spotless when we left, and the folks out there said they were looking forward to hosting us again next year. Everyone agreed that the venue left Joe's Place in the dust. For those who did not join us this year, ask your neighbors at the next membership luncheon about it, and make plans on joining us next year! Until next time... .













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Final Thought:

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time." - John Lubbock

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