

## SAN ANTONIO MASONRY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

# THE MORTAR BOARD



FEBRUARY 2010

### FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association will hold its monthly general membership meeting at 12 p.m. **Wednesday, February 24** at Pappadeaux restaurant, 76 NE Loop 410. The cost of lunch is \$25 per person. SAMCA member, Tom Harmon, an attorney from the local law firm Elms, Harmon, Macchia, will be the guest speaker for the meeting. He will discuss “Maximizing Recovery of Past Due Debt in Construction”. In addition, the membership will vote on applications for membership from Trico Lift and Redondo Manufacturing. **Call Debbie** to make your reservation for this informative meeting, at (830) 606-5556 or email [samca@satx.rr.com](mailto:samca@satx.rr.com).

### GOLDEN TROWEL AWARDS ENTRIES DEADLINE APPROACHING!

SAMCA Contractors should be planning their 2010 Golden Trowel Awards entries. The deadline for turning in the entry forms is **March 1**. Only two weeks away, so don't 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 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 have been emailed, but for further information, call Debbie Mason at (830) 606-5556, or e-mail at [samca@satx.rr.com](mailto:samca@satx.rr.com).

## 2010 SAMCA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Directory was mailed out. 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. 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).



## POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The SAMCA Board of Directors has formed a committee to research the benefits, the costs, the pitfalls, and the technicalities of forming a political action committee. If anyone has information to share with the committee, or has questions, call the committee chairman, Brad Clay at 254-848-5830.

## SPECIAL EVENTS DATES

- The Seventh Annual Fishing Tournament date has changed from May 28-29 to Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17 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](http://www.bluffslanding.com). Make your reservations early!
- The Night Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 5. It was very successful in 2009, so set your calendars for this year!
- The Texas Masonry Council Convention is set for August 11 -13 at the Driscoll Hotel in Austin.