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JOIN US FOR OUR FEBRUARY MEETING!

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

REMINDER: 2018 DUES MUST BE PAID TO ATTEND

RSVPs are due no later than Monday, February 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 FEBRUARY 12TH AT 5:00PM so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time will still be invoiced.

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When:

Wednesday, February 14th from Noon – 1 pm

Where:

70 NE Loop 410, Suite 260, San Antonio, Texas 78216

Who:

Brian Martinek with Texas Financial Advisory

What:

Funding future and current College

Lunch: Provided

Cutoff date for RSVP's: February 13th.

Work Shop Includes:

- Free educational presentation on late stage college funding
- Information geared towards parents of 8th-11th graders (those with younger students can still benefit).
- Helping you save ON college, not just for college.

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Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

Welcome to 2018!

Our new board is in and running hard to make this year's SAABE the best it can be. David Ellis is running hard with education and sending updates for the website faster than we can get them up. Nate Simpson is lining up speakers that have not spoken at SAABE before and bring a fresh opportunity for learning to the table. Chris Lutz is helping to ensure that our bank balance remains in the black. Steve Nanez has new people joining SAABE to further our knowledge base and resources. It great to see how quickly things are coming together behind the scenes!

If you missed the first luncheon of 2018, you missed the board inauguration, an introduction to the City Inspectors of San Antonio, the reminder of due renewals for 2018 membership, and a sad bit of news about the passing of one of our fellow members. To me this is a stark reminder of how important friendship and comradery is.

We have all worked for the employer that demands everything you have and still isn't satisfied, the bank account that never seems to have enough in it, the car that perpetually breaks down, or the infant that just refuses to let you sleep. The list of stressors goes on and on. It appears that Willie fell into one of these ruts. Whether this was the cause of his death, or it was genetics no one should feel the way he did in his final days. Please remember that SAABE is here. While we don't have a psychiatrist on standby, we have over 150 members at your disposal. Any problem that you are dealing with (professional or personal) has been dealt with by one of our members before. I myself have leaned on a couple members over the last 12 months when I wasn't sure which road to take was the better option. The luncheons can help you find an ear, as can our directory.

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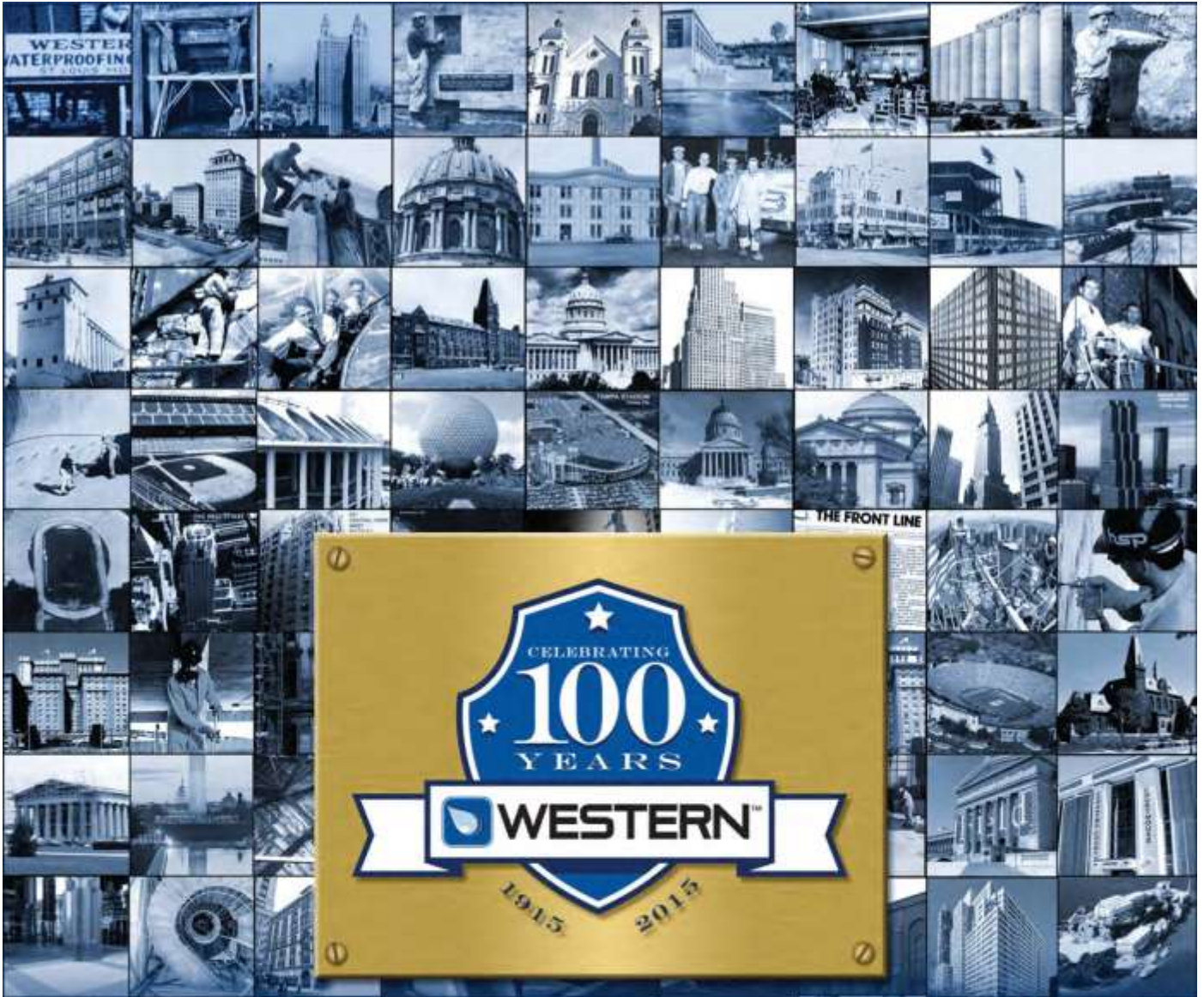
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Past Board Members

by Art Martinez, 1st Vice President

On behalf of SAABE we would like to say thank you to Kendal Langenberg (15 years), John Leifester (9 years) and Louis Vega (7 Years) for all their hard work and dedication they have given SAABE. While we are sad to see them move on from the SAABE Board of Directors, we want to acknowledge all of the contributions they have given to our wonderful organization.

With your previous roles you have all set great examples for SAABE members to follow. So with a great degree of sincerity, I simply thank you once again for all you have done for SAABE.



DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!

ALL DUES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2018. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS THIS YEAR, IF DUES ARE NOT PAID, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS.

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Luncheon Recap

By Joseph Nuncio, Secretary

Thank You City of San Antonio Development Services Building Inspectors Department for taking the time to come and present to the SAABE family.

Sylvia Flood, the City of San Antonio Development Services Manager as well as a few In-the-field Inspectors took the time to express the importance of getting inspections done on building projects both residential and commercial. This presentation focused a little more on the residential aspect of inspections.

The city has a new Combination Inspector system in place to try and streamline your projects. These inspections cover Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Signage and Structural Inspections are important to make sure that the building/structure is up to current code.

Maintaining life safety is the primary goal of these codes and inspectors. Rather you are doing any updating on your commercial building or to a residence, please make sure that all of the work is officially inspected and up to code.

If you have any questions about code compliance or if something meets certain criteria, please reach out to our knowledgeable group of City Inspectors who are here to help.

You can obtain more information on the website. www.sanantonio.gov

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Education Updates

by David Ellis, Education Director

Over the years facing many building issues and crisis' as a CBE-M (1996) there is a wealth to share. From building fires, falling elevators, bat infestation, active shooter, Media coverage, massive floods, slip and falls, and related law suits since starting as an Engineer back in 1984; the biggest tips I have come up with are the following:

Our communication skills will impact our objective by adding or subtracting the value of our position, our clients' perceptions to include our tenants and the public. No matter which niche of the Industry we are in, Medical Office Buildings, Hospitals, Commercial Properties, Multi-Residential, Industrial plants, Hospitality, Manufacturing, Retail or Direct Owner open portfolios, understand the key importance of communication and asking the right questions is imperative for you to learn the trade.

Guide your co-workers and contractors with these same rules as their communication skills will also impact your objective and affects your perceived knowledge level, leadership qualities and abilities to succeed to the highest level with each of them. Accent the importance of communication, timeliness and content.

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Being able to read construction documents and MEP drawings is imperative—all things 'status' is based upon these design drawings unless you fall fortunate to have a building that has no obvious issues and runs itself. Trust this will gradually change into something it was not planned to be, typically years later. Or as many face, have no mechanical plans of changes over the years, so ask questions---analyze and learn your buildings inner workings inside and out. Ask questions. Walk and explore every square foot, floor level and above the ceil, every corner and floor of your building—you will find something new for a good long while. Some assignments have taken a year or two to learn every mechanical and electrical system inside and out and sometimes longer.

Learn to reach out, ask questions, and offer an 'objective' way. Or just ask why when solutions seem to be available. Study each building or structure you enter through your normal life outside of work and ask yourself questions. Get to know your contractors, their service personnel strengths and weaknesses and ask questions. Did mention to always ask questions?

But most importantly is to be committed to this level of ownership and the weight of these responsibilities. And to always pass knowledge, share experiences as to enable a path to wisdom for worthy candidates and finally leading to their selection by the owners, management companies and Senior Engineers in the South Texas corridor.



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by Justin Titus

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. I attended Rowan University in New Jersey and graduated with a Law/Justice Degree. Upon graduating I spent 7 years in the private security industry and worked in Raleigh, Chicago, and Milwaukee. In 1994 I moved to Alaska and worked for Denali Park Resorts in Denali National Park in their maintenance department and as a safety officer and was then promoted to Maintenance Manager. From there, I spent 3 years as a Plant Technician at a coal fired Power Plant. I was then offered a job as the Facilities Maintenance Department Manager for the Fairbanks North Star Borough, where I spent 12 years. I then accepted the position of Maintenance Manager for the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, the largest hotel in Alaska consisting of 656 guest rooms. In 2015, I moved to San Antonio to be the Facilities Manager for Credit Human.

How long have you been a member of SAABE?

I have been a member of SAABE for 2 ½ years. I really enjoy the networking opportunities and the lunch topics and presentations are helpful and informative.

Family and Children?

I have two daughters, 14 and 11.

What hobbies keep you busy?

In my free time I enjoy golfing, fishing, and sports in general. I also love spending time with my daughters.

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

Be flexible. It is an exciting industry and technology is constantly changing so make sure you learn all you can. Another great part about the industry is no two days are alike, we are always doing something different on a daily basis.

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

Life has taken me all over the United States and I have seen many amazing places. One of my favorite vacations was a golf trip that we took to Myrtle Beach. Also, I spent 4 days on a glacier in Mount McKinley. We had to take a 4 passenger ski plane to get to our cabin.

Favorite Quote/Saying/Song?

"I should've been a Cowboy"

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

I would be a Professional Golfer.

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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.

Check it Out!

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Final Thought:

Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life.

-Omar Khayyam

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