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# **Upcoming Events**

# **April 1st Thursday Training**

#### What:

Swarming Insects & Termites in Texas **ABC Home Services** 

## When:

April 4, 2019 11:45am - 1:00pm

#### Lunch:

Provided

## Where:

Oak Park - Conference Room 1020 NE Loop 410, Suite 330 San Antonio, TX 78209

#### Max Seats:

25

# April General Membership Luncheon

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:45 am on THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019 at the ALAMO CAFE, located at 14250 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX 78232.

#### PRESENTATION BY:

**CPS ENERGY** 

# PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE TO ALAMO CAFE.

**RSVPs WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER** MONDAY, APRIL 15TH AT 5:00 PM, PLEASE EMAIL TO SEE IF WE HAVE HAD ANY CANCELLATIONS.

If you must cancel your RSVP, please

#### 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** 

our Association Manager at BY email MONDAY APRIL 15TH 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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by Justin Titus

#### **Jesse Casias**

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## Tell us about yourself.

I was born in Lubbock, Texas and moved to San Antonio with I was 6. San Antonio is home to me, as I remember very little from my time in Lubbock. I am the youngest of 9 children, and have 7 brothers and 1 sister. Upon graduating from Highlands High School, I started working in the Civil Service industry. I worked for a company called SARPMA and worked out at Randolph. Over the years I worked at Lackland and Kelly as well. After 24 years I decided to go into the hotel business. I was looking for a maintenance position, but ended up taking a position as a concierge. 8 years later I decided I need a change, and in 2010 I met Robert Andrews and got hired on with Concord and have been their ever since. We have been through



some name changes over the years, Concord then Camden, and now Sirell.

How long have you been a member of SAABE? I have been a member of SAABE since 2010. I enjoy the association as it is a great collection of engineers who come together with a common goal of taking care of buildings and being better engineers. It is a great place to network and meet fellow engineers and new vendors. Also, the training opportunities are great.

#### Family and Children?

I have been married to my amazing wife for 3 years and we have been together for 9 years. We do not have any children together, however I do have 2 daughters from a previous marriage. My daughters have blessed me with 8 grandchildren, 4 boys and 4 girls.

#### What hobbies keep you busy?

On the weekends I am a DJ and it is a blast getting to proved entertainment at weddings, Quinceanera's and other parties. I also enjoying playing pool, spending time with my family, and cheering on the Cowboys. Every year I go to Dallas to watch one or two games.

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

Mexico City is the on the top of my list for favorite places I have been. We are also planning on taking all the grandkids to Disney in the next couple of years.

### Favorite Quote/Saying/Song?

Don't stop believing

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

#### Randy Smith

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#### Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in Pennsylvania. I grew up in Bucks County, which is just outside of Philadelphia. My parents and older brother still live in Pennsylvania and I make it back home at least once a year. Growing up, I worked for a residential construction company which led me to earning an Associate's degree in Building Construction from Pennsylvania College of Technology in 2004. I moved to San Antonio in 2005 and worked as a carpenter for Tradesman International. A short time later, I was hired by



the Hotel La Mansion del Rio as a carpenter. After 4 months, Omni took over the property and I moved into the maintenance department. 10 years later I wanted a change, and I ended up getting hired by Transwestern where I have been ever since.

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

I officially joined SAABE in January of 2019. I enjoy all the training opportunities that the association offers as well as the networking with other engineers. It provides a good opportunity to put faces with names in regards to vendors and suppliers that at times we only get to talk to on the phone.

#### Family and Children?

I have a 9 year old son.

#### What hobbies keep you busy?

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my son. I also enjoy wood working and playing the Guitar. Live Country music (Texas Country) is another passion on mine.

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

The best vacation I have taken was a Cruise to Jamaica, the Grand Cayman Islands, and Cozumel. In the next couple of years I plan on going Snowboarding in Colorado.

#### Favorite Quote/Saying/Song?

"Hold my Beer"

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

I would travel and see as many countries as possible. I have always wanted to go and visit Ireland and Japan.

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- Doug Larson

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# MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS ARE NOW PAST DUE!

If your membership renewal payment has not been received, you will no longer be able to attend SAABE functions. Reminder emails have been sent. If you are unsure or need a copy ofyour invoice, please contact our Association Manager at <a href="mailto:saabetx@gmail.com">saabetx@gmail.com</a>.





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