

CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK 2009



Cliff Brewis addresses the crowd at Outlook 2008

PUBLIC WORKS ELEMENT ADDED TO ANNUAL EVENT:

“Outlook 2009,” a construction industry forecast for the upcoming year, will once again be held at the Corinthian Event Center in San Jose. This year’s event, jointly produced by AGC and McGraw Hill Construction, is scheduled for Wednesday, **Mar. 11**. Speakers include **Cliff Brewis**, Senior Director of Editorial Operations and chief economist for McGraw Hill; **Ralph Rodriguez**, Lead Economist at Kaiser Permanente; **Katy Allen**, San Jose Director of Public Works; **Bijan Sartipi**, Caltrans District 4 Director; and **Tom Holsman**, CEO of AGC of California. A new feature to this year’s event will be a Public Works portion which will include having representatives from various public agencies populate tables where they will have information on upcoming

projects for 2009, similar to what AGC has done in the past with “Public Works Night” events. Be one of the first 50 guests to register and you will receive a printed copy of *Outlook 2009 & Beyond*, valued at \$495 for absolutely free! [Register online today](#). For more information or if you have questions, please contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.

CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

COMMITTEE TO MAKE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DEBUT:

The AGC Construction Leadership Council (CLC), formerly known as the Young Constructors Forum (YCF), has been a solid committee in Southern California and is now making its way to Northern California. There will be a kickoff event on Thursday, **Feb. 12**, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at BJ’s Brewhouse in San Mateo, located at 2206 Bridgepoint Parkway. This will be an informal gathering for whoever wishes to attend, where active CLC members from Southern California will be present to discuss details of the CLC and why it is beneficial for you to be an active part of this committee.

People who should attend include middle management, service / materials suppliers, project managers / supervisors, estimators, etc. This event is FREE to attend, so please RSVP as soon as possible, but no later than **Feb. 9**. Drinks and appetizers will be provided. To register online, please [click here!](#) For more information, please contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Several members of the San Francisco Bay Area board of directors chat while at the Cypress Mandela facility.

SF BAY AREA BOARD TOURS CYPRESS MANDELA:

The San Francisco Bay Area board of directors held their Jan. 12 District Board Meeting at the Cypress Mandela Training Center in Oakland. Executive Director **Art Shanks** invited the board to the training center to go on a tour of the facility which for the past 15 years has trained approximately 1,500 adults in various skills to prepare them for a career in the construction industry. The program has a stellar 90 percent placement rate and not only teaches job skills, but also life skills such as teamwork and punctuality. After the tour, the board sat down for their regularly scheduled meeting and voted **Miguel Galarza** of Yerba Buena Engineering and Construction and **Dave Niese** of Flatiron West, Inc. as Chair and Vice Chair of the District, respectively. For more information on board

activities or to become involved, please contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.

SANTA CLARA MEMBERSHIP MIXER

COME FOR THE NETWORKING, STAY FOR THE HOCKEY: The Santa Clara District will be hosting their annual membership “San Jose Sharks Game” mixer on Tuesday, **Mar. 3** at the HP Pavilion in San Jose. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and the game begins at 7:30 p.m. against the Dallas Stars. [Register Online](#) or for more information, contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.



GOLF TOURNAMENTS



A golfer tees off at the 2008 North Bay District Golf Tournament.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENTS:

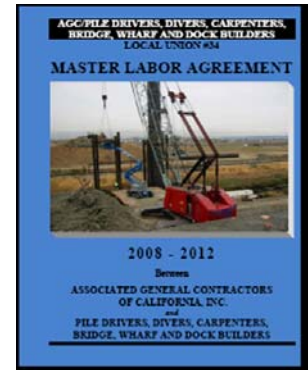
The 9th annual North Bay Golf Tournament will be held Monday, **Apr. 20** at the Windsor Golf Club in Windsor. Proceeds from the event will benefit scholarship programs at Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University for needy students who are pursuing a career in construction. Shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422. The 16th annual Monterey Bay District Golf Tournament will be held Friday, **May 1** at the Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside. Shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m. Sponsorships are available. For more information contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.

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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS - NORTH

BE AWARE OF THE LATEST HAPPENINGS: The AGC Northern California Industrial Relations Department recently finalized a new 2008-2012 AGC/Pile Drivers MLA Booklet. The printing of this Agreement (booklet) was a joint labor-management effort by the Northern California Industrial Relations Department and the Pile Drivers Local Union # 34. This booklet has been reviewed and approved by both parties and is an example of a positive and productive relationship between labor and management. The booklets are free, but you pay shipping and handling. They can be purchased through the Northern California Industrial Relations Department. Please contact **Lesa Hogeboom** at (925) 827-2422.



CONTRACTOR OUTREACH



SAVE THE DATES: The California Construction Contracting Program, a Caltrans – Small Business Development Center Partnership is offering a no cost, seven seminar training series. Participate and receive free one-on-one construction management counseling. The first session is on **Feb. 10** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and **Feb. 11** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The topic is Preparing and Submitting Winning Bids/Tips for Success. It will be held at the Cal State Training Center, 100 Broadway, Suite 109, Oakland, CA 94607. For the other class topics, dates and times, or to register, please contact **Jill** at the Alameda County SBDC, (510) 208-0410. You can also register by going online at <http://www.acsbdc.org>, click on “Caltrans” and follow the link.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU: In past issues of the Bay Area Briefing we have chosen an AGC member that has, in our opinion, been worthy of being in our Member Spotlight. But for 2009, we want you to tell us who you think should be in our Member Spotlight. To submit your recommendations, please send an email to Rachel Morris at morrisr@agc-ca.org with the company and/or individual's name and your reasons for why they should be chosen. For more information, contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.