

El Paso Chapter AIA Meeting

Date:

Thursday, February 22, 2007.

Location:

The Greenery, Sunland Park Mall
750 Sunland Park Drive, El Paso, TX
915-584-6706

Time: Lunch Meeting

11:45 am - 1:30 pm

Program/Speaker:

The meeting will be sponsored by American Eagle Brick Co.

ARRISCRAFT Masonry Units : 1.0 CEU

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RSVP: By Noon Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

Call Emma Hernandez at 833-2488.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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for envelopes and questions.

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President's Message

February 2007

First, I would like to thank Tim Evans with Laticrete who was our speaker and sponsor for January's monthly meeting; his presentation on Healthy Tile and Stone Installation was insightful. We would also like to thank Hector Cadena with Dal Tile for helping us coordinate the meeting. Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the Professional Affiliate members that have rejoined our chapter this year. We sincerely appreciate your help throughout the year by sponsoring monthly meetings, acquiring presenters, the design awards banquet, participating in Committees, etc. On top of providing prompt information when we need it.

Texas Tech is stepping up their role in the region. Mr. Nicholas Markovich, PhD, AIA, will be the Director of the Practicum Studio in El Paso and plans to begin a new program which will offer BS in Architecture starting in the fall of 2007. Mr. Markovich has requested a few minutes to introduce himself at this month's meeting; please give him a big El Paso welcome when you see him. Texas Tech has been working with El Paso Community College as well as Doña Ana County to get this in place for sometime now. I applaud this major accomplishment and look forward to supporting the Architecture School. Personally, I have met a few individuals throughout the years that indicated they pursued engineering in lieu of Architecture due to the fact that it was not offered locally.

TSA President Elect Chris A. Hudson, AIA, will also be visiting us at our regular meeting to update us on what is going on at TSA.

Well, we are well into February and the Committees are set; now it is time to roll up our sleeves and get to work. The committee chairs are as follows:

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The Committee Chairs should be contacting you shortly in order to move forward, with respective Committee activities. I know there are some of you who did not get a chance to attend the December or January meeting, should you be interested in serving in any of the above committees please contact the committee chair.

Hopefully, many of you have had the chance to visit the website and have seen the gradual progression of its update; we will strive to continually update it for the purpose of keeping you all informed.

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Look forward to seeing you on February 22nd.

Thank you,

Hector De Santiago, AIA

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND OTHER NEWS

Eames on Film sponsored by Herman Miller / BPSI: 2.0 CEU

February 21st: Sunland Park Casino 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Presented by Eames Demetrios, grandson of Charles and Ray Eames: films intent to gain understanding and appreciation of the work of Charles & Ray Eames and how their use of film extended the design methodology at play in their furniture and architectural work.

Start lunch at 11:45, film start at noon to 1PM and Q&A from 1-1:30PM.

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USGBC—Paseo Del Norte Group

Thanks to Carlos Arguijo of Bath Engineering for the presentation on an introduction to LEED goals and requirements at our meeting this month at Cappetto's. And a special thanks to Kate McLaren of Haworth for picking up the lunch tab!! Our upcoming meeting will involve a **tour of the Centro Internacional de Negocios in Juarez, MEX**, A LEED certified building built by Eiffel Construction. We'll depart from El Paso on **March 8 at 11:15am and return by 3:00**. Tour will be lead by the Owner, Robert Delgado and roofing consultant Michael Warmer. For details and an RSVP please contact Renee Jimenez at RStepp@mnkarchitects.com.

INTERNS!! ARE Scholarships

If you failed to qualify for the Architect Registration Examination Financial Assistance Fund (AREFAF) award because your income exceeded the maximum allowed, you may want to reapply in 2007. The maximum adjusted gross income as reflected on an applicant's most recent tax return has been raised to \$52,000 for those whose filing status is "single" and \$75,000 for those whose filing status is "married." Other requirements include having already passed sections of the exam totaling at least \$500, and a one-year Texas residency prior to applying for the award. The AREFAF award is available to all qualified ARE candidates and architects who passed at least one section of the exam after 1999. You can apply for the award from your online account - See "Enter an Exam Scholarship Request."

...and don't forget to check the website www.aia-elpaso.org
for more news and other information.

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We would like to thank you for your support.**

ADA Consulting:

American Eagle Brick Company:

Architectural Products:

Bath Engineering:

Concept Engineers

Rio Grande BPSI:

Interceramic Tile & Stone Gallery:

Dal-Tile:

Del Norte Masonry:

Dodge Plan Room:

Dunn-Edwards Paints:

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Jobe Materials, Inc.:

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Licon Engineering Co.:

Sunbelt Laboratories:

Urban Oasis, L.S. Design:

The Dry Wall Shop:

Fast Signs:

STJ Lighthing:

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