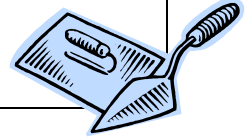


SAN ANTONIO MASONRY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

THE MORTAR BOARD



JANUARY 2009

January General Membership Meeting- New Location

The San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association will hold its monthly general membership meeting at 12 p.m. Wednesday, January 28 at **Pappadeaux restaurant, 76 NE Loop 410.** Please note the NEW location for the meetings! The guest speaker, Sarah Canez with EFGI Insurance & Bonds, will discuss how the new federal administration under Barack Obama will affect health insurance.



In addition, during the meeting, two applications for membership will be up for vote. Advanced Cast Stone, Inc. (James Sullivan) and Marshall Distributing (Amy VanGundy) are the applicants.

The cost of lunch is \$20 per person. **Call Debbie** to make your reservation for this meeting, at (830) 606-5556.

New Directors

Last week the membership voted for those who will serve as the Board of Directors. However, because the votes were so close, all the nominees were elected. The position of a director is a voluntary one, so they are to be commended for their service. The 2009 Board of Directors includes: Dan Martinelli (DJM Masonry Enterprises, Inc.), Brad Clay (Brazos Masonry, Inc.), Luke Southard (LS Masonry), Anton Shadrock (Shadrock & Williams Masonry, Ltd), Sam Lopez (C & S Contractors, Inc.), Danny Bryant (Acme Brick / Featherlite), Andy Cordova (Bricks & Tiles Unlimited), Austin Naegele (EFGI Insurance & Bonds), Roger Schmelter (Headwaters Construction Materials), and Jeff Windham (Alamo Cement). Thanks to all the directors for volunteering their time.

2009 Membership Directory

The Directory is ready to go to the printer. Hopefully, it will be ready by the January General Membership meeting on January 28 for members to pick up. Those which are not picked up at the meeting, will be mailed within the first week of February. If you need extra copies to give to people in your company, or to general contractors or architects, call or e-mail Debbie to request additional copies by Tuesday, January 27. Thank you to all the members who wanted their ads in the directory.

Monthly Meeting Info

The Board of Directors decided to try something new by moving the monthly Membership meetings from Waterstreet Oyster Bar to Pappadeaux restaurant. (Let us know what you think about the change.)

Members should remember they have the opportunity for "Five Minutes of Fame" during the Associates' Corner. The representative can present information about their company to the membership. In addition, any associate member who has brochures or informational materials will have the opportunity to display them on a table at the

monthly General Membership meetings. The member can be available after the meeting to any interested persons. If anyone is interested in this opportunity, contact Andy Cordova, the new programming director (210-854-9214).

News Tidbits

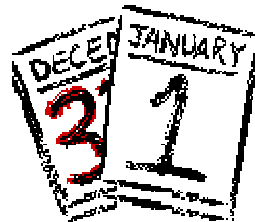


- Bill Krueger (TNT Equipment Co., Inc.) is now the proud grandfather of quintuplets. Bill's daughter and son-in-law, Casey & Ethan Jones, in Austin, delivered the 4 girls and 1 boy on January 16. Although the babies were 10 weeks early and will have to be in the hospital for 6 – 8 weeks, everyone is doing well. Congratulations to Bill and his family!
- The apprentice program currently has a total of 9 apprentices from Shadrock & Williams Masonry, Ltd., Groesbeck Masonry, Inc. and C.L. Crow Masonry. The instructor is Wendell Russell.
- Ben Cantu with Betco Scaffold was promoted to vice-president and moved to Houston. Margaret DeLeon is now the regional manager.
- Packets of information and rules for the Golden Trowel Awards will be e-mailed or mailed to the contractors by the end of January.
- The Central Texas Masonry Contractors Association is regrouping and will have a meeting Thursday, January 29, 6 p.m. at Scholz Garten in Austin. Mackie Bounds is the interim president. For further information call Liz Beber at 512-633-5437. Let's support their efforts to regroup!

Calendar of Events

Meetings and special events have been scheduled for 2009, so please make note of the following dates:

<i>January 28</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>February 25</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>March 24</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>April 30</i>	<i>SAMCA Golf Classic</i>
<i>May 27</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>May 29-30</i>	<i>Fishing Tournament</i>
<i>June 25</i>	<i>Golden Trowel Awards</i>
<i>July 29</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>August 20</i>	<i>Sporting Clay Tournament & BBQ Cook-Off</i>
<i>August 26</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>September 30</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>October 28</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>November 18</i>	<i>General Meeting *</i>
<i>December 10</i>	<i>Holiday Celebration & Awards Banquet</i>



In Memoriam...

C.L. "Pete" Crow, founder of C.L. Crow Masonry passed away December 21, 2008. Pete retired from the company in 2004. He was also one of the "Founding Fathers" of the San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association. Members of SAMCA, wish to express condolences to the Crow family, and the Crow Masonry staff.