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In Memoriam, Art Rosales

With great sadness, we announce the loss of long-time member, Art Rosales, on Saturday, July 18, 2020 due to natural causes.

At this time, there is not a memorial service planned, but please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers.

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IMPORTANT COVID UPDATES FOR SAABE MEMBERS

General Membership Meetings

In light of COVID-19, several of our membership meetings have been cancelled, including July 2020. We understand that this is difficult for our members, as this is our main source of providing education, direction and updates to our members.

We are working diligently with Alamo Cafe to determine we can safely continue our monthly luncheons. We hope to be able to host a luncheon soon. Please know that even if we are able to start hosting luncheons, we will likely have limited capacity due to restrictions in place.

We appreciate everyone's understanding. Should you have any direct questions, please contact our Association Manager at saabetx@gmail.com.

SAABE BOARD UPDATES

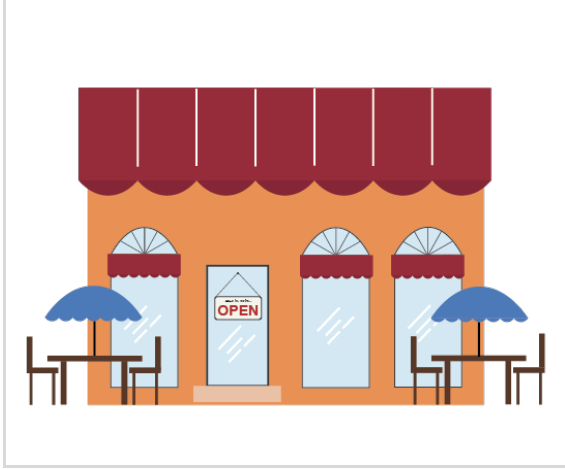
The SAABE Board met in June to discuss ongoing concerns regarding our membership events, education and other various factors. To exercise the utmost caution and facing the spike in positive COVID-19 cases, it was decided to postpone luncheons until we can safely resume.

Our hope is to start luncheons again as soon as practicable. At this time, we do not know if August is a possibility but we will be discussing that our upcoming board meeting this month.

Our goal is to host our annual SAABE picnic in September or October, once the weather has cooled off and hopefully our case numbers have decreased in Bexar County. We will keep all informed on progress of this goal.

At this time, we have not cancelled our Holiday Social. We are moving forward with plans for a Casino Night on Friday, December 11, 2020. It will be hosted at the Double Tree Inn - San Antonio Northwest and we will have details with discounted room rates, sponsors and more later this year.

The board is also in discussion regarding membership for 2021 and what we can do for our loyal members who didn't receive membership benefits due to the ongoing pandemic. While SAABE still has expenses in 2020, we understand that we need to provide for our members and the board is



discussing how we will view membership and costs going forward, whether that be discounts for 2020 paid members next year, discounts for early renewal and/or additional events when possible to assure that our funds are being put back to our members. Please continue with the newsletter for other links, details to how SAABE can help our members and information directly from a board member that tested positive for COVID-19.

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"I TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19"

by Pete Saucedo, 1st Vice President

Hi SAABE Membership, this is your 1st Vice President, Pete Saucedo. As many of you know, COVID-19 has impacted us all in some sort of way. I want to be the first to let you know that I can say that firsthand.

I tested positive for COVID-19 back in early May. At first, I was terrified by what I was seeing in the media. I have to say that the testing process was a pain, but I wanted to give myself peace of mind.

I had felt sick about three days prior to getting my test. It started with chills and body aches. It lasted about ten days. Through the rest, I was very congested. I did self-quarantine for fourteen days. I drank plenty of fluids, took Vitamin C and decongestion medication.

I also notified everyone that I had been in close contact with. Thankfully, no one that was around me tested positive. I was very fortunate to have a great support system with my family and my girlfriend that were there with me.

During my fourteen day quarantine, I picked up crosswords puzzles and learning that we ALL get caught up with life and we need to take time and reflect on what we have and to cherish the moments and never take for granted that we are here.

I hope that by me talking about my experience that if anyone has any fear or questions, they feel they can reach out to me. I am truly blessed to be part of a great organization. Do not forget that SAABE does have a program in place for our members that need assistance or have been severely impacted by COVID-19.

Thank you all and please reach out to the SAABE Board, we will help in any way that we can.



HOW CAN SAABE HELP?

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, SAABE understands that these are difficult times for our members and their families. With so much unknown, it's hard to know how to predict the short and long-term future.

SAABE wants to know how we can help. We would like to assist our members in any way that we can. Need groceries or utilities paid? Were you laid off or furloughed? Job search

assistance? Gas card?

Even if it seems small, we want to help where we can. If you have an immediate need, please reach out and the board will review requests, anonymously. Please submit any requests or nominations for assistance to Art Martinez, SAABE President at arthur.martinez@portsanantonio.us.

All requests will be kept anonymous, names will NOT be disclosed. Please provide what detail you can, account basics, amounts requested, etc.

The SAABE board knows that we wouldn't be where we are without our members. We want to join together and help each other through this stressful and unprecedented time.

If you are a member that would like to donate or participate in giving assistance, please also reach out.

Let's band together and help each other when some may need it most!

Thank you,
SAABE 2020 Board

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming and shortly after my family returned to San Antonio. I have two brothers and one sister. My father was in the Air Force, and after each assignment we would return to San Antonio as it has always been home. I went to Burbank High School and then went on to Texas A&M. I have been in the engineer trade since 1983, and over that time I have worked at many different properties. I started my career working for Johnson Controls and we installed the controls systems at the Forum Building. The management company of the Forum ended up hiring me to manage the controls and my career took off from there. Over the years I have worked for Great America Companies, Bradford Properties, Equity Office, Griffin Partners, ABM, Rector Management, and I have been with Lincoln Harris since 2008.

How long have you been a member of SAABE?

I have been a member of SAABE off and on since 1990. The association offers good training opportunities and I enjoy serving on the community service committee.

Family and Children?

I have been married to my beautiful wife for 36 years. We have a 24 year old son and 31 year old daughter. My daughter works in the HR department of Whataburger. She had her first child two months ago, and I have enjoyed being a grandfather. My son is attending Mary Hardin Baylor working on his Masters and will then pursue his Doctorate. He is also a student coach, coaching the Goalies for the Men's soccer team.

What hobbies keep you busy?

In my free time I enjoy hunting, fishing and golf. I also love watching soccer, as my son played at Mary Hardin Baylor. Another thing that I love doing is spending time with family and grilling for them on the weekends. Finally, I love to unwind at the end of a long week with an adult beverage in one hand and nice cigar in the other.

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

Lately all my vacation has been spent traveling watching my son play soccer. My favorite place would have to be any beach where I can relax and enjoy a nice cigar.

Do you have any advice you would share with anyone just entering the trade?

The engineer trade is a great trade and very reputable. You will get out of it what you put in, and work on building strong relationships with your tenants/clients. Lastly, learn from the guys who came before you and don't be afraid to sit with the "old" guys who have a knowledge and experience. Be like a sponge when you are around them and soak up as much information as possible.

How did you get into the trade and did you have any mentors?

When I first started at the Forum, Gus LaKemper was the Chief Engineer. He was my mentor and taught me many things that I still use to this day.

Favorite Quote/Saying/Song?

"Don't give up. Don't ever give up." – Jim Valvano

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

Travel to Europe with my family and experience all there is to experience.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON - Possible Picnic Date TBA

OCTOBER LUNCHEON - Oct 15, 2020 - TBA

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON - Nov 19, 2020 - Elections

HOLIDAY SOCIAL - Dec 11, 2020, Double Tree San Antonio NW

FINAL THOUGHT....

"To lose patience is to lose the battle." — Mahatma Gandhi

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