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***Message From the
President***

Hello SAABE Membership,

Our 1st quarter the SAABE board worked very hard to accomplish several goals to keep our organization great and allow for future success. . We approved this year's budget and let me say, it exceeded all of our expectations, thanks to our members as well as our Associate members.

It is my great honor and pleasure to announce Joe Gaza as our 2nd VP. He is a team player and is more than willing to help any engineer in need.

I would like to thank Mandy Jones with Empire Roofing, as she worked ambitiously on SAABE's donation to the Hill Country Youth's Backpack & Back to School Drive.

Let me recognize Brent Miller for the amazing job of organizing the SAABE Building Engineer Training, formerly known as 1st Thursday Training.

We had an overwhelming number of vendors providing and handing out door prizes as well sponsoring happy events. Please do not forget to thank them as our events are not possible without them. CRAM Roofing is currently sponsoring a Biggest Loser Contest. Our vendor expo looks to be bigger than years passed.

I could truly go on and on about all the amazing things that have happened in the 1st quarter, and the things to come. I cannot tell you how excited I am to be a part of all that SAABE is doing. While to some this is just an organization, to SAABE this a fellowship of people coming together monthly to improve and engage those in our craft.

I encourage your feedback and suggestions of what we can do to make SAABE better. If you bring a problem to the table, please bring your idea for a solution. I look forward to what is yet to come.

**Sincerely,
Jesse Arriaga
President**

SAABE SPOTLIGHT SERIES

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in San Antonio and graduated from Highlands. I then attended NIT Technical School where I earned a degree in computer and electrical repair. I quickly found out how boring computers are and could not stand working a desk job. I soon found a job working at International Mechanical Services where I became a sheet metal fabricator. After 10 years, I decided I wanted a change and went to work at the USAA campus in facilities management. After 8 years working at USAA, I was approached about a position with Worth and Associates and decided to take the opportunity. I have two older sisters and I am a life-long Aggie fan!

How long have you been a member of SAABE?

I have been a member of SAABE for one month and I enjoy visiting with my peers. I found that everyone I have met has been helpful and willing to teach and share their knowledge.

Family/Children?

I have been married to my beautiful wife for 10 years and we have a 10 year old daughter.

What hobbies keep you busy?

In my free time I love welding and fabricating things. I also enjoy working on projects around the house and helping my family and friends with their projects.

What is the best vacation that you have taken?

Back in day, I got the opportunity to attend Mardi Gras and it was awesome. My family and I also enjoy going to South Padre Island. This year we are looking forward to going to Moody Gardens in Galveston.

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

Don't be scared to ask for help and if you don't figure it out the first time, don't stop trying.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Chunky Strawberry

What is your dream car?

65' Mustang

What is the first thing you would do if you won the lottery?

I would not really change much, I would keep working and make sure my family is taken care of!

SPOTLIGHT #2

Josh Malek

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in Bulverde, Texas and attended Smithson Valley High School. Upon graduation, I went to Texas Tech University and studied Wind Engineering. After I graduated, I stayed in the Lubbock area and worked on wind turbines. After several years I took a job in the oil and gas industry. I decided I wanted to get into sales and moved to Dallas to work for Johnson Controls for about 4 years. Wanting to move back home, I secured a job with Trane where I have been for the past year and a half. I am a senior account manager who specializes in turnkey retrofits, expansions, service contracts, and controls retrofits. I currently live in Blanco, TX with my wife and son.

How long have you been a member of SAABE?

I have been a member of SAABE for the past 2 years. I enjoy the amount of love that the association has for its members and its community. Everyone in SAABE has a genuine care for the well-being of everyone in the group.

Are you married and do you have any children?

I have been with my wife for 4 years and we got married a year ago. We have one son, Walker, who is 2 ½ years old.

What hobbies keep you busy?

I love spending time with my wife and son. I am also a competitive Bass fisherman. Fishing is my passion, we love spending family time messing with our boat, rigging tackle, and preparing for fishing tournaments. I also love hunting and going to craft brewers and tasting their beers.

What is the best vacation that you have taken?

We have not been in a vacation in several years but the best place that we have been in Colorado. We are also heading to New Hampshire in a couple of weeks to visit my wife's family.

What is on item/activity on your bucket list?

I want to go hunting in New Zealand.

What is your favorite TV show?

My wife and I are huge college sports fans. We enjoying watching all the Red Raider sport teams. Wreck 'em! I also like cheering for the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers.

What is your favorite Ice Cream Flavor?

Amaretto.

What is the first thing you would do if you won the lottery?

I would quit my job and fish for a living!

SPOTLIGHT # 3

Jacob Forester

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Tell us about yourself.

Born and raised in San Antonio, I attended high school in Salt Lake City, graduating a year early. After that I went straight into college and attended Texas State Technical College where I studied welding, blueprint reading and metallurgy. I took some time off from school and worked for Architectural Habitat cleaning up job sites. Returning to college at South Plains College, I graduated in 2015. Afterwards, I went to work as a welder for WS Steel. About a year later I found myself back at Architectural Habitat full time and eventually worked my way up in the company. In January of 2023 I was named Vice President and I look forward to growing the business.

How long have you been a member of SAABE?

I have been a member for SAABE for one month. I enjoy how everyone shares their knowledge and is always willing to help.

Family/Children?

I have a Husky named Kira.

What hobbies keep you busy?

I work a lot and don't get away all that often. When I do have some free time, I enjoy mountain biking, fishing, and working on my salsa garden. Visiting Southern Colorado several times a year is always worked into my schedule as well.

What is the best vacation that you have taken?

The two places that I always find myself going back to are Trinidad, Colorado and Destin, Florida.

What is on item/activity on your bucket list?

I want to build a commercial building from the ground up.

What is your favorite quote?

"Everything around you that you call 'life' was made up by people who were no smarter than you."
– Steve Jobs

What is the first thing you would do if you won the lottery?

Buy a ranch in Colorado with nice Aspen Trees.

Hi,

My name is **Brittany Killen** and I am an Commercial Account Manager @ **Blackmon Mooring BMS CAT**.

Please reach out to be me (bkillen@bmscat) if you would like to showcase your company and speak at one of our luncheons.

SAABE GUEST SPEAKERS

January – Chamberlain Roofing: Bobbie Willis

February – SAFD

March – Paul Dochery Chem Search

April – BLCCS - Greg Schulmeier

May – TRANE Josh Malek

June – Brannodon Frail Versacor Enterprises, LLC

July – BMS: William Medina/Brittany Killen (Hurricane/Flood)

August – Joint BOMA /SAABE

September –

October – Vendor EXPO 12TH

November – ELECTIONS

December – No Luncheon

SAABE Engineering Training

April 6th -Training – Nouveau Texas Elevator & Escalator Services (State Codes & Violations)

May 31st- Henry B Gonzales walk-thru

June 1st - Joint BOMA and SAABE training.
EILAN

JULY 6TH - TRANE

Job Opportunities

Welltower, Inc - Lead Maintenance Technician

CHECK SAABE.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS.

SAABE BOARD UPDATES

-The SAABE Board has been meeting monthly to discuss ongoing concerns regarding our membership events, education and other various factors.

-We are thrilled to have the First Thursday Training. Location and time will be emailed.

**** Luncheon Summary ****

SAABE Luncheon Summary (Thursday 02/16/23), Kendal Langenberg (Secretary)

SAABE Luncheon Summary . Thursday 04/20/23 . Kendal Langenberg, Secretary

The April 2023 general membership meeting was held at our official new home for this event, Anne Marie's. All attendees enjoyed some great food, fun, further education, and free stuff!

We would like to thank BLCCS for an outstanding educational presentation! Shout out to Greg Schulmeier, Shannon Mills, Billy Jackson, Brandon Ryan, Jonah Morales, and Debbie Lopez for your part in the training. Greg and crew took us through an introduction to building automation equipment, and demonstrated how this equipment can be used to incorporate energy saving measurements, such as chilled water supply reset, duct static reset, VAV optimization, and supply air temperature reset. The presentation also included how CPS rebates and the CPS demand response program can be incorporated into building automation upgrades.

Mandy Jones, our committee chair for SAABE Serves, gave a spirited appeal for help with the various charity organizations that SAABE desires to help this year, specifically Shields For Kids. Please see Mandy for more specific ways to contribute or get involved!

For our monthly "health highlight", we had our initial weigh-in's for the weight loss contest. This should provide a fun and competitive way for members to help shed a few pounds. See Gus for more details. A bunch of free stuff being given away formed the conclusion of our meeting. THANK YOU to all of our vendors for always providing a plethora of door prizes each month! And with that...see you in May!

Make plans now to be part of all of our events!

Back to School Supply Drive:

Benefiting the Children at The Hill Country Youth Ranch.

Please consider sponsoring a specific child by purchasing a backpack and all the school supplies they need.

Start bringing donations in May.

Email Mandy to sign up:

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A **BIG** Thank you to all SAABE members that participated in the Back to School drive benefiting **The Hill Country Youth Ranch children**. We want to specifically thank all members who gave their raffle winnings in order to help us buy extra supplies/fun items.

HCYR was overjoyed that we were able to adopted every child at their main campus! Each child was given all supplies needed for the school year with a backpack/duffel bag filled with other specific items on their interest list, I.e. art kits, sports balls, dolls, etc.

Again, thank you all who made these kids have a little glimpse of Joy during a traumatic situation.

Sincerely,

Mandy Jones

SABBE Serves Chair

Empire Roofing & Waterproofing

Participants in drive:

David Hooge/AirCo Mechanical

Christy Rhone/Cram Roofing

Nicole Hodina/FilterMan

Carl Berthold/Filter Tech Co.

Alex Raye/SAABE

Britney Brantley/ Endura

Joseph Nuncio/Sirell

Macy Bucek/Tex-Airfilters
Joe Fraga/Credit Human
Mandy Jones/Empire Roofing & Waterproofing
Kyle Riggs/Worth & Associates
Shannon Mills/? (You know?)
Jonathan Sosa/CBRE
Josh Malek/TRANE
Aaron Todd/Empire Roofing & Waterproofing
Jesse Arriaga/ Worth & Associates

Vendors, remember that we have 2 different levels of sponsorships available. Contact any board member if you're interested!

Engineers, remember that we have our *CBE certification program* available to you. See **Brent Miller**, Education Director, with any questions.

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Biggest Loser Competition

Would you like the opportunity to win big money while also losing some weight? Join us in our **Weight Loss Challenge** sponsored by **Cram Roofing**. First place wins \$350 and second place wins \$150.

It's free to participate and open to all Building Engineer members. If you'd like to participate, show up to the next luncheon and we will get your initial weigh-in.

Rules:

*Always consult with your doctor before joining any weight loss challenge or exercise program.

*This is a join at your own risk challenge.

*Free to participate for Building Engineer Members

First Place - \$350
Second Place - \$150

First weigh-in: Next SAABE luncheon, April 20

Last weigh-in: SAABE luncheon, July 20

* You must be present for both weigh-ins so that we can use the same scale to ensure consistency.

* Winners will be tabulated by calculating % of body weight lost.

* Weigh-in with empty pockets and no shoes/boots.

We will weigh-in each month to track changes and we'll send out the updated spreadsheets to the participants so you can see where you are compared to others. No one will see your weight, except for **Gus Villanueva** (Automatic Fire Protection) and **Christy Rhone** (Cram Roofing). We will publish the % of weight lost each month. By joining the challenge, you agree to all the above rules.

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Hi Everyone,

I want to say thank you for joining the SAABE Weight Loss Challenge. We have 13 people in the contest, so this should get really interesting! I've attached the first

spreadsheet. After you weigh-in next month I will be able to start ranking the participants with the % body weight lost. But you can see who else is in the challenge and perhaps get some friendly competition going. I'll send the updated spreadsheet each month so you can see where you stand.

Just as a reminder, these are the rules of the challenge:

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- * Last weigh-in: SAABE luncheon, July 20
- * You must be present for both weigh-ins so that we can use the same scale to ensure consistency.
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- * Weigh-in with empty pockets
- * By joining the challenge, you agree to all the above rules.

Remember to make healthy choices when it comes to food and exercise. Little changes can add up to make a big difference over time.

Best of luck to you all!!

Hi

I'm **Bobbie Willis** and I am the Business Developer for **Chamberlin Roofing & Waterproofing!**

I will be in charge of the Social Committee for SAABE. If you have any social ideas please contact me directly at 210.687.8668! Just like last year, we are doing a social Happy Hour for SAABE engineers every quarter. The sponsors will be to determined. Each Happy Hour will have different vendors sponsoring. Only the vendors that sponsor get to attend along with the engineers. More details to follow!!! Cheers!

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