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Mark Your Calendar

JOIN US FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017 at the Embassy Suites San Antonio Northwest, located at 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio, TX 78230.

CLEARResult

CPS Energy's vendor for rebates and energy efficiency programs will be presenting on the current Building Optimization / Retro Commissioning Programs

RSVPs are due no later than Monday, October 16, 2017. YOU MUST RSVP or you will have to wait until all attendees are seated. If your 2017 Membership Dues remain unpaid, you can view the presentation but WILL NOT be served a meal.

If you must cancel your RSVP, please email Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com BY MONDAY OCTOBER 16TH 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!



SAABE LAST QUARTER PROMOTION GOING ON NOW

DO YOU KNOW ANY ENGINEERS OR VENDORS THAT SHOULD BE A PART OF SAABE? ANYONE THAT HAS ATTENDED AS A GUEST AND ITS TIME TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

SAABE IS OFFERING OUR LAST QUARTER PROMOTION. FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS THAT **JOIN NOW**, YOU GET THE REMAINDER OF 2017 AND ALL OF 2018 FOR JUST THE COST OF A 2018 MEMBERSHIP.

THAT'S THREE MONTHS OF MEMBERSHIP AND ALL THE BENEFITS FOR FREE! YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS DEAL!

We will also offer incentives for our existing members to make recommendations, anyone that you recommend that signs up and pays for membership before the end of the year, you will get a thank you gift from SAABE!

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Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

“The only thing constant in life is change.”

Summer is officially over (please someone tell the thermometer) and fall is upon us. Leaves will be falling soon, gathering into corners of buildings, being dragged into lobbies, and plotting to clog any out door fountain and drain! As engineers, many of will also have a change in financial attitude. All the money saved throughout the year needs to be spent in the next few months or it will be gone forever.

SAABE has also been going through some changes. This year we have moved the luncheon meetings back to Embassy Suites, changed a few board members, brought in some new Vendor and Associate Members, and much more. With elections around the corner, who knows what else will change! Secretary, Vendor Representative, Education Director, and Membership Director are all up for grabs. You have heard me say it at the Membership Meetings “Get involved. It’s not as bad as you think!”

Speaking of elections, our proposed bylaw change for voting is on the table. With electronic voting we open the doors to the guys, and gals, that couldn’t attend the luncheon in December where we typically tally the votes and swear in.

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Our final planned change for the year is our Holiday Party. Art Martinez, Pete Munoz, Lauren Littlefield, and Joseph Nuncio have been putting in some extra effort to make sure the last social event of 2017 goes off without a hitch. We have a new venue for this as well, but for now, you’ll just have to wait to find out where.



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Luncheon Recap

By Joseph Nuncio

Thank You to Bob Barnebey with AMCON, Dan Bumbernick & Rob Solis with EATON for sponsoring and presenting at the September 2017 SAABE meeting and luncheon.

Mr. Bumbernick educated us on the hows and whys of VFD's (Variable Frequency Drives). Most buildings that are using modern applications utilize this drive technology for fans and pumps.

We learned that VFD's allow us to adjust fan/pump speed, give the convenience of programmability, allow the user to change settings and parameters quickly and help prolong the life and longevity of the equipment by allowing for gradual increasing and decreasing of fan/pump speeds. This overall controllability is a great asset to have especially when we are tasked with making sure that our equipment is operating as optimally and efficiently as possible at all times.

VFD's make the equipment much more efficient and lower operating costs as well as decrease wear and tear therefore extending the lifespan of said equipment.

We all know, increased efficiency and longevity equals an **increase in money savings**. If your building(s) don't already take advantage of this technology and you would like to learn more, please contact Bob or Dan for more information.

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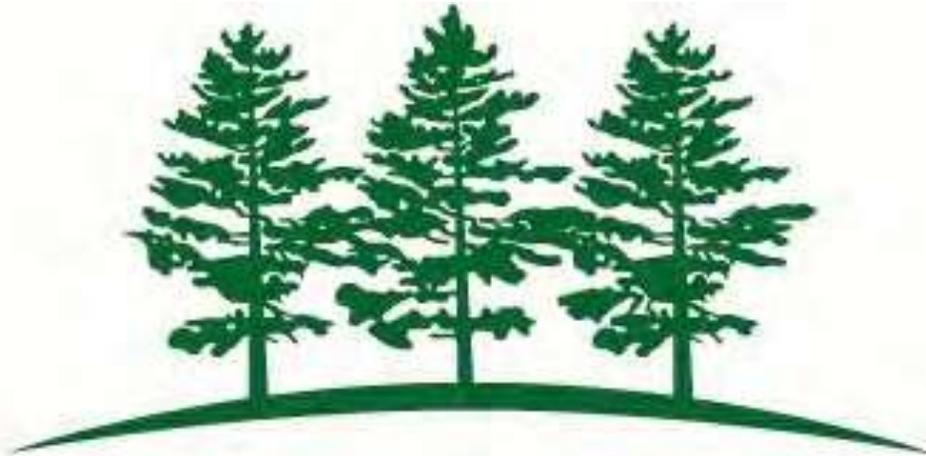
WANT TO SEE SAABE IMPROVE AND GROW? HAVE SOME IDEAS ON WAYS WE CAN IMPROVE AND INCREASE OUR MEMBER BENEFITS?

GET INVOLVED! SAABE IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ENGINEERS AND VENDORS TO GET INVOLVED, PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND IDEAS FOR WAYS WE CAN MAKE OURSELVES BETTER!

ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING INSIGHT, GIVING IDEAS AND SPENDING TIME HELPING OUR ORGANIZATION, CONTACT OUR ASSOCIATION MANAGER AT

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by Justin Titus

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born in Oklahoma and raised in Texas. Shortly after I was born my family moved to the great State of Texas. I am the youngest of four, and have two older brothers and an older sister. I enjoy spending time with my family and watching my daughter and her dance team perform on Friday nights under the lights.

How long have you been a member of SAABE?

I have been a member of SAABE for 20 years off and on. I enjoy the learning opportunities that the organization has to offer and I enjoy getting to see my friends and fellow engineers on a monthly basis at the lunches.

Family and Children?

I have been married to my wonderful wife for 24 years. Together we have two children, Jacob who is 19, and Lizzie who is 15.

What hobbies keep you busy?

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and working out. I also love boxing and do some training from **time to time**. I purchased a 91' K-5 Blazer several months ago and I am working on getting it fully restored.

What Advice would you share with those thinking about joining SAABE?

Honesty is the best policy, one of the only things you have in this world is your word. My Grandfather told me when I was young, that if you cannot stand behind your word, you cannot consider yourself a man. Also, never burn any bridges. This industry is very small and you never know who you might be working with down the road.

How did you get into the trade/Industry?

I started working as a security guard at Concord Plaza and every couple of weeks there would be new engineer helper on property. One day, I was visiting with Robert Andrews who was the Chief Engineer at the time and I decided to ask him for a job.

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Later that day, he came to me and told me I was hired. I had a bunch of one the job training and Robert taught me many things that I still use to this day.

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

My favorite place that I have been to is Big Bend. The scenery in the park is amazing and I highly recommend that everyone make it out there at least once.



IMPORTANT UPDATE

VERY IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGE

Due to rising costs in the industry, SAABE will be implementing a new policy. There has been a recurring theme of Regular members RSVPing to the luncheons and then not attending. When you RSVP, we have provide a head-count to the venue and when you don't show, SAABE still has to pay for your plate. On average, we spend \$300 or more on lunches each month for members that were not present. Due to this, beginning in January 2018, we will begin charging our Regular members for recurring no-shows to the luncheons. **If you RSVP and don't attend, you will get one free pass per year and if you miss a second time, you will be charged \$20.00, the cost of your lunch.** We hate to put this policy in place and have avoided it for many years, but this is a cost that SAABE can't continue to absorb and our options are to drastically raise annual dues, or implement a policy that charges per occurrence. We appreciate your understanding. Should you have any questions, please contact any SAABE Board member.

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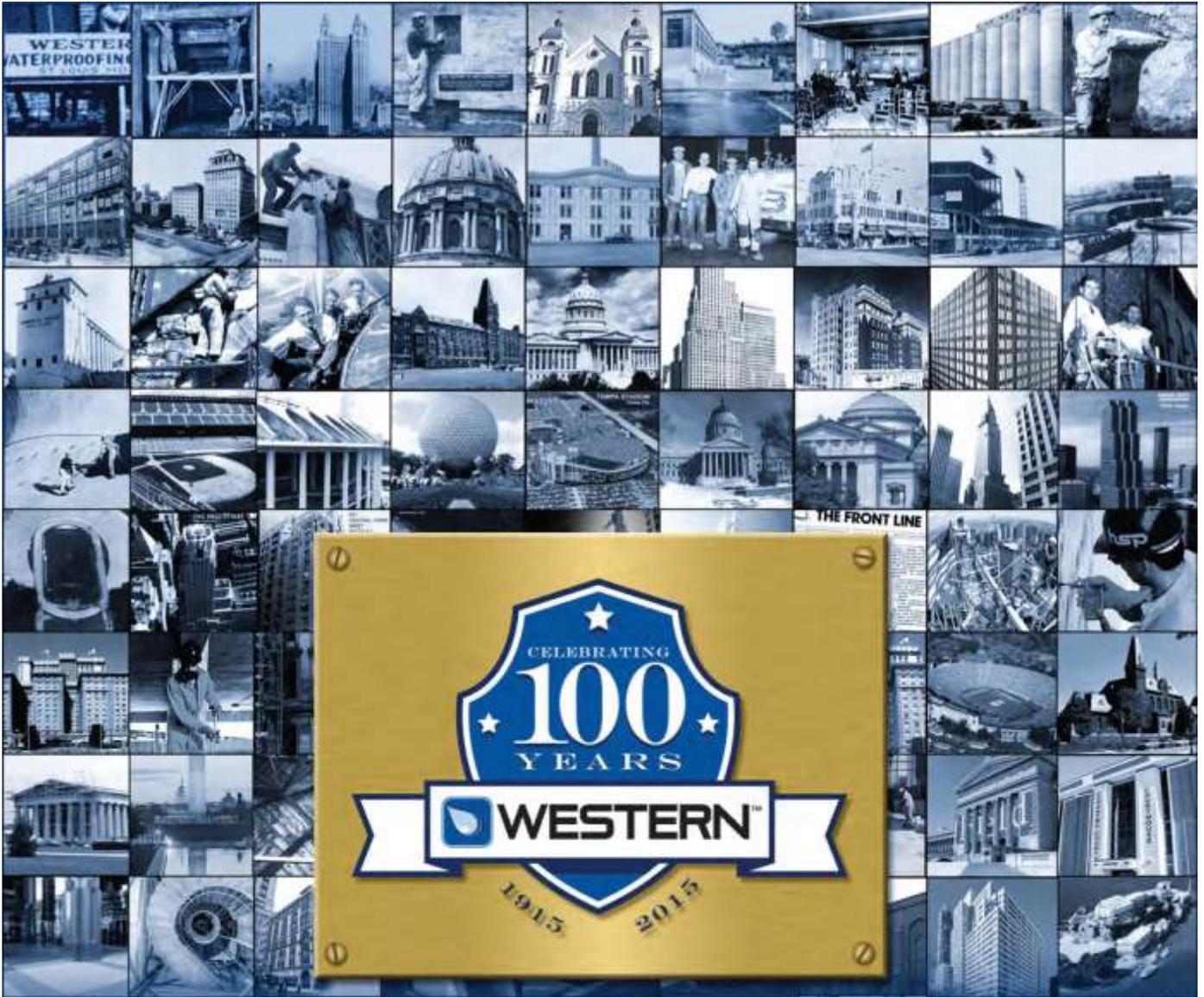


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Final Thought:

It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn.

-B. C. Forbes

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