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Mark Your Calendar

JOIN US FOR OUR AUGUST MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016 at the University United Methodist Church located at 5084 DeZavala Road.

SAWS will be presenting on Conservation & their Backflow Prevention Program!

RSVPs are due no later than FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 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 AUGUST 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!

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What: York Chiller Manufacturing Plant Tour - Crystal Torres / Johnson Controls

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Who: SAABE Building Engineers / Regular Members only

Where: York Manufacturing Plant, 5680 E. Houston St., San Antonio, Texas 78220

- * Please wear appropriate attire, steel toe shoes are preferred
- * Provided: Hard Hats, Ear Protection, Safety Glasses and Steel Toe Buddies

Parking is available: Check in at the guard station, mention the Plant tour for SAABE and meet at the training room. (white house)

When: 11:00am - SHARP, Friday August 26th 2016
(Scheduled till 1:00PM)

What's for Lunch: Catered by JCI / Crystal Torres.

**Max slot participants = 20

To RSVP, email David Ellis at david.ellis@transwestern.com.

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Above the Ceiling

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President

She Would Have Been About Fourteen

...when the invaders came to arrest her, her mother and sister. They were taken to barb wire "Work Camps" along with the other millions of their countrymen. For years the small family would struggle to survive on a bare starvation diet while working as slave laborers to support the invaders and their war machine; the alternative was death. Her father was an officer in the Army when the invaders came; what became of him?

The storm clouds had been building for years in their neighboring country. There, the Strong Man spoke a message to a beleaguered people in the midst of a depression: "Only I can lead our country back to it's former glory!" Although he spoke in only vague terms as to how he would do this, his message resonated at the vast rallies he held. A nationalistic message to be sure, stoking fear of those around them, calling them out as inferior sub-groups and casting a pall of suspicion on an entire religion, signaling the need for a "final solution." He openly supported treatment of his enemies that would later come to be called war crimes. He loudly called out the current politicians as mediocre, cowardly and inadequate while forbidding any criticism of himself by the press. He sought to build up his country to become a military power. Countries around the world watched in horror at his rise. This was a modern, educated country; how could this be happening?

When the war came, few were surprised. The strong man had talked of needing "living space", room for his superior race to grow and had decided her country fit the bill; the racially inferior people living there would have to go. Her country was to provide slave labor for the Strong Man's bidding. The conflagration waged for years, by some estimates as many as 45 million died, many of these walked into the Strong Man's gas chambers.

When the liberation of their work camp finally arrived, her mother was cautious. She had seen how some of the starving prisoners, finally given real food to eat for the first time in years, had eaten too much; dying when their shrunken stomachs rebelled. So she made the girls eat only a spoonful or two of broth; hours later they could have more. Her husband had survived the war, working his way from England to America and relatives there.



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THE AUGUST LUNCHEON!

The family were finally reunited in 1958. The girl would grow in her adopted country earning both a Bachelors and later Masters degrees in history, music and art. Born in 1925 in Lomza, Poland she lived to the age of 91, passing away on July 14, 2016 in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the country that both liberated her from the work camps and welcomed her in.

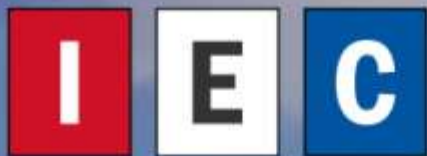
Rest In Peace Halina Poplawska, my Aunt (Ciocla).

That old flag flying over the courthouse says certain things are set in stone Who we are and what we'll do and what we won't.

-Bruce Springsteen, Long Walk Home



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Bits and Pieces - July Meeting Recap

by Paul Thompson

Recapping last month's General Membership meeting:

- The brand new, long-awaited SAABE baseball caps are here and available on a first come, first serve basis at the meeting!
- Our August First Thursday training slot was filled by Mike Layman with Mechanical reps putting on a seminar on Spirotherm-Hydronic air and dirt elimination from piping systems.
- We are still looking to fill some remaining slots in the 2016 luncheons. Any interested in presenting/sponsoring please contact Dwayne at 210-410-6145.
- Andrew Zaragoza spoke about SAABE contributing to the Wildlife Rescue Organization.
- Long time SAABE supporters Bob Barneby and Mark Bickle with Amcon sponsored a presentation by Edward Perrin (Honeywell) speaking on behalf of the CPS Automated Demand Response program. The presentation was very informative and generated a huge number of questions and great answers. Thanks!
- We want to thank Jeff Turov (Trane) as he closes down his long-running Engineer Spotlight article in the SAABE Times. I learned an awful lot about our membership by following his column. We are looking for a volunteer to grab his torch; any takers?
- And finally, on this Thursdays, we want to give a big SAABE Thank You to Tim Duncan as he retires after 19 years on the best team in the NBA! We'll miss you Timmy! Go Spurs Go!!

Membership Memo

by Kendal Langenberg



Here we are, right in the middle of the intense heat of another San Antonio summer. **And there's no better way to beat the heat than to come to the August general membership luncheon, or the August First Thursday training, or the August "Good, Bad, And Ugly" building tour!** Good training, good food, and good air conditioning! **And while you're in the midst of enjoying these SAABE activities this summer, be thinking about some of your fellow engineers who should be there as well, and reach out to them to let them know about all of the features and benefits of being part of our wonderful organization that they're missing out on. Or perhaps one of your vendors has never been to a SAABE meeting – invite them to come and see the great networking opportunities that SAABE provides for connecting with the building engineer industry. Let's not let the summer heat slow down the addition of new members to SAABE!**

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Education Corner

By John Leifester



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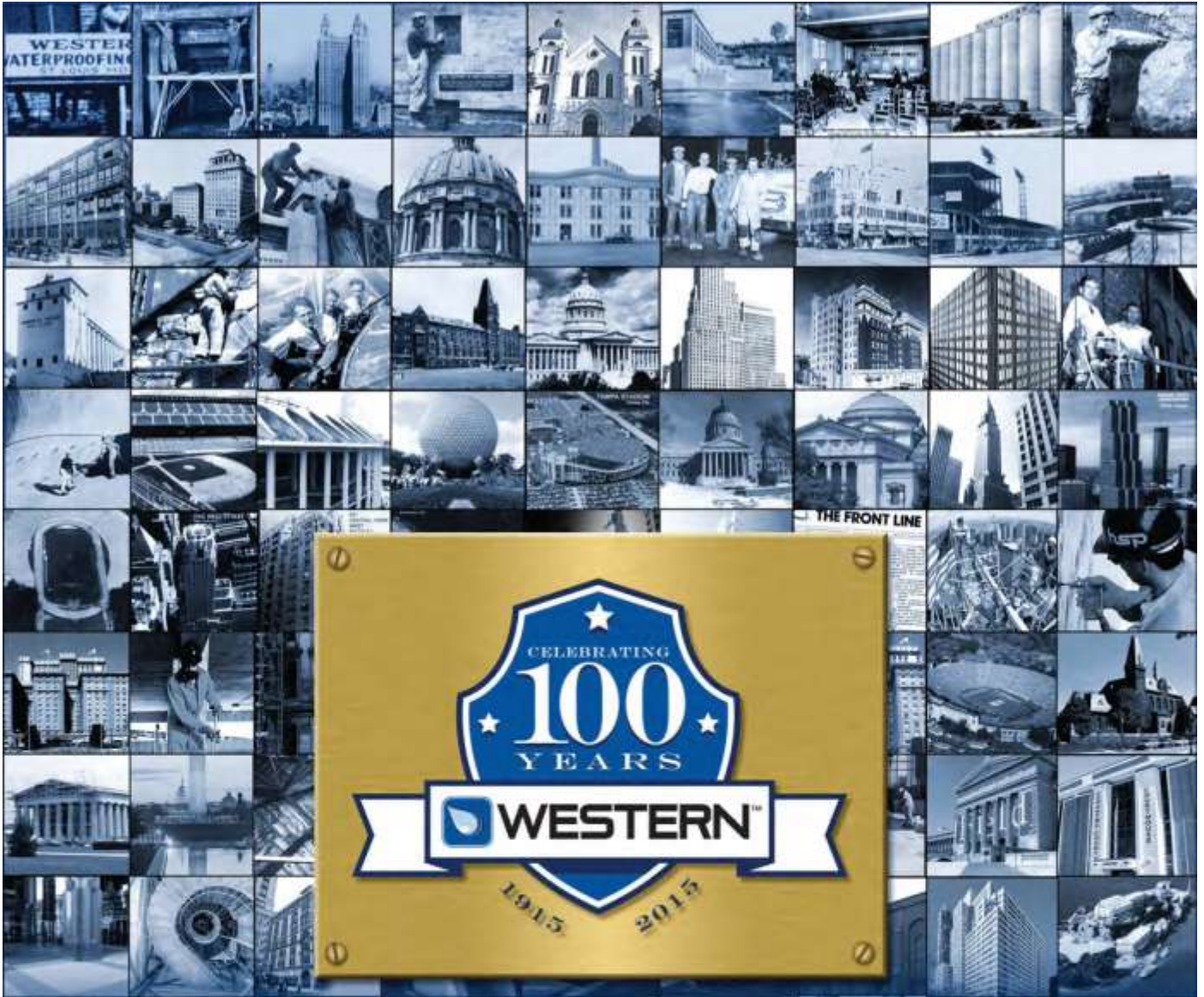
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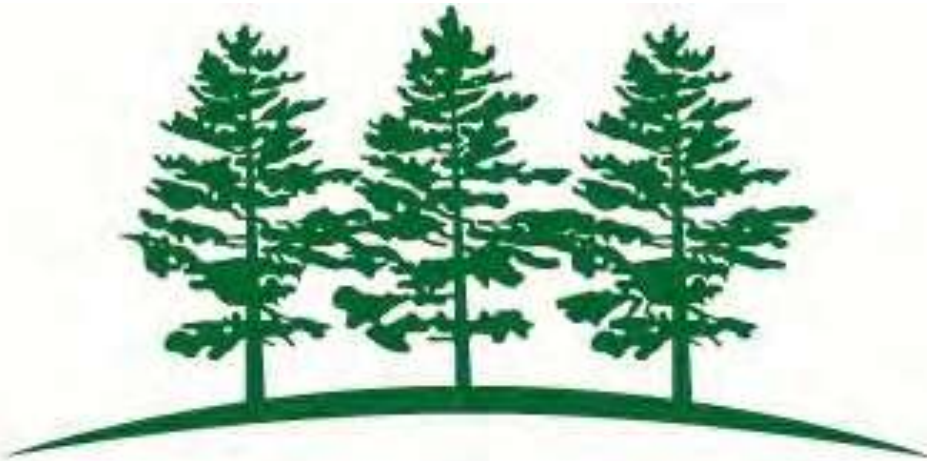
IMPORTANT UPDATE ON OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS!

SAABE WILL BE CHANGING OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS VENUE. GOING FORWARD, OUR LUNCHEONS WILL BE HELD AT **UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT 5084 DEZAVALA ROAD.**

OUR LUNCHEONS WILL BE ON THE **THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JUNE WHERE THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON DUE TO THE SAABE SOCIAL PICNIC.


OUR NEW VENUE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE WALKINS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR RSVPS ON TIME. THE RSVPS WILL BE DUE ON THE **FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.** ANYONE THAT MISSES THE DEADLINE MAY ATTEND THE LUNCHEON, BUT WILL ONLY BE SERVED A LUNCH IF THERE ARE NO-SHOWS. THIS WILL BE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. IF YOU DO NOT RSVP ON TIME AND THERE ARE NOT ANY NO-SHOWS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THE PRESENTATION, BUT WILL NOT BE SERVED A MEAL.

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– Dwight D. Eisenhower

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