

HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE



Guests enjoying dinner in the Garden Court at the Palace Hotel.

ELEGANT PALACE HOTEL HOSTS 38TH ANNUAL GALA: Thank you to all who attended the 2008 AGC Bay Region Holiday Dinner Dance. This year's event was held **Dec. 6** at the opulent Palace Hotel in the heart of the downtown San Francisco shopping and entertainment district. Live music was provided by the **Alison Sharino Band** and provided a good time for all. This year featured Monte Carlo style gaming which was a hit with all who participated. Tables were open throughout the event and the grand prize was a trip to Las Vegas. The event also featured a special tribute to **Dave McCosker**, chairman of Independent Construction and past president of AGC of California. The award was presented to Dave by Jon Ball of Hensel Phelps Construction Co. Photos were taken by Clarence Towers and are [available for purchase](#). For more information, contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.

S.F. BAY AREA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

CARB RULING, GREEN BUILDING DISCUSSED: All ears were on event speakers **Grant French**, Swinerton Builders Corporate Sustainability Manager and **Jim Halloran**, California Regional Affairs Manager of Large Power Systems for Caterpillar Inc. at the AGC San Francisco Bay Area District Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. French spoke on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, saying that LEED is going to have a large impact on the construction industry as green building "is where the market is going." Halloran described himself as the "messenger" for the CARB regulations and joked to please not throw anything at him. He went on to provide information on the current requirements for CARB and steps contractors need to take in order to be in compliance by the required deadlines. For more information, contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.



Grant French informs the guests on LEED at the holiday lunch.

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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 6:30 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. An informational flier will be sent out to all Bay Region members shortly. For more information, 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 6:30 p.m., and the game begins at 7:30 p.m. against the Dallas Stars. Keep an eye on your mail as save the dates will be sent out shortly. For more information, contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.



SAVE THE DATE

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FORECAST TO BE HELD IN SAN JOSE: "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**. 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! For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



ATTEND VALLEY WATER'S VENDOR FAIR: The Santa Clara Valley Water District will be held Friday, **Feb. 20** at 1:00 p.m. for contractors. It will be at the Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118. Contractors are encouraged to come and learn about the business opportunities available with Valley Water. Staff from Valley Water's Construction Units will be on-hand to provide

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information regarding the upcoming projects expected during the 2009 calendar year. In addition, staff will provide guidance to qualified Small/Micro Businesses with the Department of General Services certification process. For additional information, visit www.valleywater.org. There will be no cost to the attendees for participating in this event. For more information, please contact **Beth Redmond** with Valley Water at (408) 979-9781.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

YOU TELL US!: 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.