

SAN ANTONIO MASONRY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

THE MORTAR BOARD



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JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association will hold its monthly general membership meeting at 12 p.m. **Wednesday, January 27** at Pappadeaux restaurant, 76 NE Loop 410. The cost of lunch is \$25 per person. Jacob Monty, an attorney from the Houston law firm Monty Partners, LLP will be the guest speaker for the meeting. He will discuss employment, labor law, and immigration issues which can affect the masonry industry. Jacob's expertise is handling labor issues with Hispanic workforces. **Call Debbie** to make your reservation for this informative meeting, at (830) 606-5556 or email samca@satx.rr.com.

SAMCA OFFICERS FOR 2010!

In mid-November, SAMCA's members elected the Officers to serve in 2010. The results are as follows: President – James Groesbeck (Groesbeck Masonry, Inc.), Vice-president – Rick Stone (Rick Stone Masonry), Treasurer – Penny Previtera (Integrity Insurance Agency), and Secretary – Maria Rodriguez (Equipment Depot). This will be James Groesbeck's fourth term in office. Please support everyone throughout the year as they volunteer their time and energy to the association.

2010 CALENDARS

The 2010 SAMCA wall calendars were mailed out in late November. If you did not receive one, call or email Debbie Mason. If you would like more than one copy, please email Debbie at samca@satx.rr.com. They were 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.

2010 SAMCA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Directory is ready to go to the printer. Hopefully, if all goes well, it will be ready by the January General Membership meeting on January 27 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 26. Thank you to all the members who wanted their ads in the directory.

ASSOCIATE CORNER

Members should remember they have the opportunity for “Five Minutes of Fame” during the Associate’s Corner at the monthly General Membership meetings. The representative can present information about their company to the members. In addition, any associate member who has brochures or informational materials will have the opportunity to display them on a table at these meetings. The member can be available after the meeting to any interested persons. If anyone is interested in this opportunity, contact Andy Cordova, the programming director (210-854-9214).



NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Last week the membership voted for those who will serve as the Board of Directors. The position of a director is a voluntary one, so they are to be commended for their service. The 2010 Board of Directors includes: Dan Martinelli (DJM Masonry Enterprises, Inc.), Brad Clay (Brazos Masonry, Inc.), Anton Shadrock (Shadrock & Williams Masonry, Ltd), Sam Lopez (C & S Contractors, Inc.), Danny Bryant (Acme Brick / Featherlite), Roger Schmelter (Headwaters Construction Materials), Guy Williams (I-10 Building Materials), and Jeff Windham (Alamo Cement). The President (James Groesbeck), Vice-president (Rick Stone), and Treasurer (Penny Previtera) are automatically considered Board Members, according to the SAMCA By-Laws. Thank you to those who voted, and those who volunteered to be a nominee.

GOLDEN TROWEL AWARDS ENTRIES ON THE HORIZON

SAMCA Contractors should be planning their 2010 Golden Trowel Awards entries. The deadline for turning in the entry forms is **March 1**. 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 24.

Winning entries will be selected in seven categories, with the masonry product being the *dominant* building material. 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, 2007 through March 2, 2010),

The entry packets will be emailed, but for further information, call Debbie Mason at (830) 606-5556, or e-mail at samca@satx.rr.com.

SAMCA'S UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meetings and special events have been scheduled for 2010, so please make note of the following dates:

- **January 27** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **February 24** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **March 31**- SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **April 15** - SAMCA Golf Classic – The Republic Golf Club
- **April 28**- SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **May 26**- SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **May 28-29** - Fishing Tournament – Bluff's Landing, Corpus Christi
- **June 24** - Golden Trowel Awards – The Club at Sonterra
- **July 28** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **August 26** - Sporting Clay Tournament & BBQ Cook-Off – Cedar Ridge Range
- **September 29** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **October 27**- SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **November 17** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **December 9** - Holiday Celebration & Awards Banquet