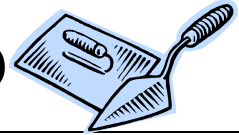


## SAN ANTONIO MASONRY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

# THE MORTAR BOARD



OCTOBER 2009

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association will hold its monthly general membership meeting at 12 p.m. **Wednesday, October 28** at Pappadeaux restaurant, 76 NE Loop 410. The cost of lunch is \$25 per person. Sue Ann Pemberton Haugh from UTSA College of Architecture will be the guest speaker for the membership meeting. "It was Time to Plaster" is the topic. In addition, the Patron of Masonry award will be presented to Pfluger Associates Architects at this meeting.

**Call Debbie** to make your reservation for this meeting, at (830) 606-5556 or email [samca@satx.rr.com](mailto:samca@satx.rr.com).

### SAMCA NOMINATIONS AT MEETING!

SAMCA members need to remember the **October** General Membership meeting is the meeting in which nominations for the 2010 Officers will be accepted. Please keep this in mind, and make decisions on who might be willing to serve. James Groesbeck has served as president for three years, now it's time for someone else to take that coveted role. Nominees for President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary will be voted on in November. If you would like to serve as an officer, please notify James Groesbeck at (210) 661-4880.

### FOUR WHEELING JOURNEY – WHEELY FUN!

The four wheeling journey October 15 - 18 proved to be an exciting adventure. Four couples traveled to Terlingua and saw a variety of wildlife and nature at its best. Tracie Martin (Acme Brick/ Featherlite) and husband Jerry; Maria Rodriguez (Equipment Depot) and husband Eddie; Tommy Dechert (Lundberg Masonry) and wife Terrie; and friends Tom and Dana Phillips. They reported seeing plants blooming because of a recent rain, and a great assortment of animals. Everyone wants to return again next year.



## 2010 CALENDARS

The 2010 SAMCA wall calendars are at the printers. If you would like more than one copy, please email Debbie at [samca@satx.rr.com](mailto:samca@satx.rr.com). They will be distributed to SAMCA members, General Contractors, and Architects. Each month of the 2010 calendar proudly displays one of the 12 Golden Trowel winners from 2009.

A special thanks to the following SAMCA members who purchased sponsorships for the calendar: Acme Brick / Featherlite, American Aggregates, Canyon State Masonry, Inc., CMC Rebar San Antonio, Curtis Hunt Restorations, Inc., DJM Masonry Enterprises, Inc., EFGI Insurance & Bonds, Groesbeck Masonry, Inc., Headwaters Construction Materials, I-10 Building Materials, Ltd./Stone Source, Integrity Insurance Agency, Inc., Lundberg Masonry, Inc., Masonry & Glass Systems, Inc., Mr. Henry's Masonry & Stucco Supply LLC, Prosoco, Inc., Pyramid Stone Co., Inc., Rick Stone Masonry, Inc., San Antonio Masonry & Tool Supply, and Shadrock & Williams Masonry, Ltd. The funds raised with these sponsorships enabled the funding of the printing of the calendars and the postage to mail them.

## UTSA MASONRY DAY

UTSA Masonry Day originally scheduled for Friday, October 9 was postponed because of rain. However, the event was held successfully on the following Friday, October 16. Travis Crow (C.L. Crow Masonry), chairman of the event, reported more than 150 male and female architectural and design students participated. The day provided the students with the opportunity to a "hands on" demonstration of building with masonry. Sue Ann Pemberton Haugh from UTSA College of Architecture, always sets up the event in coordination with SAMCA and the Texas Masonry Council (TMC).

The students were given instruction on the benefits of masonry. Stations were set up where the students learned about brick, stone, split face block, and CMU. The instructors taught the students about the importance of detail when constructing with masonry and the importance of mortar. The students participated by taking a trowel, spreading the mortar, placing the masonry unit, and leveling the unit into place.



On behalf of SAMCA, thank you to all who contributed materials and donated their time in the preparation, set up, instruction, and clean up of this event. The volunteers were: Travis Crow (C.L. Crow Masonry), Curtis Hunt (Curtis Hunt Restorations), and Harry McGraw (Texas Masonry Council). The bricklayers were Marco Antonio (Rudd & Adams Masonry), John Johnson (C.L. Crow Masonry), and Bobby Glass (Rick Stone Masonry). The labor was provided by Jorge Montano (Curtis Hunt Restorations) and Daniel Delgado (Rick Stone Masonry). Acme Brick/Featherlite provided brick, Headwaters Construction Materials donated block, and TXI donated mortar. Integrity Insurance Agency was kind

enough to provide lunch to the SAMCA volunteers. Thanks to everyone for helping this annual event become another successful way to promote masonry.

### **NIGHT TIME GOLF TOURNAMENT RE-SCHEDULED**



The Night Time Golf event was postponed, which now is scheduled for Thursday, November 12. Check-in will begin at 3 p.m. The first 9 holes will be played beginning at 4 p.m., while the sun is up. (The sun will set at approximately 5:41 p.m.). The second set of 9 holes will be played in the dark using Glow-in-the-Dark Balls. Players are free to bring flashlights. The cost will be \$65 which includes a golf cart, food, and beverages. There will be a scramble, similar to our spring golf classic. If you have further questions, call Jeff Windham 210-663-5331.

### **2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

This year the membership dues for 2010 will be billed on December 1 and due by December 31. In years past, the dues have been billed on January 1 and due by January 31. Hopefully, this will alleviate the problem with members getting listed in the membership directory, and not being current on the dues. The directory should be sent out by early February, but late paying dues, delays the printing. (If a member is not planning to renew membership, the member should notify Debbie in December or earlier.)

### **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

The Holiday Celebration and Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, December 10 at Pedrotti's Northwind Ranch. The Christmas committee is meeting Thursday to make plans for the upcoming festivities. If you have an idea or suggestion for the party, please email Penny Previtera, committee chairperson, at [pennyprevitera@satx.rr.com](mailto:pennyprevitera@satx.rr.com).

### **APPRENTICE TRAINING RESUMES**

The SAMCA Apprentice Training program took a summer break because of the intense heat. However, the classes will resume at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 at San Antonio Masonry & Tool Supply. The apprentices who were in the classes before the break will return, but new apprentices are needed also.

Now is the time to train apprentices for the future when the economy recovers. This will insure that San Antonio masonry contractors have an adequate number of masons to handle the influx of building projects. This training program is at no cost to the apprentice or the contractor, so it is a great opportunity for everyone.

Robbin Bostick at San Antonio Masonry & Tool Supply allows the training to take place at his facility at no charge. SAMCA is grateful to him for his generosity. For further information about this program, please call Anton Shadrock at (210) 695-3565.

### NEW SAMCA MEMBER

Elms ♦ Harmon ♦ Macchia, LLC, the newest member of SAMCA, has been a member of the San Antonio legal community since 1998, when Lee Elms and Tom Harmon formed the firm with Stephanie Macchia, all of whom had previously worked together at another San Antonio firm. Mr. Elms and Mr. Harmon have practiced construction law since 1979 and 1985, respectively, and both, along with Ms. Macchia, graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law here in San Antonio. The firm concentrates its practice in the areas of construction law, creditors' rights, real estate, probate, and business transactions and can handle the filing and prosecution of mechanic's liens, construction litigation, the collection of debts in both the bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy context, and other construction-related disputes, as well as real estate and consumer transactions. Mr. Harmon will be the primary representative of the firm at the SAMCA meetings.

### SAMCA'S UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Wednesday, October 28** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant – Nominations for Officers & Patron of Masonry Award
- **Thursday, November 12** - SAMCA Board Meeting –Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **Thursday, November 12** – Night Golf Tournament – Alamo Golf Club
- **Wednesday, November 18** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **Thursday, December 3** – SAMCA Board Meeting – Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **Thursday, December 10** – Holiday Celebration & Awards Banquet – Pedrotti's Ranch

### NEW ARRIVAL!

SAMCA member, Austin Naegele (EFGI Insurance & Bonds) and his wife Jennifer had their first child on September 20. Mackenzie Rose weighed 8 lbs. and measured 20.5 inches long. Austin reports that mother and child are both doing well. However, as with most newborns, Mackenzie Rose is trying to figure out when to sleep. Congratulations to the Naegele family!

