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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 22, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

The presentation will be on Indoor Air Quality: Common Issues & New Approaches. The presenter is Joe Viramontes with Fellowes, Inc. The meeting sponsor is Joe W. Fly Co, Inc.

RSVPs were due no later than Monday, July 20th at 5:00pm.

If you must cancel your attendance, please email Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com BY **MONDAY, JULY 20th, AT 5:00PM** so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time will still be invoiced.

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

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Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov

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Tell us about yourself.

I am the current SAABE Association Manager and have worked in the commercial real estate industry for 8 years. In addition to working with SAABE, I am an Assistant Property Manager with Sullivan Commercial Realty, we currently manage 13 properties in San Antonio. I started with Sullivan in December 2014 and prior to that I worked at BOMA San Antonio. I am also a single mother to a wonderful one year old boy, named Kristopher (Topher).

Any rewards/recognition/special training?

When I worked with Transwestern Commercial Services, I won Assistant Property Manager of the Year in 2010. I am also in the process of completing my Real Property Administrator (RPA) designation.

Hobbies: what do you enjoy during off-hours?

To be honest, I don't know what 'off-hours' are anymore! Between my full-time job, SAABE and my son, I am pretty busy most days! I enjoy what I do for a living, but when I do have some downtime, I love to spend any minute I can with my son. He is at that amazing age where he is learning and growing everyday and I love seeing the world through his eyes. When I get a real night off, I like to go dancing with friends and have a cocktail or two!

Family/children?

Of course, I have my son! I come from a huge family and love to spend time with them as often as I can. I have three sisters, two brothers, nine nieces and six nephews! Christmas gets kind of crazy at my house, but I wouldn't have it any other way!

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Above the Ceiling

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President

Like a Girl

I was out at Stinson Field on the south side a week ago for the Commemorative Air Force fly-in. Couple of trainers, some Stinson spotters, an air ambulance, troop transport, venerable old B-17 and a B-25 similar to the ones that flew off the deck of the USS Hornet to bomb Tokyo, only months after Pearl Harbor. Didn't get to see the B-24 famously mass-produced at the Ford Willow Run plant in Michigan, part of Detroit's "Arsenal of Democracy".

I especially liked just checking out the pictures on the wall in the airport; Stinson Field is 100 years old and is the second oldest municipal airport in the country. My Grandpa trained to be a Jenny pilot in World War I, maybe only a few miles from here at Brooks or Kelly Fields about the same time these old pictures were taken. The field is named after the aviation pioneer mother Emma Stinson and her kids Marjorie, Eddie, Jack and Katherine, that came here to open a flying school. Two of the first licensed women pilots in the world, Katherine ("the flying schoolgirl") and Marjorie took part in exhibition flying (loop-the-loop), endurance runs, flew mail for the US Postal Service and traveled to Japan and China. It's said that one of Katherine's lasting contributions (she was also a good mechanic) was that she put far more emphasis on maintenance than any of her contemporaries believing that this was the key to safety. Words the airline industry lives by every day.



Later on, I sat down to watch a soccer match between two of the best soccer teams in the world: US vs. Japan. (continued...)

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The last time they played for the cup, Japan won on penalty kicks, so little bit of a grudge match: think the Spurs playing Miami last year after having victory previously yanked away in the closing seconds- they were on a mission. In one of the most awesome displays of scoring in any world cup, Carli Lloyd scored a three point hat-trick in a handful of minutes, the last coming off an incredible kick from 54 yards out. My little sister Elaine was there to photograph the match for the AP; in a career that's included Super Bowls, NBA Finals and multiple Olympics, she said this was her greatest moment. The women went on to win 5-2, helping to cement a legacy already in place. As it turns out, the US Women's Soccer Team has a proud history of competing for the top prize consistently, year after year. Remind you of anyone?



And, speaking of the Spurs, Becky Hammon continues to make history as the first woman to act as head coach in an NBA Summer League game. "I just think it's important for society that women be rewarded for their brains just as much as any guy..." she was quoted as saying in the Express News. She went on to compare the past year spent learning the art of coaching from Popovich to learning how to make cars from Henry Ford. Pioneers in any field are trailblazers who help open new possibilities for all that come after them. Here's to hoping Becky can help keep that assembly line cranking!

Engineer Spotlight (continued)

What is the best vacation you have ever taken?

My favorite vacation has to be to the Bahamas! When I was in high school, the dance team took a cruise to Nassau and it was a blast! We competed during the day and spent the rest of our time checking out the sites! It was a carefree and fun time with girls that I consider sisters!

Any advice for those just entering or considering the trade?

The best piece of advice I can give is to ASK QUESTIONS! The best way to learn in this industry is to dig in and figure it out. Ask how, why, when to mentors, supervisors and vendors. I have been so lucky to have such great opportunities and work with amazing people who have been more than willing to sit down and explain the reasons for the decisions they are making and sharing their experiences. Don't be afraid to learn.



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Membership Directory is now available! If you are an active member, pick your copy up at the July luncheon!

Vendor Rep Report

by Randy Cummings



Hard to believe we are already in the middle of summer. It seems like just last week we were at the SAABE Christmas party. Hopefully everyone has had a great and profitable first half of 2015. SAABE has continued to grow and overcome several hurdles this year and looks like it is as strong as ever. In order to keep that up, it will require help from all our engineers

and vendors. There are many opportunities to sponsor, present and volunteer. Seek out any board member and we can get you set up. Remember, you only get of the organization what you put in.

The easiest way to help out is make sure your dues are paid! We still have a few stragglers that are lagging behind. As always I want feedback on presentations and meetings. Let me know your thoughts and ideas.

And remember to RSVP!

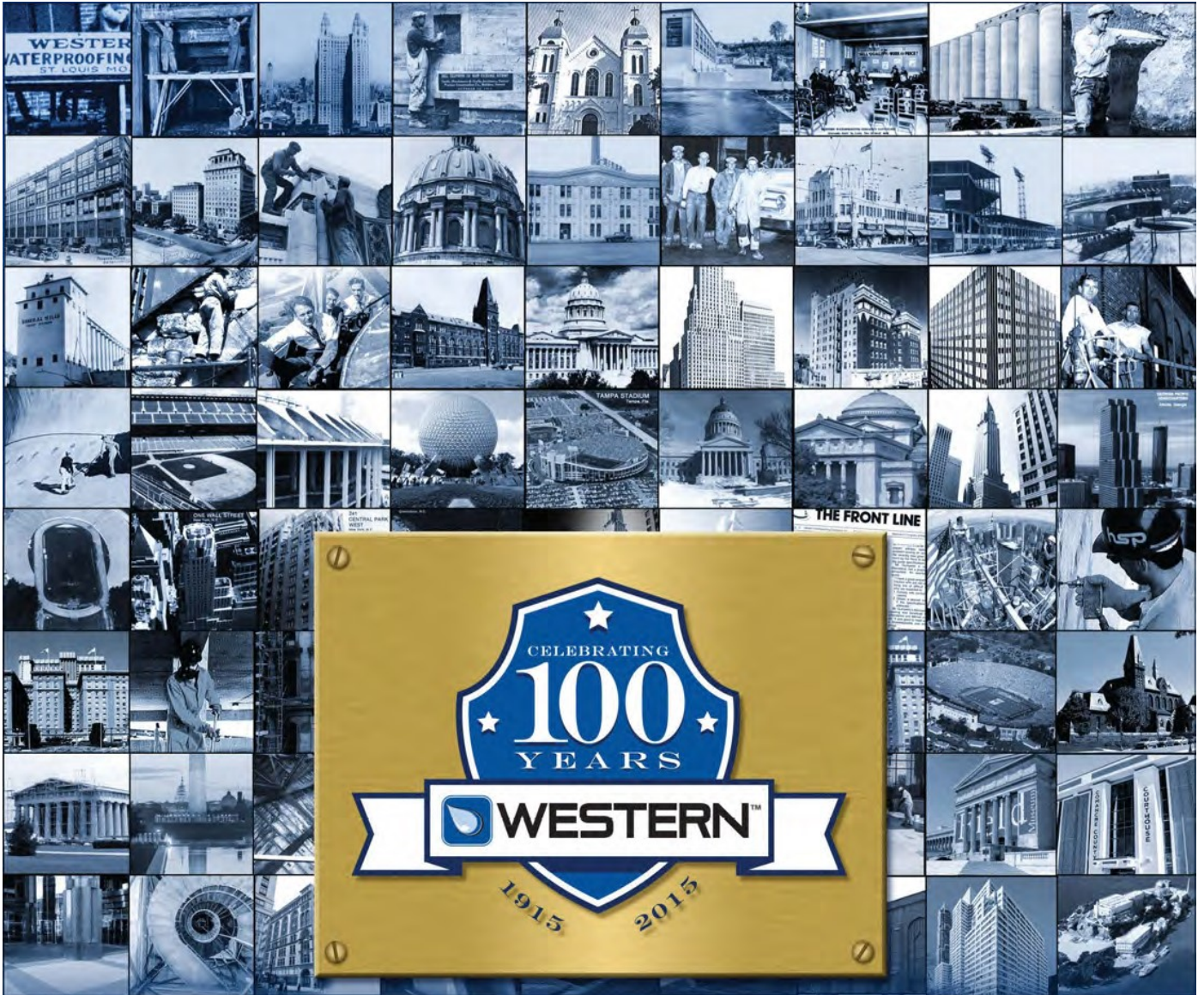
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By Stacey Mercer



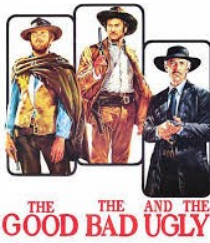
Greetings from SAABE SERVES!

It's that time again. Time for SAABE to give back to the community! The next fundraising event will begin in August and will benefit the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas. The support at the Children's Bereavement Center is offered at no cost to families. It is designed to help children and families from every social and economic circumstance to develop the relationships and tools needed for coping with a significant death loss.

Grief is a hidden handicap that consumes a child's thoughts, emotions, and energy. The Center seeks to improve the mental health of children and their adult caregiver who have suffered a tragic loss by engaging them in activities, counseling, and peer-to-peer support groups that aid in the prevention of maladaptive problems and behaviors that often result from unresolved grief. We look forward to having Denise Rizzo from the Center present at our July luncheon to further explain how the members of SAABE can reach out to enrich and help the Children's Bereavement Center. If you have any questions please contact Stacey Mercer at [\(210\) 218-6663](tel:210-218-6663) or smercer@bmsmanagement.com.

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

By Doug Graves



Don't miss the next The Good, the Bad & the Ugly meeting!

THURSDAY AUGUST 20TH AT 11:30 AM

The Good, Bad & Ugly Committee

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly is an open invitation discussion group talking up issues, products and all things relating to the Building Engineer field. We meet every third Thursday at 11:30 at various locations in San Antonio. For any questions, contact Doug Graves at [210-870-0903](tel:210-870-0903).

At this time, we are looking for locations to complete a building tour, including HVAC, chillers, cooling towers and various components. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer your building, please contact Doug Graves.

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Education Corner

By John Leifester

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- Ways to save money on types of services
- Questions that could be asked that might save money
- Adding clarity to possible misconception about types of services
- Different solutions on tackling problems
- Qualifications to look for when hiring a vendor

If you didn't make it to the picnic, you missed a great time. Thank you to all who came. See y'all at the next event.

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Final Thought:

The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity.

—Amelia Earhart

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