



# SAABE TIMES

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November 2015

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## JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

The presentation will be sponsored and presented by **Schneider Electric**.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LUNCHEON WILL BE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2015 DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!**

**RSVPs are due no later than Tuesday, November 17th at 5:00pm.**

If you must cancel your attendance, please email Britney Brantley at [saabetx@gmail.com](mailto:saabetx@gmail.com) BY **TUESDAY November 17th, 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 was born in Biloxi, Mississippi but have lived most of my life in San Antonio. I am a military brat and actually lived in Bangkok, Thailand for a while as a child. I am fairly new to the building engineer/commercial real estate profession – I have been the lead engineer at Northwest Atrium for the past five years. Prior to this I worked for the San Antonio Water Board for 5 years on the heavy maintenance crew and also as a carpenter for 26 years. I have been a member of SAABE for 5 years.

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

Riding motorcycles has always been a passion and I am the proud owner of a Yamaha V Star 650. I will wet a line anytime I am close to a large body of water. It does not matter if it is salt water or fresh, although my preference is bass fishing. I shoot a mean game of pool and enjoy listening to live music.

### Family/children?

I have two sons – one is active duty in the Coast Guard and the other is a senior at UNT in Denton. I also have two grandkids one is 7 and the other 5.

### What is the best vacation that you have ever taken?

I recently spent 10 days visiting my son in Hawaii on the island of Oahu. Hawaii is a beautiful place and my favorite memory was swimming with the sharks. They are awesome to see up close and personal. I was glad to be in a steel cage. This is the first time that I had ever caught Peacock Bass a fish that is almost as pretty as Hawaii.

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## Above the Ceiling

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President

### New Blood and Other Changes

Hard to believe how fast the end of the year is coming. And with it, a few changes (mostly due to scheduling conflicts) and an election to make everyone aware of. First off, make sure that you put these dates in your calendar:

**The Good, Bad and Ugly** building tours have finished up for 2015, but will resume in January. More to come on this.

The **November General Membership** meeting will be Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Among other business, we will be taking nominations for the following Board of Directors positions: Secretary, Vendor Rep and Education Chair. More on this below.

The **December General Membership** meeting will be Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday). At this meeting, we will be taking final nominations and voting on Board positions.

Our **Holiday Social** will be held Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm. Hope everyone can make this, it's always a great time.

Looking for some new blood on the Board! At this time, the Secretary, Vendor Rep and Education Director positions are up for a vote. Big John Leifester has agreed to carry on as Education Director, but both Secretary Mark Rybczynski (sounds just like it's spelled) and Vendor Rep Randy Cummings are stepping down. Thanks to Mark for stepping up and setting the standard for getting the SAABE Times articles in early (some bars are just TOO high, Mark)! And Randy, after having served six years on the board, is leaving some giant-size shoes to fill. He has joined a group of legendary SAABE Vendor Reps (including Greg Graham and Mike Alvarez before him) who have done yeoman's duty in making this organization what it is today; Thank You sir.

Who's next to serve?



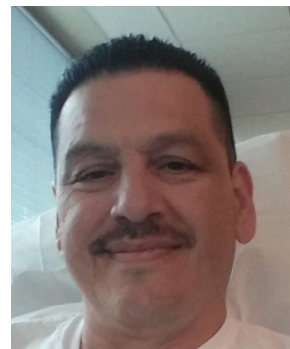
**OUR DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON WILL BE A WEEK EARLY! DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, THE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015**

**AT 11:30 AM AT EMBASSY SUITES.**

### **SAABE CARES**

One of our very own needs SAABE's help. Lee Cantu with Travis Commercial has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Due to the rising cost of medical expenses, we are asking SAABE members to help out if they can.



[CLICK HERE](#) to see Lee's Go Fund Me page and help out if you can. You can read updates on his prognosis, as well. Let's gather together to help our own.



## *Dedicated Landscape Solutions*

### **SAABE Serves**



**PLEASE BRING YOUR TOY DONATIONS TO THE NOVEMBER LUNCHEON! THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO DONATE AT AN EVENT.**

What's next?? SAABE Serves will be continuing with the tradition of gathering toys for children during the holiday season. Since the pickup/donation drop off is early in December, please bring your donations to the November luncheon.

You may also drop off any donations at the Blackmon Mooring office located at 4808 Perrin Creek #500, SATX 78217.

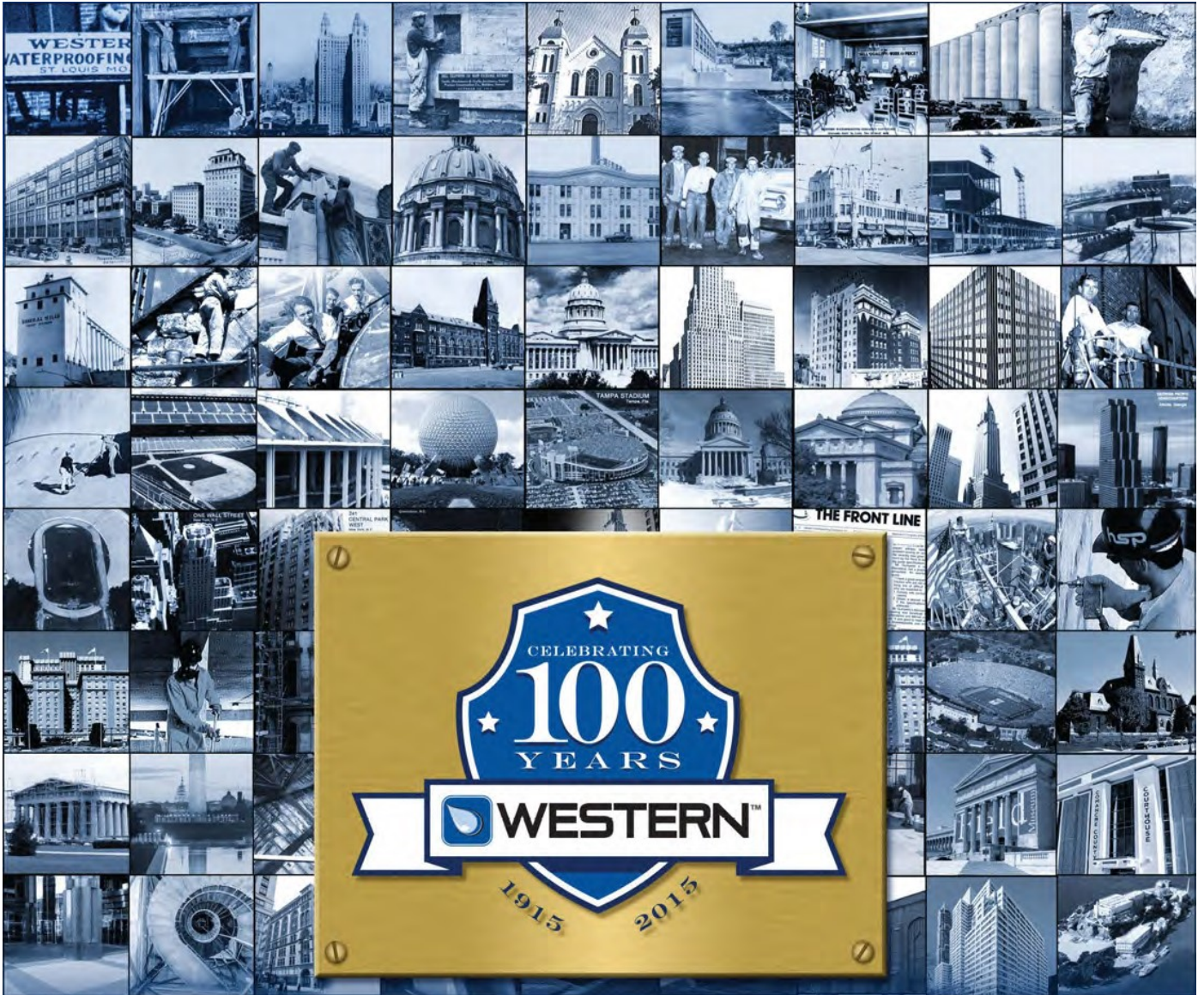
If you have any further questions, or are interested in joining the SAABE Serves committee, please reach out to Stacey Mercer [\(210\) 218-6663](tel:210-218-6663) / [smercerc@bmsmanagement.com](mailto:smercerc@bmsmanagement.com)

*Save  
the  
Date*

**THE SAABE HOLIDAY SOCIAL WILL BE HELD ON  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH, 2015 AT 6:00PM.**

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

**EMBASSY SUITES HAS OFFERED ROOMS TO ALL SAABE MEMBERS AT A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$99 FOR THE NIGHT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT EMBASSY SUITES AT (210) 340-5421.**



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## July 2015 Luncheon Summary

by Mark Rybczynski

Wow, how about that class on legionnaires. Thanks you Shawn Burch, Jeff Turov and Trane for presenting this class. If we didn't know what to look for we do now and the proper PPE's to use.

Please note the following date changes for the next first Thursday training class, it will be on the second Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> at Western States Fire protection. This will be hands on class on fire risers and fire panels.

Our next general meetings also have date changes in November it will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and in December on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are collecting toys for the annual toy drive at the next month's meeting also you can drop off any donations at Blackmon Mooring.

Just a reminder that the SAABE website is up and running and it is full of information and the job bank is full. If you are looking or know anybody that's wants to make a career change start there.

See you all next month and don't forget to RSVP.

### SAABE JOB BANK

Looking for a job? Know a great Engineer who will be a great asset to San Antonio building?

Check out the SAABE Job Bank on our website:  
[www.saabe.org](http://www.saabe.org).



Have a job position to fill? Email your job posting and contact information to Britney Brantley at [saabetx@gmail.com](mailto:saabetx@gmail.com) to get your listing on our website!

## Vendor Rep Report

by Randy Cummings



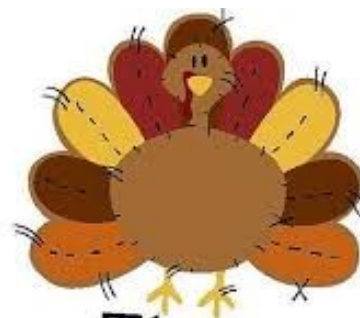
What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving? This is the time of year to look back and reflect on the blessings we received this year. I, like most, am extremely thankful for the abundance of rain we've had after 7 years of a soul sapping drought. Obviously our hearts and prayers go out to everyone effected by the

flooding, but we are still thankful as we so desperately needed it.

After talking to most folks around, it sounds like the majority are thankful for a very busy and profitable year as well. We are very fortunate to have one of the best economies in the country right now and the biggest problem I constantly hear is that companies can't hire enough staff to support the work load. What a great problem to have!

SAABE is thankful for all the support we have received from our vendors and engineers. This organization continues to grow and continues to be a great educational opportunity for the engineers and a great networking outlet for the vendors. As always though we need the advise and recommendations from the members. Please let your board of directors know if you have any ideas or suggestions to help SAABE be the best it can be.

Thanks and please remember to RSVP!



Happy Thanksgiving

**THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY**  
**BY Doug Graves**

**Don't miss the next The Good, the Bad & the Ugly  
Building Tour in 2016!**

The Good, Bad & Ugly Committee has an exciting year planned! In addition to many great tours of facilities unique to San Antonio, we also have several presentations scheduled! We are looking for lunch sponsors for 2016. See details in the next column.

For questions, please email Doug Graves at [doug.graves@xerox.com](mailto:doug.graves@xerox.com) or call at 210-870-0903.

**We plan to have in 2016..... 12 property visits & are looking for Vendor sponsored lunches for these tours.**

**3 "Big tours".....**The Alamo Dome, Tobin Center and AT&T ....plant, cool items & upgrades. (20-30 people max.)

*The bigger events we would like any vendor that has equipment or does work in these buildings to see us about a NTE \$100 lunch sponsorship.*

**5 "Small Visits".....**Where we will visit some "cool, different" things around town you may not have ever seen. (3-10 people max)

**4 "Interesting Information".....** tours about LED inside & outside retrofits or new chillers & installs or ??? (3-20 people and are subject to change)

*The smaller events would be nice to also have a lunch sponsor too.*

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## Education Corner

By John Leifester



Thank you to Western States Fire Protection for sponsoring our training for November. James McClure and the team always do an outstanding job keeping us educated on the new trends in fire protection.

December's First Thursday training will be held at the usual location. We have a treat for our engineers this coming month. Raul Carrillo from OSHA will be the presenter and he will be discussing issues associated with our field. Be on the lookout for a survey to get your questions in for any specific items you would like him to address. Dedicated Landscape Solutions is sponsoring the presenter. Please remember to get your RSVP's in for this event. We are going to cap it at 30 engineers.

We have openings for 2016 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Trainings. So again, if you would like to sponsor, please contact me at [john@dedicatedls.com](mailto:john@dedicatedls.com) or on my cell at 210-771-7081.

## Membership Memo

by Kendal Langenberg



For the Membership Memo this month, I offer a couple of very important (and very financially advantageous) reminders. First, please continue to help get the word out that any new members who join between now and December 31 will receive all of 2016 and the balance of 2015 for the price of their annual dues payment. For anyone interested in joining SAABE, this is absolutely the best time of the year to do it! Second, remember that for EACH new paid member that YOU bring to SAABE during the rest of 2015, we will pay you \$25...not a bad reward for simply steering a friend from the industry to the best organization in town!

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**Final Thought:**

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

-Charles Dickens

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