

# On the Level

A quarterly update published by Gates Construction Company Inc. – A Commercial Masonry Contractor

## Letter from the President



President, Robert  
"Bob" H. Gates

Welcome again to our summer issue of the Gates Construction Company, Inc newsletter On the Level. I hope everyone has been having an enjoyable summer. I want to thank all of our employees for their continued hard work and commitment to excellence over the past three months. This continued challenging economy is a test to everyone. We are surviving because of you!

We have finished our addition to our headquarters and everyone I know is happy to be settling in. We are planning an "Open House" in the near future, but until then do not hesitate to drop by for a preview.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter as much as I do. It is our goal to do the best we can to always keep you informed of some of the activities at Gates Construction Company, Inc.

Just remember if everyone strives to do their individual best then together we will be the best!

Thank You.  
Robert H. Gates

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## Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the second edition of On the Level! I hope you enjoyed reading the first edition just as much as I enjoyed putting it together. A few changes were made in this edition in an effort to better relay information to our readers. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or news stories. I want to thank all who have helped in putting this second edition together!

I hope you enjoy it and be sure and share it with your family and friends!

Sincerely,

Melissa Lyerly





### Top 5 Winners

Bottom: L-R: Juan O. Garcia, Fifth place, Juan Mejia, Fourth Place (Gates Construction) Top L-R: Robbie Watson, Second Place, Rhett Hallman, First Place, and Marcus Hefner, Third Place (all from McGee Brothers)

The NCMCA held its annual apprenticeship brick laying competition on May 16<sup>th</sup> in Dunn, N.C. Nine NCMCA member masonry companies, including Gates, participated in the event.

A total of thirty-three contestants had two hours to complete the skills challenge while being judged on "plumb," "level," "square & range," "measurements," "correct design," "manipulation and safety," "tooling and neatness," "full joints," and "production."

Gates would like to extend congratulations to Juan Mejia and Juan Garcia who placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the competition. Thanks guys for your hard work.

## Office expansion finally completed

Gates Construction Company, Inc is pleased to announce the completion of the new office expansion. As of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the new office doors were opened.

"We are extremely happy to be in our new addition stated Office Manager, Denise Gates. This extra space has been needed for quite some time as we have added several employees to our office force over the last couple of years." The office expansion first broke ground back in early October 2008. Connor Company

of the Southeast, the general contractor managing the project, spent eight months overseeing the new office expansion. "We would like to thank all who worked on this project for us."

A special thank you goes to Tommy Miller and Jeff Howard of the Conner Company, Also, a special thank you is extended to Bob Rash, of Robert Rash, Architect. We plan to have an official open house in the fall but feel free to stop by and see us before then."



# Kernersville Presbyterian Novant Hospital



Kernersville- North Carolina: There is a lot of excitement about bringing a new, convenient and high quality hospital to Kernersville residents. Ground for this new \$84 million, 220,000 square- foot hospital was broken in September 2008. Robbie Ludwig, Project Manager/Estimator for Gates, is working with Brasfield & Gorrie, General Contractors, to oversee the completion of this project. The hospital design will focus on quality, safety, efficiency and patient privacy. Future plans for this hospital include employing over 350 medical professionals in various medical fields to include intensive, acute, emergency and surgical care, imaging services, laboratory services, and pharmacy services. The completion date is set for spring of 2010.

Construction Crew: Robbie Ludwig- Project Manager; Tony Lawson- Area Superintendent; Time Jackson- Superintendent

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## Annual David Patton Sporting Clay Benefit

Gates Construction hosted the Second Annual David Patton Sporting Clay Benefit on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The benefit was held in East Bend, N.C at the Friendships Sporting Clay. Fifty-nine participants from various companies were divided among fourteen different teams to compete for overall highest team score and highest overall individual score.

The highest overall individual score of 87 was awarded to Max Angel. The Class B overall individual award winner was Hazen Alward of Alward Masonry and the Class C overall individual award winner was Adam Smith of Brasfield & Gorrie Construction.

The Overall highest team score was awarded to Casey Mitchell and Jeremy Eudy of Gates Construction, and to Page Tucker, Gerald Tucker and Wes Spurlock of Rodgers Builders. Bob Edwards and Dio Damian won the gun raffle sponsored by Gates Construction and Adams Products. Ed Vinay was the silent auction winner; he won the "Blue Ridge Splendor" framed print by Cotton Ketchie.

Congratulations to all participants and winners!

Gates Construction would like to thank all sponsors and everyone who made a donation. A special "thank you" to Robbie Ludwig, Project Manager/Estimator for all his hard- work in organizing this special event.



## Congratulations to our Employee of the Quarter Lloyd "Dogg" Graham

# Employee News

Gates Construction would like to honor Lloyd "Dogg" Graham for his hard work and dedication to the company. Eddie Coffey, Dogg's superintendent, says Dogg "is the hardest- working helper I've seen in my thirty-five years in the masonry business. In my opinion if you want to see the country's ' toughest- tender,' you don't have to travel to Las Vegas because he is right here working at Gates. Always when I ask him if he has everything ready for my masons, he replies with his favorite saying ' GOT EM ROCKIN CAT DADDY'. You will always see Dogg with a smile on his face. I have never seen him in a bad mood. You would just have to work around Dogg for one day to see what I'm talking about. Of course, I'm biased but he's got my vote even if he never wins a race!" Dogg currently lives in Cahah's Mountain, N.C. where he enjoys cooking, watching sports on television and having cookouts for his whole neighborhood. Gates Construction is very proud of you, Dogg, and would like to say "thank you" for all your hard work.



## Congratulations to the following employees for 10+ years of work at Gates Construction Company, Inc.

Isaiah Abram  
Amilicar Chinchilla  
Wayne Cook  
Luther Ghorley  
Marcos Hernandez  
Tim Jackson  
Tom McDonough  
Randy Oliver  
Juan Perez  
Ann Toupin  
Donnie Sowell Jr.

Jason Bryant  
James Cook  
Bob York  
David Hernandez  
Eric Howell  
Robbie Ludwig  
Rene Molina  
Donnie Owens  
Poncho Piguerra  
Purdie Shaw

Thank you for your time and commitment!

## Note from our Safety Director

### Spanish Competent Scaffold Training



On May 30<sup>th</sup> sixteen Gates' employees participated in a Spanish Competent Scaffold Training course here at the office. The course consisted of lectures and hands on events for the guys. I am very proud of the guys for attending. I hope they got a lot out of it. This is another way for Gates to become a safer work place and also to be compliant with OSHA regulations. Thanks again for your hard work.

- Mike Cook, Safety Director

## Gates Introduces... New Logo & Website

Gates would like you to check out our new website at [www.gatesconstco.com](http://www.gatesconstco.com). Don't forget to tell your friends and family to check it out as well!



## HYDEK/BENNU Mast Climbing Scaffolding Training

On Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, thirty Gates employees had the opportunity to become certified by HYDEK/BENNU sponsored the vent with a lecture, hand on event and lunch. Thank you to the guys who came out to help Gates become a safer work environment. We appreciate all you do!



### Employees who completed the training

Lewis George	Andres Navarette
Donald Townsend	Dale Gryder
Juan Dela Torre	Roberto Hernandez
Esteban Hernandez-Vera	
Jose Gallegos	Victor Gonzalez
Aldo Rios Hernandez	Freddy Phillips
Nasario Cordero	Orlando Hernandez
Sergio L Felix	Henry Hernandez
Jamie Gallegos	Marin Mosso Renteria
Eduardo S.Garcia	Jason Kohnstamm
Alfonso Vasquez-Martinez	
Tomas Mena Rodriguez	
David Espinal	
William McNeil	
Bobby Lail	
Byron Montenegro Ruis	
Pedro R. Diaz	



## Employee News

### Annual Company Picnic

All employees and their families are invited to our 11<sup>th</sup> annual company picnic. This year the picnic will be held at Carrigan Farms here in Mooresville on September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of food, games, and prizes for all ages. You should be receiving your invitation very soon! Please let your superintendent or Melissa know if you plan to attend.

## Company Holidays

September 7<sup>th</sup>- Labor Day

November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving

December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Christmas

## Annual Golf Tournament

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Gates Construction Golf Tournament is being held on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Mooresville Municipal Golf Course.

## Birth Announcements



Congratulations to Cory & Krystal Wages on the birth of their son, Ayden Wages. Ayden was born June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 4:18pm. He was 6lbs and 1 oz  
Congratulations to both Cory & Krystal.

Congratulations to Eduardo Garcia & Yolanda Cuadra- Morales on the birth of their daughter Andrewa Salazr-Cuadra. She was born June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 weighting 6lbs. 10oz. Congratulations to the both of you.

Congratulations to Chris Bruner-Project Manager/Estimator on the birth of his granddaughter Emma Ann. She was born July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:43am weighting 6lbs and 4 oz. Congratulations Chris on being a grandfather!

## Family Concerns

Please keep Bob Arnold in your thoughts and prayers. He is at home recovering from surgery. We miss Bob and hope he gets better soon!

Please keep Rodney Palmer in your thoughts and prayers due to the recent death of his father.

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