

HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

ELEGANT PALACE HOTEL HOSTS 38TH ANNUAL GALA: There is still time to sign up! Don't miss out on the year's most festive gathering of construction leaders in the Bay Area – the annual AGC Bay Region Holiday Dinner Dance. This year's event will be held **Dec. 6** at the opulent Palace Hotel in the heart of the downtown San Francisco shopping and entertainment district. Live music will be provided by the **Alison Sharino Band** and is sure to provide a good time for all. This year will feature Monte Carlo style gaming as well as a special tribute to **Dave McCosker**, chairman of Independent Construction and past president of AGC of California. Table reservations and exclusive sponsorships are now being accepted. To register online, visit the [AGC of California](http://www.agc-ca.org) website. For more information, contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.



S.F. BAY AREA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Halloran

CARB RULING, GREEN BUILDING TO BE DISCUSSED: On Thursday, **Dec. 4**, all ears will be on event speakers **Grant French**, Swinerton Builders Corporate Sustainability Manager and **Jim Halloran**, California Regional Affairs Manager of Large Power Systems for Caterpillar Inc. The AGC San Francisco Bay Area District will host its [Annual Holiday Luncheon](#) at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo at 12:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m.



French

French will be speaking on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, as new commercial buildings in most large cities will be required to be LEED certified in the future. Halloran advocates Caterpillar's clean diesel technologies to regulatory agencies and nongovernmental organizations throughout California and will be speaking on CARB regulations. For more information, contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.

SANTA CLARA HOLIDAY DINNER

BOCCE TIME: The Santa Clara District [Holiday Dinner, Bocce Ball Tournament and Toy Drive](#) will be held Thursday, **Dec. 11** at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. The bocce tournament will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and dinner will immediately follow from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please bring a donation of an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program. For more information, contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.

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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS NORTH

NEW 2009 – 2013 CEMENT MASONS TENTATIVE MASTER LABOR AGREEMENT:

AGC negotiated a new tentative 4 year Master Labor Agreement with the Cement Masons for Northern California. The new labor agreement, which is subject to ratification by AGC's membership, addresses industry issues, such as, meal periods and a waiver to the San Francisco Paid Sick Leave Ordinance, and also includes a 4 year economic package that if ratified will be posted with the DIR and will become effective for all public works contracts bid after March 1, 2009. For more information, contact the **AGC Industrial Relations Department** at (925) 827-2422.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Cemex's Kevin Hoy (left) congratulates a CityBuild graduate.

SF CITYBUILD PROGRAM HONORS GRADUATES:

The CityBuild Academy of San Francisco's Department of Economic and Workforce Development, in collaboration with City College of San Francisco, Northern California Carpenter's Regional Council, San Francisco Construction Trades Council, and local Community Based Organizations, is a 12 week intensive Pre-Apprentice training program that prepares motivated economically disadvantaged San Francisco residents for rewarding careers in the construction trades. Students are introduced with basics in carpentry, structural, and form work with an emphasis in safety. Graduates receive OSHA-10 and forklift certification upon completion of the program. On November 12, 2008,

CityBuild graduated its seventh cycle with 56 graduates and 32 of the graduates have been placed into various construction union trades.

MONTEREY BAY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

EVENT TO BENEFIT TOYS FOR TOTS: AGC's Monterey Bay District will hold its annual [Holiday Luncheon](#) and toy drive on Friday, **Dec. 12** at the Bayonet Black Horse Golf Club in Seaside. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots holiday toy drive for the needy. For more information, contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.

AGC PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED

BAY REGION HOSTS ANNUAL LUNCHEON: AGC Past Presidents' gathered once again at the elegant Palace Hotel in San Francisco on Nov. 14. The annual luncheon is an event hosted by the Bay Region with the purpose of honoring the Past Presidents' for all of the time and commitment they have dedicated to AGC in past years. In attendance were Past Presidents' ranging from Richard Moseman, President in 1971 to Wayne Lindholm, current AGC President.



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AGC-CALTRANS DISTRICT 4 MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ

AGC-CALTRANS MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM KICKS OFF: AGC and Caltrans officially



Pictured from top row (L-R) **Richard Grabinski, Flatiron Construction; Christine Williams and Bob Coupe, C.C. Myers, Inc.; Miguel Galarza, Yerba Buena Engineering and Construction; Ed Puchi, MCM Construction; Brian Stopper, R&L Brosamer.** Bottom row (L-R) **Frank Ruona and Mike Ghilotti, Ghilotti Bros. Construction; Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi; Jack Schumaker, Granite Construction Company.**

launched a much-anticipated mentor-protégé program with a networking event designed to give established contractors an opportunity to meet with prospective protégés. The pilot program, starting up in the San Francisco Bay Area but with expectations of a statewide rollout in the future, kicked off Nov. 14 in Oakland with a “pairing event” designed to give mentor companies and potential protégés the opportunity to get to know each other. The most compatible companies will then be matched and begin the process of assessing a protégé’s capabilities and drawing up a development plan. “I’m grateful to our prime contractors who have stepped up to help us out in this program,” said Caltrans District 4 Director **Bijan Sartipi** at the kickoff event, which was held at the Caltrans District 4 offices in Oakland. “We are committed to utilizing as many small businesses as we can, particularly in our capital program.” **Miguel Galarza**, champion of the mentor-protégé concept and co-chair of the AGC-Caltrans District 4 Construction Mentor-Protégé Steering Committee, said the construction industry and public owners “have a social responsibility to help people succeed in these difficult times.”

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SANTA CLARA DISTRICT HELPS CAMP CASTANOAN:

Members of the AGC Santa Clara District have been hard at work while making generous improvements to Camp Castanoan, a camp for special needs kids in the South Bay. **Seth Boles of Hensel Phelps Construction Co.** has been a “District Project Coordinator” of sorts, making sure the various improvement projects around the camp are kept on track and said “The guys definitely had to work through a few challenges.” But it is a worthwhile project. **Blach Construction** put in an estimated 90 man hours on the project, while **Rosendin Electric** providing the light poles, conduit and trenching equipment, and electrical enclosures. **Central Concrete** provided the concrete, while **Dolan Concrete** provided the concrete pumps and **Granite Construction** the bobcat used for the grading. Hensel Phelps contributed the rebar gauges for the light poles, the concrete finishers, finished assembly of the bleachers and power washed the sport court. For more information, contact Phil Varni at (925)827-2422.



When the sun goes down the lights come on at the sport court, thanks to Rosendin Electric.