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JOIN US FOR OUR MARCH LUNCHEON

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 at the Embassy Suites San Antonio Northwest, located at 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio, TX 78230.

TRANE WILL BE PRESENTING on WATER TREATMENT

REMINDER: 2018 DUES MUST BE PAID TO ATTEND

RSVPs are due no later than Monday, March 12, 2018. YOU MUST RSVP or you will have to wait until all attendees are seated.

If you must cancel your RSVP, please email our Association Manager at saabetx@gmail.com BY MONDAY MARCH 12TH 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!



CHECK OUT OUR EDUCATION PAGE AT WWW.SAABE.ORG!

Our new Education Director, David Ellis, has been working hard in his role to provide great education opportunities for our members. Our goal is to bring back our education and training full force and offer our regular members various training opportunities in the industry and to provide our associate members the opportunity to share their products and services.

Check out our Education page on the SAABE website. David has provided great resources, materials and self-study opportunities. In addition, we will be announcing upcoming education and training on our website page.

If you are interested in learning about a specific topic or if you would like to share a training course with our membership, please contact David Ellis at david.ellis@transwestern.com.

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Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

Spring is quickly approaching! March 20th is the official start of Spring, and with it will come pollen from all of the flowers, trees, and grasses as they wake from hibernation and start pollenating. Now is the time to start your Zyrtec regime to prepare! Outside air filters are also allergic to pollen, so keep an eye on them if you have them.

At one of our company meetings we were discussing the topic of Broken Window Theory. In short the theory states that if a structure has a broken window it promotes other broken windows by vandals. If windows are replaced immediately after breaking these individuals are sent a message of "not here, move along". This doesn't just pertain to broken windows though. For instance, if the pollen mentioned above clogs the filters (broken window), this puts strain on the air handler motors, which eventually limits air flow, which burdens compressors and brings your HVAC system down. Take a moment to stop and think about it and this theory really hold true for a multitude of problems. Preventative maintenance is really the key in helping your work day go as smooth as possible.

The SAABE Board is currently in the process of "changing filters" in the way of the upcoming picnic. Our goal is to move the picnic to San Antonio to give everyone an easier drive to the event. If you happen to know of a location that can house at least 150 people, has ample parking, and isn't the cost of a decently equipped Sonata please let the Board know. Don't forget the location will also need to allow alcohol! It's just plain un-American if you can't have an adult beverage with your BBQ!



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SAABE SPOTLIGHT

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born in Colorado and came to Texas as soon as I could. When I was 1 ½ my parents moved the family to Austin, as my father took a job as the principal of a private school in South Austin. I attended school at Capital City Baptist and left with a college degree in Secondary Education. Upon graduating I was in need of a job and started as a junior technician. I always had a knack for fixing things and had a talent for EMS Controls. I then took a position with Schneider Electric as an HVAC computer controls technician. After several years, I was recruited by Stream Realty to run their Downtown Austin portfolio. Now I am the Regional Director of Operations overseeing 12 million square feet in Austin and San Antonio.

Have you received any Awards/Recognition/Special Training?

I have earned my LEED Green Associate and I am working on my FMA with BOMA. I am also the membership chair for AAFAME. One thing that I extremely proud of is taking one of our buildings in Austin built in the 1950's to the USGBC Platinum. It was the first building in Austin to achieve that designation.

How long have you been a member of SAABE?

I have been a member of SAABE for 2 years. I like the opportunity to meet other engineers from other buildings and make connections with other San Antonians.

Family and Children?

I have been married for 12 years and together we have 5 kids. I have two girls, (10 and 1) and three boys (8, 5, and 3).

What hobbies keep you busy?

In my free time I love spending time with family, working on computers and fixing cars. I have an 88' Supra Turbo that I am currently restoring.

What Advice would you share with those thinking about joining SAABE?

Utilize your down time to learn and study. Learn everything you possible can to make you better at your trade. That time I spent learning helped elevate me to the next level in my career.

What is the best vacation or favorite place you have ever been to?

I love snowboarding in Colorado. Some of my favorites include Vail, Breckenridge, and Copper Mountain.

Favorite Quote/Saying/Song?

"You reap what you sow, make sure you sow enough goodness to make sure you get a good bit back"

If you could do anything you wanted and money was not a factor, what would you do?

I would tour the world and test drive Super Cars.

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

VERY IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGE

Due to rising costs in the industry, SAABE will be implementing a new policy. There has been a recurring theme of Regular members RSVPing to the luncheons and then not attending. When you RSVP, we have provide a head-count to the venue and when you don't show, SAABE still has to pay for your plate. On average, we spend \$300 or more on lunches each month for members that were not present. Due to this, beginning in January 2018, we will begin charging our Regular members for recurring no-shows to the luncheons. If you RSVP and don't attend, you will get one free pass per year and if you miss a second time, you will be charged \$20.00, the cost of your lunch. We hate to put this policy in place and have avoided it for many years, but this is a cost that SAABE can't continue to absorb and our options are to drastically raise annual dues, or implement a policy that charges per occurrence. We appreciate your understanding. Should you have any questions, please contact any SAABE Board member.

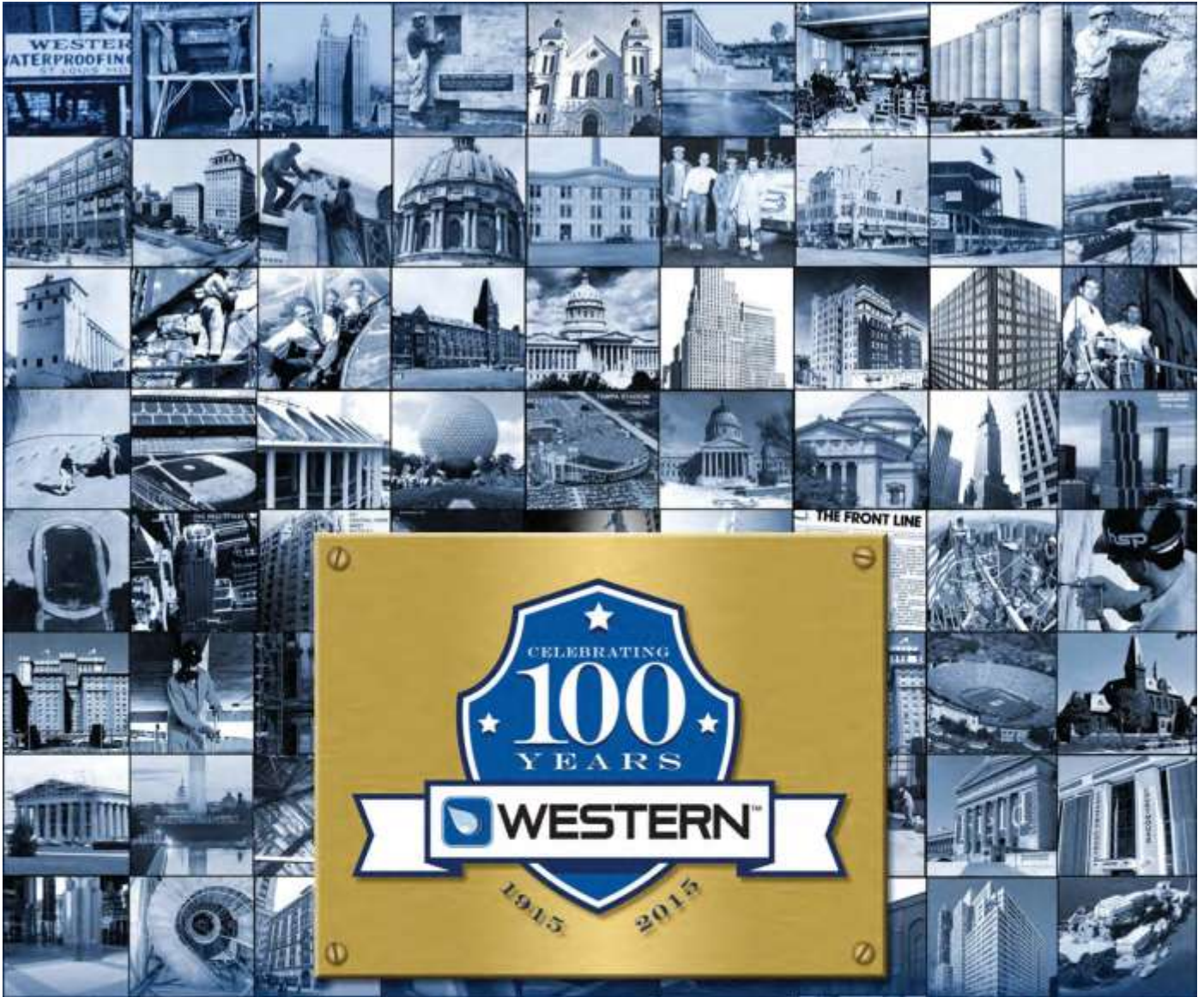
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Final Thought:

“Do not be angry with the rain; it simply does not know how to fall upwards.”
— Vladimir Nabokov

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