

On the Level



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

Bob's Corner

Letter from the President

Welcome to the first of many issues of the Gates Construction Company., Inc. newsletter "On the Level." In these challenging times of our economy, it makes me proud to know that we have not only continued to survive, but have experienced level of growth.



Robert "Bob" H. Gates, President

This is a true testament to our customers, but more importantly to our excellent employees. It is certainly our people who separate us from all other masonry companies. We continue to set the standard for all other organizations to try and achieve.

I hope this newsletter will in some way keep you informed of our projects, our people, and some of the behind the scenes activities of Gates Construction Company., Inc.

Thanks to all of you for your continued hard work and commitment to excellence as we together make Gates Construction the best company.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Gates



Photos of Gates Expansion October 2008- May 2009

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Welcome to the first edition

We are very excited about having a Gates Construction newsletter. This is something we have wanted to accomplish for a very long time. I think it will be a great way to keep everyone up to date on happenings within Gates Construction. I hope everyone will enjoy reading it each time it comes out. Thanks, Melissa, for a job well done!

-Denise Gates

Welcome to the first edition of Gates Construction's newsletter- On the Level. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep each employee informed as to what is going on within the company as well as information about its employees. Gates is excited about this new tradition and we hope you will find all information contained in each newsletter useful and entertaining. At the present time our hope is to publish On the Level quarterly and have it distributed with your paycheck.

As the author and editor of On the Level, I wish to introduce myself. I am Melissa Lyerly and I was recently hired as the Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator. Some of my duties at Gates Construction include planning and maintaining the website, creating the company-wide newsletter, designing

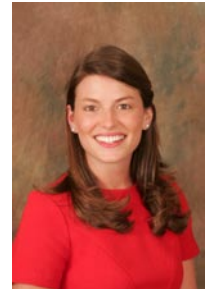
needed pamphlets/brochures, planning company events, and handling any marketing or public relation matters. I am a Mooresville native and a graduate of Mooresville High School; in December 2008 I received a BS degree from Clemson University.

I am always open to any suggestions or ideas for the website, On the Level, or brochures so please feel free to share. By the way, if you haven't

stopped by the office to say

hello yet, please

do!



Featured Project:

Inspiration Network

In every issue of our newsletter we hope to feature a completed project done by Gates Construction. In the first issue we want to highlight all the hard work put into building the Inspiration Network.

The Inspiration Network is a major international ministry media company that is viewed by more than 30 million homes in the United States. Inspiration Network is located in Indian Land, South Carolina, just outside Charlotte, North Carolina.

The project was started in May 2007 and was completed in December 2007. Gates Construction personnel overseeing this project were: Chris Bruner, project manager, David Chance, area superintendent, and Tom McDonough, superintendent. A lot of hard work went into construction of this beautiful building and we wish to thank everyone who helped in bringing this project to completion.



Fun Facts:

BE&K Building Group was the general contractor. There is over 387,400 sq. feet of office space & Little Diversified Architectural designed the building.



World of Concrete Convention



Bob Gates at the WOC

In February 2009, World of Concrete held its annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. This event marked the 35th year for the World of Concrete Convention and Gates Construction had the opportunity to take 10 of its employees to the annual affair. The guys had a great time at the convention and brought back many new ideas.

For those of you who do not know what the World of Concrete Convention is, it is an annual convention catering to the commercial concrete and masonry construction industries. With over 1700 exhibitors and 90,000 attendees, the World of Concrete is considered one of the best shows in the industry.



Eulalio Hernandez and Donnie Owens in Las Vegas

At the convention, Eulalio Hernandez represented Gates Construction in the Masonry Contractors Association of America skills challenge. Donnie Owens, job superintendent of Eulalio, was there to cheer him on! Eulalio did a great job and Gates is very proud of your hard work and dedication.



Eulalio Hernandez at the competition



Robbie Ludwig & Dink Mitchell Puerto San Jose, Guatemala

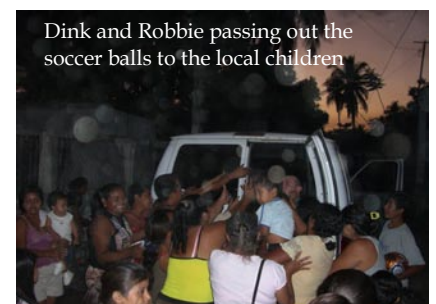


Annual fishing trip to Guatemala

This past December, Gates Construction employees Dink Mitchell, Business Manager, and Robbie Ludwig, Chief Project Manager/Estimator, took several clients to Central America when they went there for their annual fishing trip. Joining them on the trip were representatives from the following client companies: R. T. Dooley, Rogers Builders, Edifice, Stewart and Perry, and Matthews Construction. All of the guys stayed in Puerto San Jose and spent several days relaxing and fishing.



Clients in Puerto San Jose



Dink and Robbie passing out the soccer balls to the local children

Every year Dink and Robbie take with them a van full of soccer balls which they donate to the local children of Puerto San Jose. The children always swarm the van when Dink and Robbie pull up with the soccer balls.

Gates Expansion

If you haven't stopped by the company headquarters lately then you are in for a big surprise. Gates is "under construction" which means we are nearly doubling in our size. Connor Company of the Southeast is the company chosen to be sure our expansion goes good as planned. The new office building will contain nine new offices, conference rooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, and a storage/printing room. The new building has been under construction since the beginning of October 2008 and we are planning to move into our new office space in May 2009. After the new building is completed

and we get moved, we hope everyone will take the opportunity to stop by the new building for a visit.



Employee Highlights

On March 24th, Gates Construction Project Manager/Estimator Chris Bruner had the opportunity to speak to students at Northwest Cabarrus Middle School at their annual career fair. He spoke on behalf of our company and the masonry business in general. Chris demonstrated the art of laying brick and the students also had a question and answer session with him. Northwest Cabarrus Middle School students will eventually transfer to Northwest Cabarrus High School where masonry programs are promoted. Our thanks to Chris for representing Gates with your time and



Chris Bruner- Project Manager/Estimator

talents!

Don't forget May 25th and July 3rd are company Holidays!

*The David Patton Sporting Clay Benefit Tournament is being held on May 28, 2009. Contact Robbie Ludwig if you are interested in participating in the tournament or interested in purchasing raffle tickets. robbiel@gatesconstco.com or call 704.664.2121

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Congratulations to:

John and Kelly Brock on the birth of their daughter Jenna Grace Brock. Jenna Grace was born March 30, 2009 weighing 8lbs. 7oz. and 21 inches long.

Pedro Vera on the birth of your little boy!

Aldo Hernandez on the birth of your little boy!

In our thoughts and prayers

Gates Construction would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family of Andres Davila in the loss of his wife, Norma. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Gates Construction would also like to send our deepest sympathy to the family of Ed Roberts. Ed Roberts passed away on March 24th, 2009. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Welcome back Claymon "Chicken" Little. We are glad you're back and in good health. We missed you while you were out!

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