

Off The Wall

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2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEB 6 - DINNER MTG.

MARCH 6 - DINNER MTG.

APRIL 3 - DINNER MTG.

Wall Raiser - TBA

MAY 1 - DINNER MTG.



ATTN: Board Members!

Our Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, at 4:30 pm in the BOARD ROOM at the Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center in Atlanta before the regular dinner meeting.

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING JANUARY 10, 2008

GA Tech Hotel & Conference Center
(Conference Room Eight)
5:30 Cash Bar
6:15 Dinner & Program
“IMMIGRATION LAW UPDATE”
By Robert E. Banta, Attorney
\$40 per person

Note that this is the second Thursday of the month, and our meeting will be held in a new location. The **Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center** is located at 800 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30308. There is an attached parking garage with parking by the hour, so please plan accordingly.

We are kicking off 2008 with the installation of our officers and board as well as an excellent program presented by Robert Banta of Banta Immigration Law, Ltd. He will give an overview of the latest happenings in immigration that affect us all.

Call 770-271-8250 or email Michèle to make your reservations ASAP. We MUST have an accurate headcount for the conference center by Monday, January 7th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2008 OFFICERS!

PRESIDENT: BRAD DUNN, Galloway's Masonry
VICE-PRES: KAREN SWORDS, Pyramid Masonry
SEC-TREAS: CHRIS GIBBS, Hanson Brick

Elections were held at our meeting on November 1. Officers and 2008 Board members will be installed this month.

MASONRY ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.

2007 FINAL TALLY APPRENTICESHIP SPONSOR BOARD

\$142,650

53% of the solicitations received

95% of our goal of \$150,000

**Many thanks for this investment
in the future of our industry.**

**“Many thanks to our
FIRST CLASS sponsors
for participating in the
2007 APPRENTICESHIP
Fund Drive.”**

Our Finance Committee will be hard at work in January to begin fundraising for 2008's apprenticeship needs.

Apprenticeship News

The following apprentices are enrolled in the program and expected to begin classes again on January 8th. They are moving on to the stages listed below. If you would like more information about the stages, please go to our website.

Thanks to our judges! Harry Galloway, Jim Cook, Brad Dunn, Ray Wirth, Tony Hipps.

Stage TWO:

1. Soniod Daniel - WIA
2. Charlie Reeves - Audit
3. Jose Olivares - RMG
4. Hector Rangel - Logan

Stage FOUR:

1. Darion Fox -Pyramid

Stage SIX:

1. Valentin Garcia - Bibler
2. Alfredo Cervantes - Bibler
3. David Wheeler - Pyramid

Three apprentices did not pass their stages because of the quality of their final test projects. Three other apprentices did not complete the semester due to illness and work.

We will have five new apprentices starting in January:

- Jivon Brown – approved WIA student – **needs placement**
- Darren Williamson – approved WIA & VA student – placed with Bibler
- Anthony Mosley – placed with Pyramid
- Chris Kennedy – Bibler Masonry
- Charles Ellingham – Bibler Masonry

We are very grateful for the support of our contractor members and associates who make this program possible.

If you have any news of interest you would like to see on the website, please contact Michele at 770-271-8250.

Add our website: www.masonryassocga.com to your “Favorites” list and visit it frequently to stay in touch with what’s happening.



Alfredo Cervantes with Bibler Masonry works hard to pass Stage Five hands– on project.



Scaffold building is an important skill for Stage One students to master before they can move on to Stage Two. Charlie Reeves & Hector Rangel demonstrate proper technique.

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It is with deepest sympathy that I must tell you about a tragedy for Eddie Register (of Holcim) and his family. Eddie's 18 month old granddaughter, Lillian Grace, died on December 15 in a terrible accident. Our hearts and our prayers go out to the entire family.

In lieu of flowers, the Register family really needs our help with all of the unexpected expenses associated with this tragedy. You can still make a donation to the **SunTrust** account set up as the Paul/Carlton Register Burial Fund. That account number is:
#1000063938822.

Please continue to keep the Register family in your prayers. Thank you.

SURVEY SYNOPSIS

Contractors: 3
Associates: 13
Other: 2
Skipped Question: 7

When Current Meetings:

- Monthly Thursday Dinner – 50% (12)
- Monthly Luncheon – 45.8% (11)

Proposed Meeting Locations:

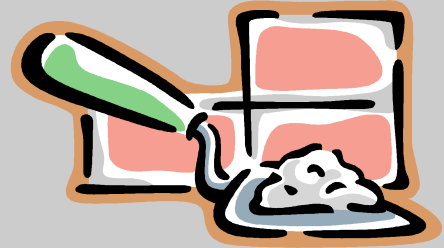
- Maggiano's
- Hickory House at Northlake
- Steak & Ale at Northlake
- Georgia Tech Conference Center & Hotel
- More intown/centrally located
- 103 West

Proposed Meeting Topics:

- Building code updates
- Labor law updates
- Forecasting
- Brick Research
- Case study on rebuilding the Pentagon after 9/11 \
- Apprenticeship Training

Special Events:

- Fall Outing – 91.7%
- Open House/BBQ – 83.3%
- Wall Raiser – 79.2%
- Associate of the Year – 58.3%
- Craftsmanship Awards/Holiday Party – 45.8%



Things The Apprenticeship Program Still Needs... Can YOU help?

- Two foot levels
- Safety glasses
- Saw aprons
- Safety Gloves (around saw area)
- Peg Board for Tool Display
- Masonry Tools to place on Peg Board (for Display only)

Survey Synopsis continued...

Type of Holiday Party:

<u>Most Favorite</u>	<u>Least Favorite</u>
- Casino Night (40.9%)	- Christmas (34.8%)
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- St. Patrick's (15%)	- Mardi Gras (18.2%)
- Valentine's (4.5%)	- Valentine's (14.3%)
- Mardi Gras (4.5%)	- Casino Night (9.1%)

Many thanks to those members who took a minute or two to complete the survey. A total of 25 people took the survey, so this is a fairly small portion of the membership. The 2008 Board will take the results into consideration when planning events this year.



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DUES RENEWAL TIME!

Dues invoices have been mailed. The deadline to renew is January 31. Please send a .jpg of your company logo if you would like to see it in FULL COLOR in the 2008 membership directory and on the website. Directory Ad information will be mailed to your company later this month, and the deadline to make the directory will be February 15th so we can distribute the directory at the March meeting.

YOUR LOGO NEEDED!

If you have a copy of your company's logo in .jpg format, please email it to the association office. We'd like to include it on your company's website listing and in future sponsorship opportunities.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM, CONTACT OUR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING DIRECTOR!

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