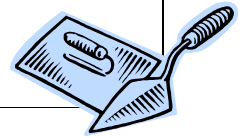


SAN ANTONIO MASONRY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

THE MORTAR BOARD



FEBRUARY 2009

February 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 remember the NEW location for the meetings! The guest speaker, Trish DeBerry-Mejia, mayoral candidate, will discuss the future of San Antonio. There will be time for questions from the membership. In addition, during the meeting, an application for membership will be up for vote. Hertz Equipment Rental Corp. (Leslie Pickett) is the applicant. The cost of lunch is \$20 per person. **Call Debbie** to make your reservation for this meeting, at (830) 606-5556.



2009 Golden Trowel Awards Deadline Approaching!

Only one more week until the deadline for the Golden Trowel Awards entries - **March 2.** **As of February 20, no entries have been received!!** Do not wait until the last minute. If the entry does not have the accompanying photos, then arrangements to have photos taken will be necessary. After filling out the entry forms, the contractor should fax or e-mail the form to Debbie. The banquet will be held at the Club at Sonterra on Thursday, June 25.



Winning entries will be selected in seven categories, with the masonry product being the *dominant* building materia. An additional category has been added – Block. In order for a project to be entered in this category, it must have at least 65% block. So the categories are: Residential (Single / Multi-Family); Governmental / Institutional; Industrial / Commercial; Educational Facility (College/University); Educational Facility (Publicly funded K-12); Hardscape / Landscape; and Block. Qualifying projects must have been constructed by a SAMCA member, completed within the past three years (September 1, 2006 through March 2, 2009),

The entry packets were sent out, but for further information, call Debbie Mason at (830) 606-5556, or e-mail at debmason@satx.rr.com.

Monthly Meeting Info

The Board of Directors decided to try something new this year to encourage better membership attendance. The SAMCA member who has the “BEST ATTENDANCE” record for meetings and events will win a free pass to the Christmas party. In the case of a tie, the names will be placed in a hat. Good luck to everyone!

International Masonry Skills Challenge

Ryan Stone of Rick Stone Masonry won 3rd place in the 3rd Year apprentice category of the 2009 International Masonry Skills Challenge, at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas on February 3. Also, Derrick Stone competed in the 2nd year apprentice competition, but was unable to win the challenge. They had a lot of support from SAMCA members, as you can see from the photo.



Front Row: Roger Schmelter (Headwaters); Craig Leeder & Guy Williams, (I-10 Building Materials); Marty Bostick (San Antonio Masonry & Tool Supply)
Back Row: Ryan Stone, Ricki Stone, Derrick Stone (Rick Stone Masonry) & Terry Adams (Rudd & Adams Masonry)

L to R: Ryan & Derrick Stone



News Tidbits



- The Directory was mailed during the first week of February. If you did not receive a copy, call or e-mail Debbie. If you need extra copies to give to people in your company, or to general contractors or architects, extra copies will be available at the February meeting.
- SAMCA will host its Sixth Annual Fishing Tournament on Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 at Bluff's Landing in Corpus Christi. It has hotel rooms, cabins and houses available for rent at the same place. For further lodging and marina information, go to www.bluffslanding.com. Make your reservations early!
- SAMCA has three wounded soldiers to report. Robbin Bostick (San Antonio Masonry & Tool Supply) broke his leg, ankle, and arm in a motorcycle accident on February 15. Mike Lacy (Groesbeck Masonry) had quadruple bypass surgery on February 16. Travis Crow (C.L. Crow Masonry) had back surgery on February 17. Best wishes and a speedy recovery to all three!

