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December 2009

Mark Your Calendar—

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, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410). The meeting agenda includes board elections, our annual business meeting, and year-end awards, including perfect attendance awards.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, December 14, at noon.

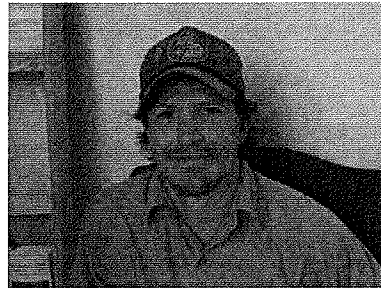
If you must cancel your attendance, please call Melodie Goff at 408-8135 BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT NOON so we can cancel your meal.

Please make sure to check in at the front desk when you arrive.

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

Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov



Robert Fox

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• **How long have you been in the building engineer trade?**

I have worked for the San Antonio River Authority for 11 months, and, prior to that, I was employed at Ashley Plumbing and Howell Crane for various lengths of time. I also served in the Navy for three years and worked as an Aircraft Director on the USS Independence and the USS Kitty Hawk. I have been a SAABE member for five months.

• **What do you enjoy about the building engineer trade?**

The variety of tasks keeps me very involved. I can't stand repetitive tasks and function much better in a dynamic environment.

• **Any awards, recognition, or special training?**

I have my EMT license and received this training while I was in the Navy.

• **Family/children?**

I have been married for four years – no kids, but practice makes perfect.

• **Hobbies/what do you enjoy during off-hours?**

I just recently started hunting and have learned that patience is required in regards to accuracy and getting your limit. Dove are especially challenging. The first time I hunted dove, I did not hit a thing. However, as I continued to go, I started to actually hit birds. My largest take has been three. I also love NASCAR and enjoy everything about stock car racing and have worked on the pit crew for Howell Racing.

• **What would you be your best and worst memory?**

My worst memory would be going to boot camp for the Navy. I made the mistake of joining in the winter and got assigned to a base in Chicago. My best day would be working the pit at a stock car racing event. ❖

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A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk, Jr., CBE-M

Good news this time of year is all the food and camaraderie found at the holiday celebrations. Bad news is that this is also the time that last-minute Christmas shopping comes around!

There were a few changes to the SAABE Board in '09, and, as we now ring out '09, recognition is well deserved and seems the appropriate methodology for this month's message.

1st VP – Mike Halvorsen/RL Worth: Mike has been instrumental in attending and participating in various meetings, events, etc. throughout the year. This past year, he spent numerous hours at the CoSA PDS, City Hall, CPS Energy, SAWS, etc. In addition, Mike's dedication to SAABE is at the utmost level.

Past 1st VP – Tom Lasater/Caremark: Tom's dedication to SAABE is best proclaimed as "paramount." Tom also spent many hours with us at the meetings previously mentioned. His current participation with all the various committees is still more than a plate-full, and his commitments to SAABE are of greatest respect!

2nd VP – J.R. Uresti/Gottesman Live Oak Group: J.R. entered '09 as Treasurer and exited '09 as the 2nd VP. J.R. has brought many values to the table and has been instrumental in obtaining many donations for our events. His support is outstanding!

Interim Secretary – Curtis Thompson/Griffin Partners: Although only being on the board for a short period this year as the Interim Secretary, Curtis has brought fresh ideas to the Board. We have enjoyed his participation and encouragement!

Past Secretary – Robert Andrews, Jr./Concord Property Co.: Robert is truly missed most greatly as being the next generation of building engineers that are going to take the reins of this Board someday soon!

Treasurer – Michael Copp: Mike entered '09 as the Education Director and is exiting as the Treasurer. Mike, like the other Mike and Tom, has spent many hours as well, has gone above and beyond in participating at the various events we've had, and has been a great team player and beneficial to SAABE!

Interim Education Director – John Leifester/Preferred Landscape & Lighting: John also joined the Board this year and has brought enthusiasm and many ideas to the table. John has teamed with Allen in wrangling sponsors, as well as with Robert Steele in arranging our social events.

Vendor Representative – Allen Mangrum/Johnson Controls: Allen has been instrumental in providing the programs for the luncheons/training events. In fact, at last glance, 2010 is nearly booked up for the monthly meetings!

Membership Committee Chair – Kendal Lagenberg/Voss Lighting: Although facing much adversity due to the economic era, Kendal still managed to pull off an impressive

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number of new SAABE members. Kendal's support level is second to none!

Social Committee Chair – Robert Steele: Robert has brought excellent values to the team and has been instrumental in stepping up to the table and helping out with other challenges the board members may have as well!

Please thank these members, as they are the team that has been making the benchmarks that SAABE has seen! FYI: A secret to remarkable results is to surround yourself with extraordinary people!

Also, thanks to John Posenecker, Sr. and Russell Johnson / Chamberlin Roofing & Waterproofing, for the "How to Maintain the Building Envelope" at the November membership meeting. Thanks to all the members who made someone feel special by donating to the Construct-A-Kids Christmas. And, thanks to everyone that attended "How Am I Going to Devour All This Food" on the Last Thursday in November!

Finally, have a Merry Christmas and a Cool Yule, and see you all next year!

Till next time...FISH ON! ❖



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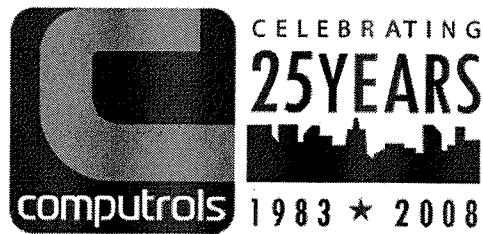
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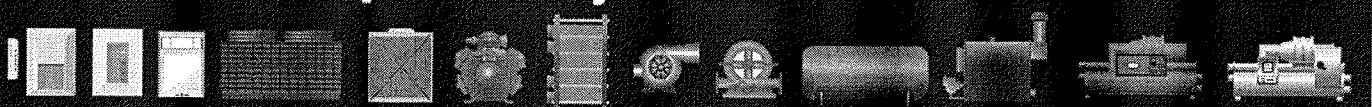
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Vendor Rep Report

by Allen Mangrum

Reflecting on the past several years with my involvement with SAABE, I remember the day that Bobby Beal asked me to pro-tem the Vendor Rep position when Charles Gilbert left to pursue new adventures abroad. I was quite intimidated at the time, as he had done such a great job at keeping vendors lined up for speaking and handled a few other activities as well.

My first year wasn't anywhere near as successful as Charles had been, but I kept getting more and more encouragement from the board and other vendors. I am proud to say that, in the past three years, you, the vendors, have stood up and made my job easier. We have had sponsors from every trade, with only a few exceptions. This next year is currently booked and looks to be another great year.

Later in the year, I will be asking for assistance and a chairman for the 2011 BOMA SA/SAABE Trade Show. Early planning makes this event a success, and, since I will be the co-chair from the BOMA SA side, SAABE will need a co-chair

as well. Let me know if you are interested in helping bring this together.

I want to personally thank each and every vendor who stepped up this year and for next year. I will be enacting a new method for reminders next year to include a form that the vendor will receive in his/her reminder. It will ask for information such as the name of the speaker, their topic and specific needs (projectors, sound, wi-fi, etc.). I am announcing this now and will be hinting about it throughout the next few months in order to keep you, as vendors, informed about the happenings for 2010.

If there are any questions regarding sponsorships, or for vendors in general, please let me know. My cell is 210-383-1996, and my email is allen.r.mangrum@jci.com.

I look forward to seeing you all at the luncheon, and please remember to RSVP, RSVP, and RSVP.

See ya'll at the luncheon! ❖

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November Lunch Summary

by Curtis Thompson

Good day everyone! It was great seeing everyone at the November SAABE luncheon.

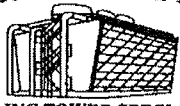
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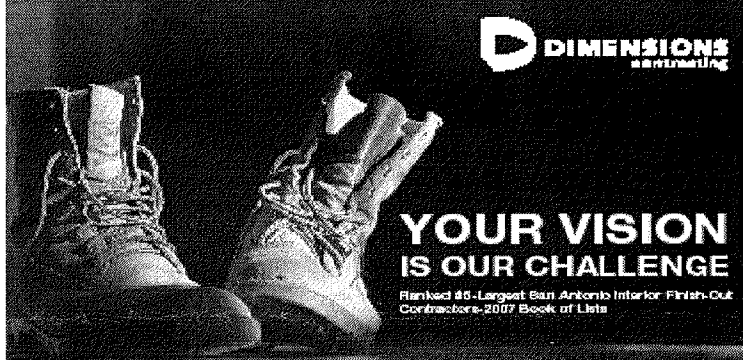


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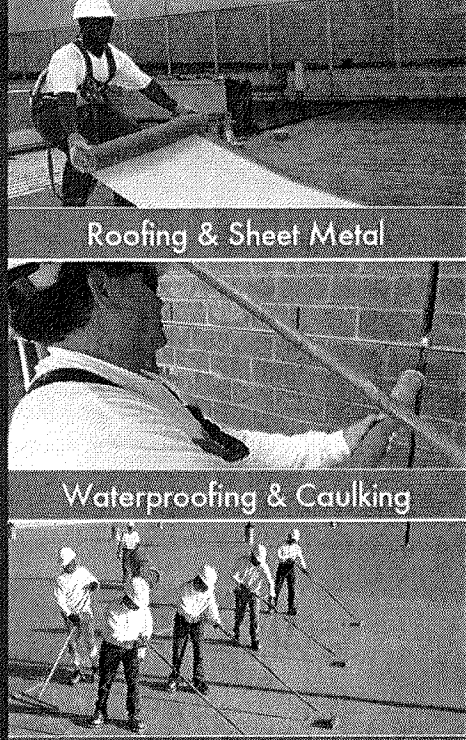
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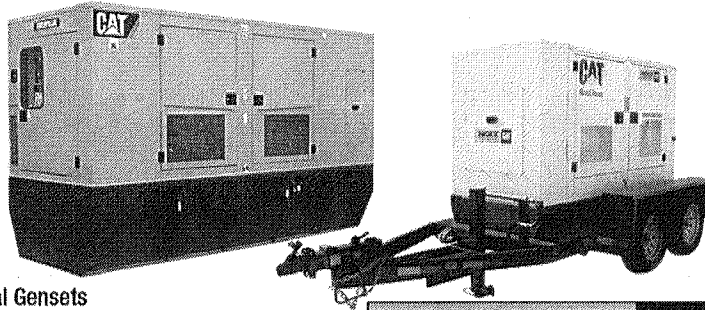
Over 50 members joined in the merriment at the annual SAABE Holiday Social on Friday, December 11 Dave & Buster's. There was much good food to eat, a cash bar, and pool tables (as well as the nearby arcade). There were also many **fabulous** door prizes, including gift cards and sporting equipment. Watch for photos next issue! ❖

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The seminar will be held at the SAWS Conference Center (281/Mulberry) on Tuesday, January 26 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. The cost for the seminar and lunch is \$35.00 (cash or check).

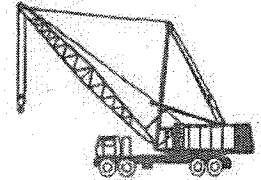
The speaker will be from SAWS, and Robert Hambright, with Cost Containment Engineering, will speak about reducing utility costs. A list of additional presenters will be announced in upcoming faxes and e-mail notices.

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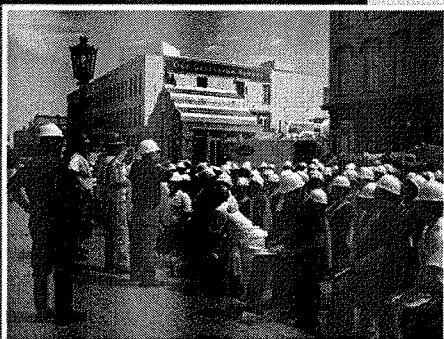
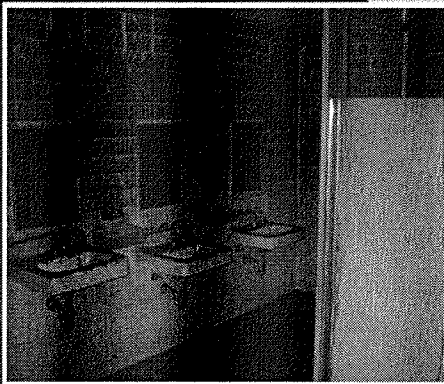
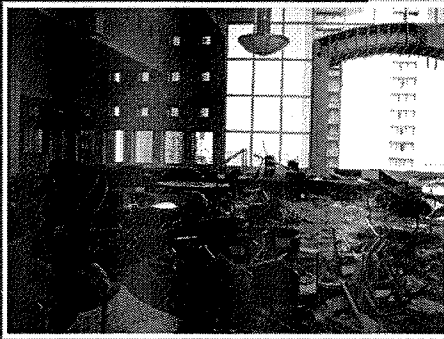
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Meeting RSVPs

The staff at Embassy Suites has been very accommodating to our growing group over the last few months. Unlike Alamo Café (our previous location), SAABE must call in a meal count on the Monday prior to the meeting. That's why we've been stressing the importance of RSVPs and timely cancellations. We **MUST** receive your RSVP no later than the **Monday prior to the meeting at noon**. Late RSVPs and walk-ins may be placed on a standby list, and we may ask you to wait in the lobby until we determine the number of no-shows.

If you RSVP and do not attend, you could receive a no-show invoice. If you must cancel your attendance, please call Melodie Goff at 408-8135 by the **Monday prior to the meeting at noon** so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time could still be invoiced.

While we appreciate your call on Wednesday morning that you cannot attend, you could still be billed for the meal, since Embassy Suites has already prepared it for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Laura Bray (408-1699) or any board member. ❖

Lunch Policy for Vendor Members

A few reminders about SAABE's policies for lunches for vendor members:

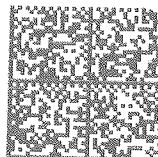
- Lunch cost for SAABE vendor (associate) members is \$20. (Guests are \$25.)
- You may bring an additional person from your company to two SAABE meetings as a guest. After that, the additional representative must purchase a SAABE membership to continue to attend. SAABE memberships are by individual, not by company.
- You may substitute an attendee if your primary representative cannot attend.

SAABE values the support and contributions of its vendor members, and we have several vendors who support SAABE with multiple memberships and frequent participation.

Please contact Laura Bray, SAABE Association Manager, if you have any questions about SAABE's policies and procedures. ❖



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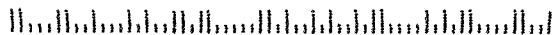
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Final Thought:

"Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people."
 - W. C. Fields

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 16
Board Elections/Year End Awards

Upcoming Program:

Wednesday, January 20
"Disaster Preparedness - Are You Prepared?"
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