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### Upcoming Events

**February 1st Thursday Training**

**What:**

Save Energy & Downtime with Pump Best Practices

**Presented by:**

**February General Membership Luncheon**

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:45 am on

**When:**

February 7, 2019  
11:30am - 1:00pm

**Lunch:**

Brown Bag

**Where:**

155 Concord Plaza Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78216  
Conference Center, 1st Floor

**Parking:**

Visitors Parking in adjacent garage

**Max Seats:**

20

**Restrictions:**

This training session is strictly for active engineering members or their team members in their absence WITH an RSVP. NO walk-ins will be allowed.

\*Exception: Members PM's welcome to attend

**[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)**

**PRESENTATION DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE TO ALAMO CAFE.**

**RSVPs WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AT 5:00 PM, PLEASE EMAIL TO SEE IF WE HAVE HAD ANY CANCELLATIONS.**

If you must cancel your RSVP, please email our Association Manager at BY **MONDAY FEBRUARY 18TH AT 5:00PM** so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this will be invoiced for the cost to attend. time will still be invoiced.

**RSVPs are REQUIRED, so we can be sure to have enough meals on hand!**

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**Tell us about yourself.**

I was born and raised in San Antonio. Upon

graduating High School, I moved to Corpus Christi, and attended Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. I loved my four years in Corpus, not only did I get to further my education, but I also furthered my education of the great outdoors. Class was often difficult to attend with the temptation of fishing and hunting around every corner, not to mention the beach. After graduating, I returned to San Antonio and starting working for Sherwin Williams as part of their management training program and thanks to them I know more about paint and coatings than I care to know. After 3 and half years I decided to make a change, and was hired by the Gerloff Company. I have been at the Gerloff Company for 9 years, and every day I am still amazed by the devastation caused by Water and Fire and Mother Nature.



**How long have you been a member of SAABE?**

I have been a member of SAABE for 7 years. I appreciate the comradery, and networking opportunities the association offers.

**Family and Children?**

I have been married to my beautiful wife for just over a year. We do not have any children as of yet, we just spoil the heck out of our Nieces and Nephews.

**What hobbies keep you busy?**

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, it is the most important thing. I also enjoying fishing (inshore and offshore) and hunting.

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

The best vacation I have been on is a Tarpon fishing adventure to Costa Rica. We spent 6 days fishing and sadly, we did not catch a single Tarpon. The outfitter, was as you can imagine, very disappointed, but like I told him, there is more to fishing than catching fish.

**Favorite Quote/Saying/Song?**

Anything from George Straight or Chris LeDoux.

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

I would travel the world and fish for all the different species of Billfish.

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Happy new year and a huge THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to the SAABE toy drive for the Children’s Methodist hospital! Your generosity definitely put some smiles on these children’s faces during the holidays! I can’t wait to see what 2019 brings!!!

- Stacey Mercer SAABE Serves Chair



## HOLIDAY SOCIAL RECAP

by Lauren Littlefield, Social Chair

This year's holiday social went off with a bang to end our great year with SAABE. Thank you again to our wonderful Allied and Associate members for making this year so successful. Many door prizes were won and some new friends were made. We want to thank our gracious social sponsors; Frosty the Snowman Sponsor- BLCCS, Mar & Harry- CPS Energy and The Filter man, and Cousin Eddie Sponsor- Fox Commercial Services. From swearing in the new board, to collecting a record amount of toys for the Children's Hospital, the event was a memorable one! Thank you again to the board and our association manager for helping organize the event, we look forward to 2019 with you all!

## January Luncheon Recap

by Joseph Nuncio, Secretary

Thank You Jillian Chew with Western Specialty Contractors and Brian Schwab with BASF Watson Bowman Acme for your presentation to SAABE. This presentation focused on concrete repair and restoration. Concrete is the most commonly used building material the world over and we all have it throughout our properties. Walkways, parking structures, walls, you name it, concrete is everywhere. So, it is important for us to help maintain its structural integrity. We need to recognize and address when concrete is becoming compromised. I have heard it said many times, "There is two types of concrete, one that has cracked and one that is going to crack"

Over time, concrete gets distressed and begins to show signs of failure, like, cracking, spalling and flaking. In general, concrete's integrity is most challenged by moisture infiltration. If water gets into cracks, and finds its way into crevices and cracks, it can expand with weather changes, erode the material and cause major points of failure. The biggest culprit for concrete issues in our immediate geographical area of Texas, is extreme thermal cycling.

Here in Texas, as the saying goes, "If you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes." We experience huge thermal swings. It can be rainy and freezing one day, then back to warm dry t-shirt wearing weather the next. When weather temperature changes are extreme from hot to cold and vice versa and happen quickly, the concrete expands and contracts too quickly. When this rapidly changing weather doesn't allow the temperature changes to happen gradually, the concrete becomes overly stressed and promotes failure. San Antonio is roughly 150 miles from the Texas coastline. That may seem far, but it is close enough for strong winds and weather systems to carry some of the salt spray that comes out of the ocean and deposit it onto our buildings and structures. This salt residue will eat at and erode the concrete, destroying it more and more over time. This is why most of the surface concrete distress will be evident on the southeast side of our buildings and structures here in San Antonio.

Be sure to give your building's exterior and parking garages regular visual inspections looking for concrete failure points. If caught and addressed early enough, you can save a good chunk of change in costly repairs.

### Exterior Building Restoration

- Brick, Terra Cotta & Stone Repair/Replacement
- Tuckpointing
- Building Cleaning & Sealer
- Expansion Joint Systems Repair
- Epoxy Injection
- Historic Restoration & Preservation
- Caulking & Sealants
- Glazing
- Exterior Wall Coating
- Wall Ties, Structural Steel Repair/Replacement
- Exterior Wall Coatings
- Flashing System
- Vertical Concrete Repair
- FRP & GFRC Replicas

### Concrete Restoration

- Parking Garage Restoration
- Post-Tension Cable Repairs
- Structural Concrete Repairs
- Shotcrete Vertical/Overhead Repairs
- Carbon Fiber Installation
- Caulking & Sealants
- Epoxy Injection
- Chemical Grout Injection
- Expansion Joint Systems
- Vehicular & Pedestrian Deck Coating
- Penetrating Sealer Application
- Above & Below Grade Waterproofing
- Plaza Deck Restoration
- Stadium Restoration

### Roofing

- Emergency Repairs
- Leak Investigation
- Replacements
- Single-Ply Roofing (EPDM, TPO, PVC)
- Modified Bitumen Roofing
- Fluid-Applied Roofing
- Green Roofs
- Maintenance Programs
- New Construction
- Lunch & Learn Presentations
- Capital Budgeting

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- Disaster Recovery
- Budget & Estimating
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- Quality Control
- Project Close-Out & Walk-through
- Service Accounts on a National Level

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## THANK YOU FROM THE SAABE PRESIDENT...



### Art Martinez, SAABE President

I would like to thank everyone at SAABE for their generous donation. It really means a lot to me SAABE was thinking about me as I'm going through this difficult time. For the 19yrs I've been going to SAABE I'm proud to say that SAABE isn't just an organization but i consider SAABE as family. With the great support and the many prayers I've been receiving, I feel positive I'll be back to SAABE soon.

Thank you again SAABE for bringing this family member up! God bless you all!





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FINAL THOUGHT....

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