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JOIN US FOR OUR JANUARY MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

Entech Sales & Service will be presenting on Chiller Replacement 101.

RSVPs are due no later than Monday, January 25th at 5:00pm.

If you must cancel your attendance, please email Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com BY **MONDAY December 14th, 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

Kendal Langenberg

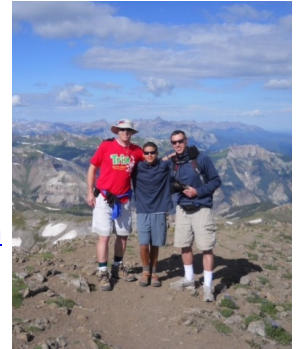
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Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska and joined Voss Lighting two weeks out of high school in 1994 as a tele-service corporate associate. Over the years I have held various positions with this company in Kansas City, Albuquerque – New Mexico, Houston and San Antonio. As the branch manager I wear various hats on a daily basis and am responsible for the overall success of the branch on all levels. I have been involved with SAABE for the past 17 years. For eight of these years I have served as a board member – with two years as secretary and the remaining six as your membership committee chairperson.

Give us your perspective of this organization as a longtime board member.

Over the years I have enjoyed being directly involved with the success of this organization. It is my belief that the main purpose of SAABE is to provide an educational resource for the general and vendor members. I feel that this education occurs not only with the monthly planned events but also through the relationships that these meetings encourage. One focus that this board shares for 2016 is to inspire greater involvement in SAABE from the younger, up-and-coming members of the organization. New and fresh ideas are always critical to the success of any organization! As the membership committee chair I have seen the census of our organization grow from 175 members to an all-time high of 260+ a few years back. As of last count we stand at 210 members.

Family/children?

My wife Kelly (who is also from Lincoln, Nebraska) and I (Kendal) have enjoyed raising three sons. Kody is 20, Calvin is 18, and Keeper is 12 and yes we do have a thing for the letter "K".

What hobbies keep you busy?

My greatest joy is my relationship with the Lord! Next to that is family – the pride that a parent feels watching his children grow and become responsible young adults is one of life's greatest pleasures. I have also set a personal goal to summit as many of the 14ers that the Rocky Mountains have to offer. Through this personal challenge I experience the benefit of hard work, practice the skill of mind over matter and am witness to God's unbelievable beauty. My family and I are also very involved as members of Wayside Chapel here in San Antonio.

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Above the Ceiling

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President

Welcome To The Jungle

I should have known better than to enter into such an exotic and alien world, so different from the one I live in, and especially at this time of year, but I was on a mission. Everywhere I looked was a riot of colors; dizzy, dazzling displays, unusual smells, sounds (some vaguely familiar?). As the local inhabitants pressed in on me I could almost feel myself going under when the call came through from my lost guide: Where ARE you? I gasped. "Over here behind the jewelry counter, in the corner by the big Levi's sign on the wall". NEVER go into Macy's the week before Christmas without a guide!

The SAABE Holiday Social, by contrast, was a place I felt right at home! Although my wife and I were fashionably late (I go to two parties a year, what are the odds they'd both be on the same night?), it was great to see everyone and many with their better halves. Always good to meet up and get a chance to know people outside of the normal routine. It was great to see our own past President Elena Castillo (aka the Silver Fox) back there at the gaming tables again! As usual, Big John did a sterling job as Emcee throughout the night. Many thanks to Michelle Bolt, all of the sponsors and all others who helped make the Holiday Social a great time!

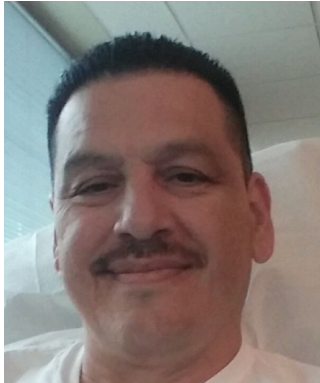
SAABE's help with the Construct A Kid's Christmas was once again a success. Thanks to all who donated presents and to Kendall, Randy, Lee, Roland and Big John for the Toy Drop.

December was the month for elections to the open Board positions. Vendor Rep Randy Cummings stepped down after six very productive years and now Dwayne Putney steps into some very big shoes. Likewise, Secretary Pro Tem (interim) Mark Rybczynski's place will be taken by our new Secretary Pete Munoz. Education Director Big John Leifester re-upped for another two year term and was unopposed. We promise to hit the ground running to make 2016 a successful year for SAABE!

Happy New Year!



SAABE CARES



One of our very own needs SAABE's help. Lee Cantu 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.

Membership Memo

by Kendal Langenberg



Happy 2016, y'all! And a new year on the calendar means a new year for SAABE...which means it's time for dues renewals! All dues invoices were emailed out by early December, so everyone should have received theirs by now. If you haven't seen yours, then please get with Britney to make sure that we have your correct contact info on file. If you joined in the last quarter of 2015, then you're good-to-go for 2016, but if you're not sure if that applies to you or not, please get with myself or Britney so we can confirm your status. If you have any questions about dues renewals, or anything membership-related, don't hesitate to contact me, Britney, or any of the board members...we're here to serve YOU!

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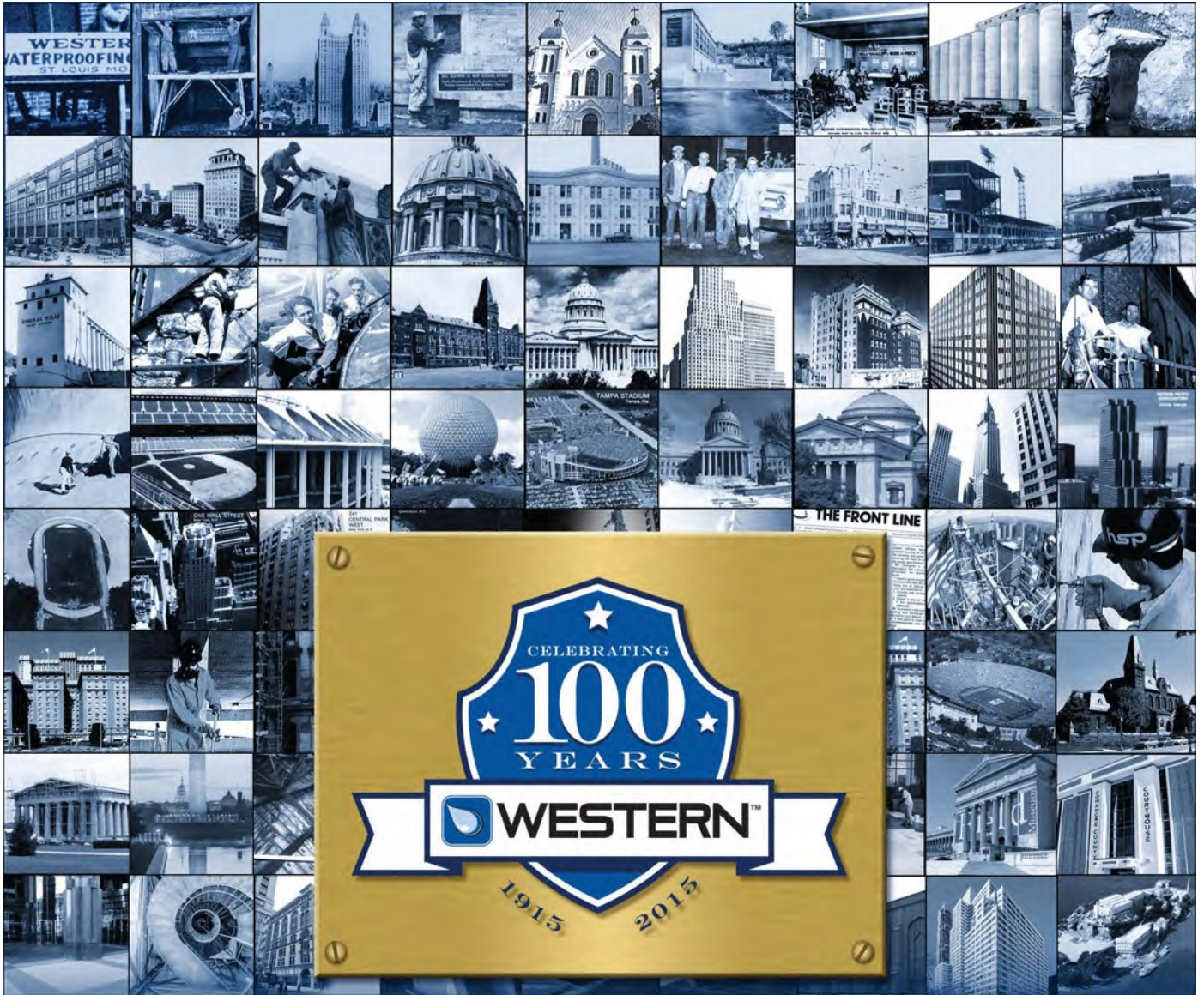
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December 2015 Luncheon Summary by Mark Rybczynski

Well the end of the year is here, and elections were held for the positions of Secretary, Education Director and Vendor Representative.

Our nominees for Secretary were Pete Munoz and David Ellis. Our nominees for Vendor Representative were Dwayne Putney, Lauren Littlefield and Will Fawcett.

Congratulations to Pete Munoz as the new Secretary, John Leifester returning as the Education Director and Dwayne Putney as the new Vendor Representative.

Thank you to Randy Cummings 2009-2015 and Mark Rybczynski 2015 for serving as board members.

I hope everyone had a great time at the holiday social.

Please remember that membership renewals have been sent out if you have not received them yet please let Britney know.

I hope you all had a great holiday and a happy new year and we will see you in 2016.

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

Vendor Rep Report by Dwayne Putney



With the New Year comes new beginnings, I would like to take a moment to thank Randy Cummings for his years of service here at SAABE as our vender rep. Randy your dedication and work ethic over the last six years have been inspiring to say the least. In moving forward I would like to extend my gratitude to you all for giving me the opportunity to serve SAABE as your vender rep. I look forward to

working with the board, engineers and venders over the next two years as we continue to grow as an organization.

SAABE relies heavily on our vender participation, this being said, be sure to get your dues in as soon as possible. We will be printing the 2016 membership Directory at the beginning of April, so it's important to reconcile by the end of March. Payments are not received by the end of March means your company name WILL NOT BE included in this year's directory. The SAABE directory is a powerful tool for our building engineers to reference when seeking out products and services. Please take full advantage of your vender membership (get those dues in early) so that we may get your information in their hands.

Here's to successful year, I look forward to working with this great organization please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions or comments as we move forward thank you.



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Happy New Year! SAABE Serves had a wonderful 1st year with so much support from all of you. We look forward to an even better 2016! If you are interested in getting involved with our community and want to join the committee, please contact Stacey Mercer with Blackmon Mooring at smerc@bmsmanagement.com / (210) 218-6663

Secretary Notes

By Pete Munoz

Hello SAABE members I am your newly elected SAABE board Secretary Pete Munoz. I like to give thanks to all the candidates that ran and those who vote. I would also like to give you guys and gals my email address if you want to get in touch with me. pmunoz@traviscommercial.com

I look forward to working with all the board members, fellow SAABE members and vendors. I also look forward to meeting those that I have not had the privilege of meeting and those that I know.

I am very excited about the year ahead and getting new ideas for all. Thank and see you all at the SAABE meeting.

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY
BY Doug Graves

Thank you to Jock Tilghman & Transwestern for hosting our January 2016 building tour at Northwood Tower!

Check back for more details on future tours! If you are interested in hosting, please contact Doug Graves.

For questions, please email Doug Graves at doug.graves@xerox.com or call at 210-870-0903.



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Final Thought:

**"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress;
working together is success."**

-Henry Ford

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