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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 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016 at the University United Methodist Church located at 5084 DeZavala Road.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, ELECTIONS AND UPDATES FOR 2017.

RSVPs are due no later than FRIDAY, December 9, 2016. YOU MUST RSVP, OUR NEW VENUE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE WALK-INS.

If you must cancel your attendance, please email Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH AT 5:00PM so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time will still be invoiced.

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Above the Ceiling

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President

9/13/1988: Last of the Red Hot Dinosaurs

I'd first heard of SAABE in 1987 when I'd wandered into the Tower Life Building looking for a job (not the first time, maybe not the last). John Boldt was the Chief Building Engineer then and even though he had no openings, he graciously spent 45 minutes showing me the building. From the high speed elevator roost, to air handler rooms, to the various shops in the lowest levels, a few things stood out: everything was **thoroughly organized, in its place and everything was scrupulously clean; you could have performed surgery on any mechanical room floor. Ever since then, that's been my personal high bar** on what a well maintained building looks like.

And John told me about SAABE, a young group that he had helped form just a few years earlier. Originally, they had met at different members buildings; later on, they got more permanent digs for their General Membership meetings. According to my logs, 9/13/1988 was my first SAABE meeting, two months after my son was born; Johnson Controls did a presentation on "Setting Up a PM Program" at the old Morningside Meadows and I became a member. Like a lot of Building Engineers, for years I'd check out the SAABE Times to see what the topic was going to be and attend the meeting based on my interest level. As time went on I became a regular eventually getting on the Board in '95, and first go round as President in 1997. It's amazing to me how taking ownership of an organization increases what you get out of it, but it comes with its own challenges.

Had a real rough patch for a time; at one point we actually only had seven people show up at a meeting. Literally, we did not have two dimes to rub together and seriously considered **folding up the shop and going home. But we didn't, we** pressed on. SAABE had always been an all-volunteer outfit up until 1998 when we hired our first paid position of Lynn Forster as Association Coordinator (later Manager). Turned out **to be one of the smarter things we'd ever done as it stabilized** and regularized a number of our functions and brought a new-found professionalism to the ranks. After Lynn, Laura Bray, Melodie Goff, Mary Halvorsen and currently Britney Brantley have continued the tradition of being the glue that holds us together and the center of the wheel. We thank all of you.

Over the years, we've had a number of programs/articles and events come and go. While our current members are familiar with the Phillip Anderson Picnic, our Membership Directory, the Holiday Social, the Good, Bad and Ugly Building Tours, First Thursday Training, SAABE Serves events, the Toy Drive and the Certified Building Engineer program, there has been much more. Who remembers the Building Engineer of the Year awards, the SAABE/SABOMA Trade Shows, the Green Buildings Group (later High Performance Buildings) with Tom Lasater, the two day Codes class in '89, Ask Tio SAABE, after work Socials, monetary donations to schools and Charlie's Tech Talk articles (WAY into triple digits)?

Not to mention the pasta buffet at Tex's Restaurant at the Airport Hilton!

But through the years, the one rock that we've always had has been our General Membership meetings. I don't know that we've ever missed one of these in these past 32 years and that is some kind of stability. And for the vast majority of those years, it was the SAABE Times that provided getting the word out to the members. Technology marches on, snail mail gets **replaced by email, and now we've got our own Website!**

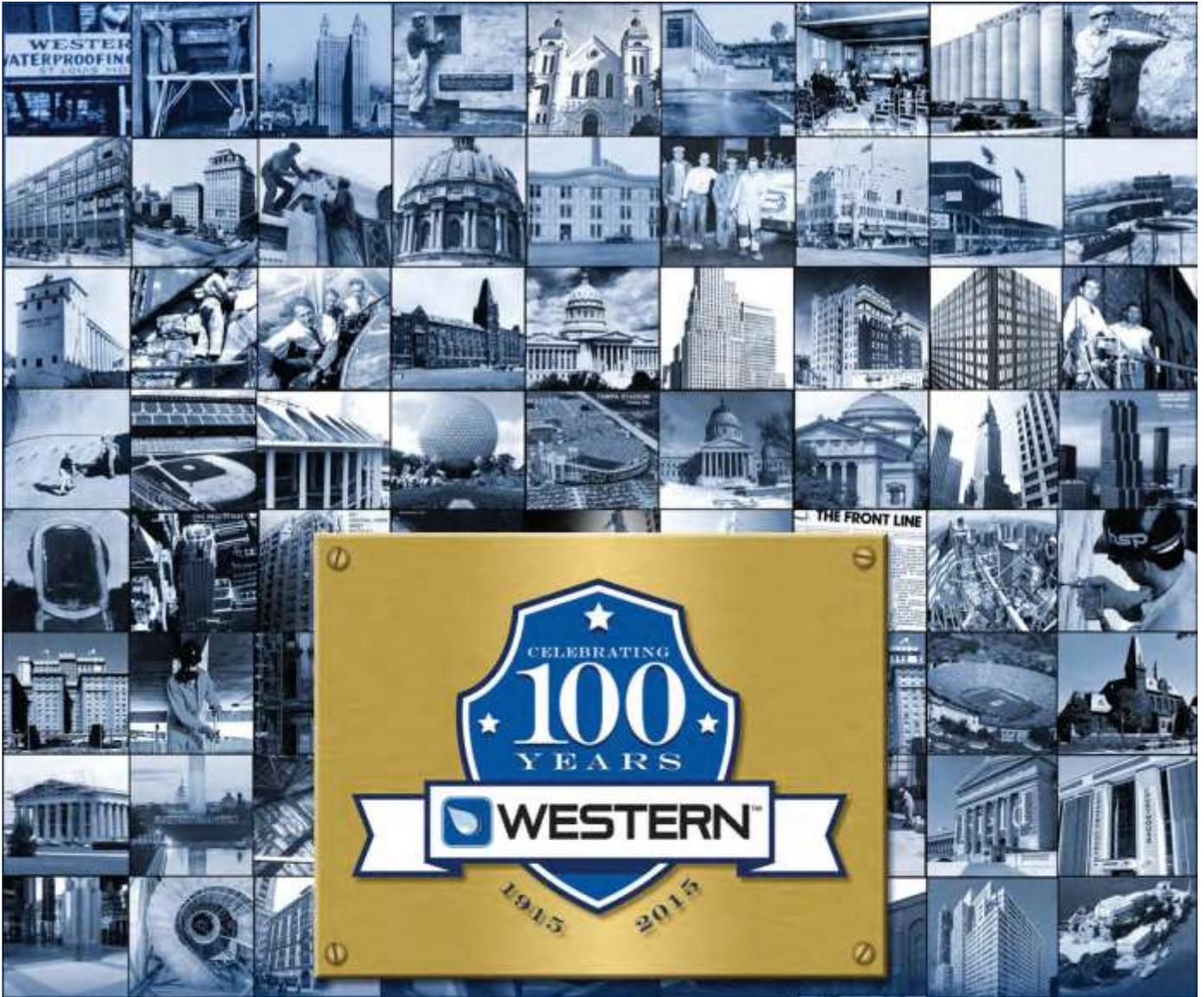
While this is a great way of reaching the membership and providing a whole nother level of information, like Bob Seger said "call me a relic, call me what you will" I do hope the SAABE Times continues long into the future (and you can check out Archived issues on the website back to 1997; I LOVE technology)!

Any organization is only as good as it's members and ours have been great. From the many sponsors that have supported us over the years (and still do) to our Associate members who fill out the breadth of our organization to the Regular members who have for decades provided the backbone of SAABE, we are grateful. For some reason, like Mr. G said, you just kept coming and we kept the doors open! And like any organization that spans decades, you see the full cycle of life. We now have members that were not yet born when SAABE formed in 1984 and others that have passed from this life, though they will remain in our memories. It occurs to me that we are at a **tipping point, half of SAABE's life was in the last century and half in the 21st.** A 50/50 balance like my all-time favorite Spur David Robinson (#50) has been able to achieve between his basketball life and the next; probably something deep there, **but don't ask me what it is.**

Leaving the best for last, I want to say a big Thank You to the many men and women who did all the heavy lifting for these last decades: our Board of Directors. Outside of the hard work done by our Association Managers, these are the people who have set the tone, steered the organization, wrote the articles, decorated tables for Trade Shows, set up sound systems, made the phone calls, emails, checked out venues, collected and distributed toys, did the Bar B Q (talking about you John), and did the thousand little things that add up to who SAABE is today. Much appreciated. And finally, those who have stepped up into the top leadership position. By my memory, our Presidents up to now have been: John Boldt, Jim Stallings, Pete Felts, Tony Duran, Phil Anderson, Elena Castillo, Bob Beal, Charlie Mikolajczyk, Mike Halvorsen and myself, the Last of the Red Hot Dinosaurs.

Time for some new blood to show an old SAABE dinosaur how to fly!





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SAABE Holiday Party

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WE WILL BE HOSTING A TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY MEAL AND CASINO NIGHT AT THE AIRPORT HILTON. WE WILL HAVE GAMES, DOOR PRIZES AND GIVE-AWAYS! EACH SAABE MEMBER IS ALLOWED TO BRING ONE GUEST AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.

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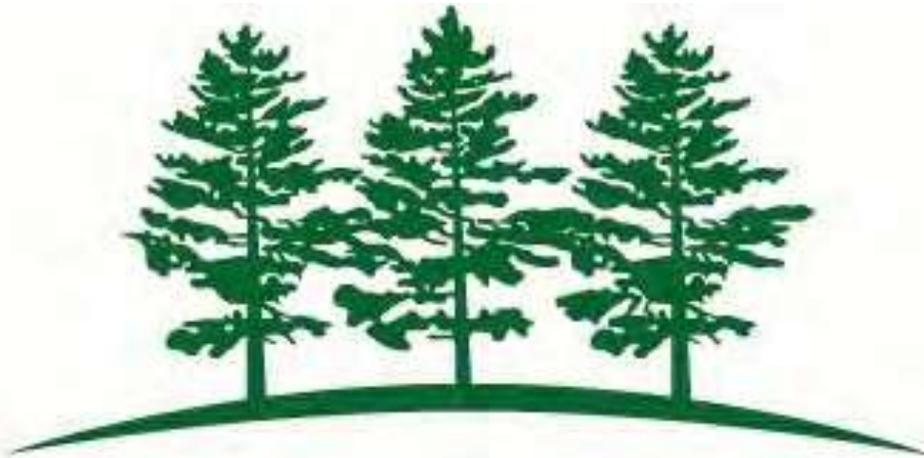
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Education Corner

By John Leifester



Well here we are. Another year is coming to a close and a new year is upon us. Where does time go? We've had an amazing year as an organization and we are anxiously looking forward to 2017. As we close out 2016, I'd like to celebrate a couple of milestones this year.

2016 became the year that SAABE became recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)6 Not-for-profit organization. We started this journey back in 2010 with a couple of guys on a phone call to a group out of Tennessee. We asked so many questions and it seemed like an insurmountable task. We had to meet with a CPA and turn in so many files. Next came the news that we had to get permission from other groups to be able to use the words "San Antonio Association of" in our name. Once we had that all compiled, we got lost in translation. In summer of 2015, we decided that we wanted to finalize this and set up the group once and for all. After much deliberations between myself and the group out of Tennessee, we jumped back into that process. We were approved by the state and then filed with the IRS.

We are very happy to announce that SAABE, after decades of existence, has officially been recognized by the IRS as a Non-Profit organization! It was a tough road but I for one am grateful this 6 year (maybe 7 come to think of it), has finally reached the crescendo and is over.

We had another reason to celebrate this year of achievements. After almost ten years of service to the board as a committee chair for membership, we voted as a group to install a new board of directors position and make Kendal Langenberg's Membership Director position a board spot. Kendal has served the organization faithfully for numerous years and has contributed so much through his efforts, expertise, and advice. Congratulations Kendal.

Stacey and Lauren (aka Little Littlefield), both have done wonderful jobs respectively to help the organization. Stacey has made our SAABE Serves group a active part of charitable outreach from our organization. Lauren, the hostess with the most-ess, continues to organize fun and amazing social events. If you haven't been to one, you definitely are missing out.

As the year winds down and we focus on the reason for the season, I ask you to look at the organization. I encourage you to ask yourself, "where do I want SAABE to be at in 1 year, 5 years, 10 years...." and "What can I do to help grow and improve the organization?" Step up to the plate and get involved. Don't just be a passenger on what we call this road of life. Reach up and grab the wheel and steer this organization into successful decades to come!

SAABE Serves

by Stacey Mercer

Wow, what a great 2016 SAABE Serves had! I want to take a moment and thank everyone that participated and donated to all of the organizations we helped this year. I especially want to spotlight Andrew Zaragoza with Lincoln Harris. Andrew brought in over \$2,000 throughout the year!! He also dedicated his time to help volunteer at events and so graciously offered his conference room for committee meetings. You are awesome, Andrew! We thank you for all that you do.

SAABE Serves closed the year with donating over 30 toys to the Construct A Kids Christmas charity. We can't wait to see what 2017 has in store. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you next year!

TIS THE SEASON



The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

by David Ellis

I wish to thank everyone who has participated with setting up and participating with all the Tours that were sponsored this past year. We have had numerous interesting tours to include the Alamo Dome, AT&T Center, the JCI/York chiller manufacturing plant, Promenade One @ Eilan and the Tobin Center. Thanks to Brent Miller w/CBRE, Crystal Torres w/JCI, Stacey Mercer w/Blackmon Mooring, Jock Tilghman w/ Transwestern and their efforts which enabled the Members a chance to see many different building systems and career related areas if machinery as seen only by few others in this industry.

To those whom were lucky enough to "get away" from their responsibilities to make these activities a benefit to all members of SAABE, you have our sincere appreciation for making this committee a worthwhile endeavor. My two favorite Tours were the Eilan central plant and the York chiller manufacturing plant. It's always interesting to see different sizes, applications and utilization of temperature control equipment as well as their unique configurations.

Looking forward, I see further development and diversity for SAABE in this arena and hope to have everyone participate at a higher level going through the years. Thank you and best wishes and a Great New Year to all.

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Social Committee Update

By Lauren Littlefield

A special thank you from the rookie...

As I officially wrap up my first year as the social committee chair and SAABE board member, I want to thank Michelle Bolt with Texas Fifth Wall Roofing for her help and smooth transition as well as Britney Brantley with serving as my right hand woman. This year's Phil Anderson picnic was a great success and event with the help from our wonderful board members, great sponsors (Voss Lighting, Texas Fifth Wall Roofing, Blackmon Mooring, Brandt, Johnson Controls, Gerloff, Dedicated Landscapes, and Entech) and amazing members that stuck it out even in the rain, and of course John Leifester with the tasty BBQ. I look forward to hosting the holiday casino party at the Hilton this year to celebrate all of our SAABE members and the remarkable year that we have had.



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Luncheon Summary

by Pete Munoz

We would like to give a big Thank you to CPS for a great presentation in our November General Membership meeting luncheon. CPS talked about new program benefits and rebates. We learned that programs have largely been designed targeting customers segments rather than measures. They touch on more energy saving projects and opportunity assessments. Cps does provide technical assistance.

We also learned commercial solutions incentives. Here is how to participate enrollment, pre installation, project application, construction, post installation, payment.

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I would like to reflect back on this past year. I was elected to be your SAABE secretary last year December 2015 and wanted to contribute to the organization. I have learned a lot this past years. I am proud to say that I believe and belong to a great organization.

It was amazing to see how we came together on some tough issues. We may have not all agreed but we did what was best for the organization. It was amazing to see how fast we raised the funds for Lee Cantu's trip.

I would like to give a big thanks to all the board members for every bit of their contributions to the organization. We have a lot of very talented people on the board.

With that been said I look forward to a great 2017 year. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Final Thought:

“It's not about presents but it is about your presence. Therein lies the spirit of the holiday season.”
– Julieanne O'Connor

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