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A publication of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers

December 2015

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JOIN US FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

This will be our Annual Business Meeting and elections will be held for the 2016 Board of Directors.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LUNCHEON WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2015 (ONE WEEK EARLY) DUE TO THE HOLIDAY!

RSVPs are due no later than Monday, December 14th 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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Tell us about yourself.

I am a San Antonio native and graduated from Edison High School. For the past two years I have been employed as a building engineer for Travis Commercial. The property that receives my main focus is McAllister Plaza at Jones Maltsberger and 281. Prior to Travis Commercial I was employed with Heathcare Realty and worked the medical office building side of things. I have been involved with SAABE for the past four years.

As we approach 2016 how will work to shape the SAABE organization?

It has always been my belief that people only get out of something what they put in to it. Therefore, it is my intention to get as involved as I can with the SAABE organization. In 2016 I will run for the Secretary position, I would like to provide some new ideas and fresh thinking.

Family/children?

My wife and I have been married for 15 years and the light of our world is our 7 year old daughter.

What hobbies keep you busy?

If you consider involvement with your children a hobby then I would say that my biggest hobby is my daughter. She has a running to do list for me and constantly keeps me busy -I love every minute of it. I also enjoy staying involved in auto repair and refinishing old pieces of furniture. My specialty is church pews.

What is one of your proudest accomplishments?

In high school I was a star running back in the Edison High football program until a car accident forced me to end my football career. Wanting to stay active but having to avoid any contact sports I got involved with the swimming program at Edison. I gave this program 110% of myself and earned district competition wins in both the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke events.



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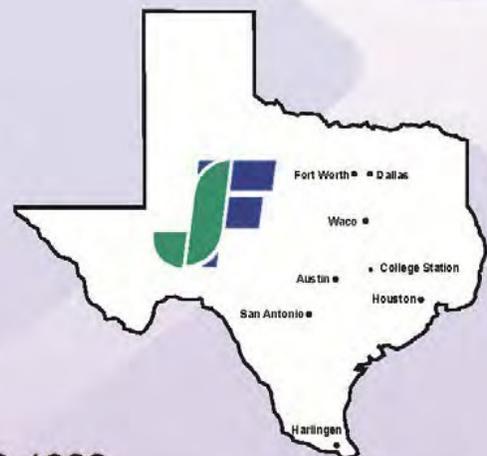
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Above the Ceiling

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President



OUR DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON WILL BE A WEEK EARLY! DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, THE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015
AT 11:30 AM AT EMBASSY SUITES.**

SAABE CARES



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

Education Corner

By John Leifester

Thank you to Dedicated Landscape Solutions for sponsoring our training for December. Raul Carrillo from OSHA San Antonio has a great way of answering questions and helping walk people through the process of OSHA inspections. He provided us with a list of the top ten citations given at office buildings..

January's First Thursday training will be held at the usual location. We still would like a sponsor for this event. If you would like to sign up, please contact myself via cell phone or email.

We are looking forward to having Raul come back and provided us with some training for the general membership lunch meeting. Look for more information in upcoming blasts about date and time. He will be going over the new chemical labeling system that will become mandatory in mid 2016.

I want to take this moment to wish you and your Family's a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! I look forward to seeing everyone at the SAABE Christmas party and again in the new year.

We have openings for 2016 for the 1st Thursday Trainings. So again, if you would like to sponsor, please contact me at john@dedicatedls.com or on my cell at 210-771-7081.

Membership Memo

by Kendal Langenberg



This is the last reminder for the \$25 "bonus" that you will receive for bringing any paid new member to SAABE in 2015. That's right – you receive \$25 PER NEW MEMBER for the rest of 2015! But time is running out, so be sure to follow up with all those engineers and vendors that still need to join SAABE. Also, don't forget that all new members are receiving the balance of 2015 for free when they join right now. That's a pretty nice incentive, considering that we still have our December membership luncheon on December 16, as well as our holiday social coming up on December 18. Lots of good SAABE functions left in 2015 for a new member to benefit from! And as always, feel free to refer any potential members my way if they have any questions that I may help them with.

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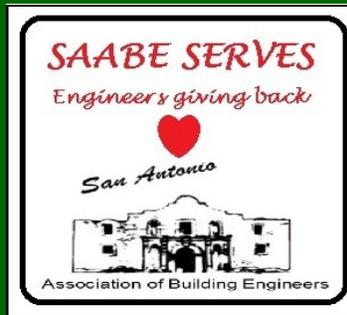
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SAABE had the pleasure of participating in the Construct-A-Kids annual toy drive this year. It is an annual event that we look forward to. I was able to attend the Construct-A-Kids Gala the evening prior to the toy delivery. About 1,100 people were in attendance and it was a great time. There was a silent auction, a live auction, dinner, a casino, and several raffles that went on throughout the evening. The event raised \$75,000 for the Bexar Country Child and Family Services. Definitely a great cause all around.

At the toy drop on Friday, SAABE was well represented as always. Kendall Langenberg, Randy Cummings, Lee Moore, Roland Trevino, and myself helped deliver the toys we were fortunate to collect from the awesome members of our organization. SAABE delivered 87 toys to the event. Great job and a big thank you to all the members of SAABE for having a compassionate heart. Way to go!



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November 2015 Luncheon Summary

by Mark Rybczynski

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day and some earned time off from our schedules. Paul we missed you, but Roland handled it, and kept us all in order.

Thank you to all the members that brought in toys for the Construct-A-Kid drive. Donations can still be brought in till the first week of December to Blackman Mooring.

Thank you Kevin Brown from Schneider Electric for the presentation on Integrated Building Solutions, who knew that we would be able to do all we do from a tablet or desktop? 30 years ago this was all completed by logging your equipment and reading your charts. Now you can do all this from your phone. It is amazing how we came along in this field.

Next month's meeting we are holding elections for the board of director's positions. Up for elections are the positions of Secretary, Education Chair and Vendor Rep. Next meeting will be held on December 16th, please RSVP so that we will have enough seats and meals for all who attends.

SAABE JOB BANK

Looking for a job? Know a great Engineer who will be a great asset to San Antonio building?

**Check out the SAABE Job Bank on our website:
www.saabe.org.**



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 Randy Cummings



What a ride it has been! After six years of serving as your vendor rep it is time for me to step aside. I've had a great opportunity to serve with some great fellow vendors and engineers on the board during this time and a special thank you to Charlie Mikolajczyk, Mike Halvorsen and Paul Thompson who all have served as president during my time.

I never realized how much these guys do until I served on the board with them. Their leadership and dedication is what makes SAABE great.

The best advice I can give any one in SAABE is to get involved. You will get out only what you put in and can testify that if you put in the time and effort to get involved you will be rewarded. Showing up to the luncheons, sitting in the back and only talking to folks at your table is not getting involved. Sign up for a sponsorship, volunteer for a committee, or serve on the board of directors. You will be surprised how far a little effort will get you.

And engineers, make sure to use SAABE vendors whenever possible. We have multiple vendors from just about every trade or service so you have plenty of options to choose from. Remember this organization would not exist without their financial support. The only reason us vendors are here is to get work from you guys so make time to get to know the vendors and put them on the top of your list.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the last six years and I look forward to seeing SAABE continue to grow.





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**THE SAABE HOLIDAY SOCIAL WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH, 2015 AT 6:00PM.**

WE WILL BE HOSTING A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL AND CASINO NIGHT AT EMBASSY SUITES. WE WILL HAVE GAMES, DOOR PRIZES AND GIVE-AWAYS! EACH SAABE MEMBER IS ALLOWED TO BRING ONE GUEST AT NO ADDITIONAL COST. ADDITIONAL GUESTS AND NON-MEMBERS ARE \$25 PER PERSON.

EMBASSY SUITES HAS OFFERED ROOMS TO ALL SAABE MEMBERS AT A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$99 FOR THE NIGHT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT EMBASSY SUITES AT (210) 340-5421.

[RSVP NOW! CLICK HERE!](#)

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY
BY Doug Graves

Don't miss the next The Good, the Bad & the Ugly
Building Tour in 2016!

Our first tour in January 2016 will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Northwood Tower. Jock Tilghman, Building Engineer, will be touring and presenting on the building's new chiller and repainted central plant. Keep an eye out for a RSVP invite to be sent in January 2016!

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

We plan to have in 2016..... 12 property visits & are looking for Vendor sponsored lunches for these tours.

3 "Big tours".....The Alamo Dome, Tobin Center and AT&Tplant, cool items & upgrades. (20-30 people max.)

The bigger events we would like any vendor that has equipment or does work in these buildings to see us about a NTE \$100 lunch sponsorship.

5 "Small Visits".....Where we will visit some "cool, different" things around town you may not have ever seen. (3-10 people max)

4 "Interesting Information"..... tours about LED inside & outside retrofits or new chillers & installs or ??? (3-20 people and are subject to change)

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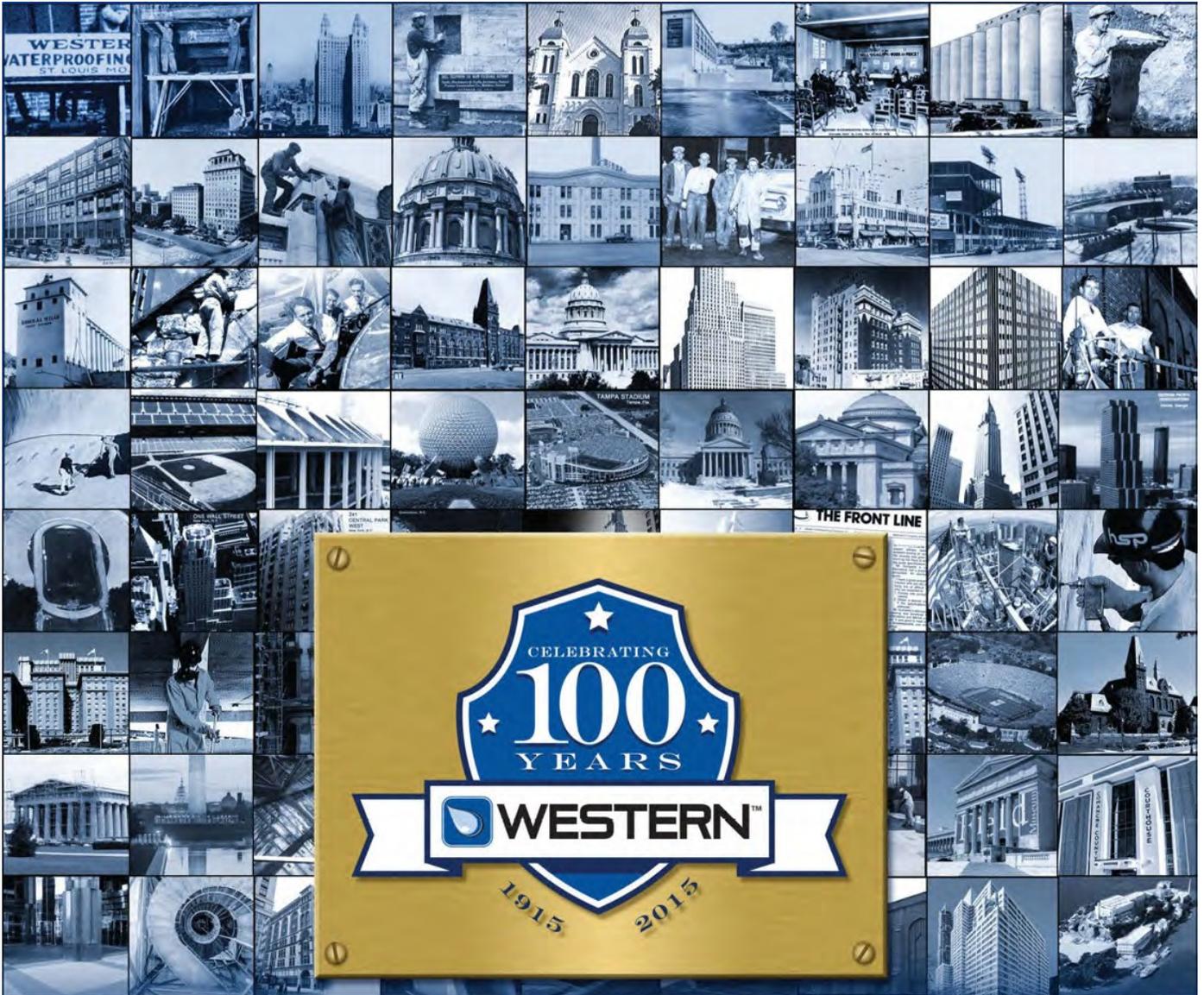
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Final Thought:

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. **Wishing you happiness.**”

~ Helen Keller

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