



UTEP vs. UAB Pre-Game Tailgate Party

11:00 AM—12:45 PM
Saturday October 31st

Glory Road Field
Game time 1:00 PM

Tickets

\$35 w/ game ticket

\$25 party only

Kids \$15 & \$10

Proceeds to benefit
AGC El Paso Political
Action Committee
Texas Bar-B-Q &
Fixin's

Personal checks/money
orders only

How Important is AGC to Legislators?

How Important Are They to Us?

When it comes to having an impact on the laws and regulations that our State and Federal legislatures make into law, the idea can be daunting. Yet there is no reason to believe that we cannot have an impact. Through the leadership of the state chapter (AGC Texas Building Branch or AGC TBB) and our National Chapter offices, we can have an impact on legislation that heads to the floor in either body. Our state chapter has a strong team that in our biennial sessions (and in between) work hard to maintain contact with key legislators and deliver our interests or concerns about proposed legislation. Too often legislators at the state level draft bills that haven't been thought through. Personal experience by a constituent can grab the ear of an elected official, sometimes resulting in a proposed law that is not balanced to protect the rights of both the public and the construction industry. However, most legislation that is proposed is usually fronted by special interest groups such as lawyers,

competing trade groups, unions, doctors, etc. They produce the bulk of the legislation that finds it way to a sponsor. Fortunately for us, both our state chapter and the national organization do a very good job of tracking legislation that might impact the construction industry. They flag it, research it and then develop arguments that will hopefully counter or support it.

Our role as individual members of AGC should be to support the local and national chapters in their work to help defeat what we consider negative legislation, and support pro-industry legislation and legislators who support our agenda. How do we do this? If the legislator holds an event that you as an individual can support, we recommend you do so. In other words when an elected state or national representative who supports our construction industry agenda, holds a fund-raiser, we, as individuals should make an effort to attend if we can.

If we cannot make that event

then we can always help by donating personal funds to the Chapter's **Political Action Committee**. Just as individuals make contributions to the chapter PAC, "The El Paso Chapter, AGC Political Action Committee," as it is formally known, has made a contribution to the state chapter political action committee. This year your AGC El Paso Chapter PAC gave the State PAC a contribution of \$3500. In turn the State PAC has made a contribution to one of our local state legislators in recognition and support of what they and we believe is an up and coming legislator who believes in voting for legislation which supports a strong construction industry and against frivolous or dangerous bills that in the long run only hurt industry, negatively affect construction industry employment, have a bad impact on school construction budgets and otherwise make it tougher for the construction industry to survive. So support your AGC PAC with a donation when you can.

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Did You Know?

Political contributions must be personal, from individuals and families.

Personal checks or money orders are preferred methods of making a political contribution.

Cash can be accepted, but contributor's name and address must be on receipt.

EL Paso Chapter AGC Political Action Committee to Hold Fund Raiser

When it comes to Texas, football is *KING*, whether it be high school, college or the pros. Keeping that in mind, on Saturday October 31st (Halloween!) the El Paso Chapter AGC Political Action Committee (PAC) will hold a Pre-Game Tailgate Party fundraiser prior to the UTEP vs. University of Alabama-Birmingham football game to help it raise funds to be used to support mostly state legislators who support the construction industry's agenda. The PAC is billing the event as a "Texas Sized Tailgate" with Texas Barbeque from Rudy's Bar-B-Q, including their famous barbeque brisket, sausage and turkey. Sides will include beans, coleslaw and potato salad. Your favorite condiments including pickled jalapenos, onions, mustard and pickles are on the menu. Add iced tea and your other favorite beverages and a sure treat is in store for all attendees. Due to the 1:00 PM game time, the tailgate party will start at 11:00 AM and end at 12:45 PM. Larry Trejo, Treasurer for the PAC, is predicting cool, dry football weather and a great time for AGC members and non-members to meet and mingle. "Whether you're a long time member, just recently joined the chapter, or you aren't a member, it doesn't matter, buy a ticket support UTEP football and the PAC." Packages come with or without game tickets.. Call Trejo at 915-585-1533 to order tickets.

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AGC Chapter
OFFICE HOURS
7:30 am - 5 pm, Mon-Thur
8 am - 3 pm Fridays
Closed Everyday at Noon



◀ Myrna Villalba co-owner of **B. Daniels Contractors, LLC**, proudly displays her new membership plaque. B. Daniels specializes in steel construction.



Danny Franceware, Center Manager for ▶ **Building Specialties, Inc** in El Paso, is proud to be a member of AGC El Paso. His company provides a variety of building ma-



◀ Ceci Miles Mulvihill, President of **RM Personnel**, just recently joined our Chapter. **RM Personnel** is a full service employee leasing company and also provides training in construction safety as required by OSHA.

Officers & Directors of the El Paso Chapter, Associated General Contractors are elected yearly for one year terms by the general membership.

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Report from the State Capital



State Chapter Budget Figures Are Positive

Managing the funds provided by the 13 Texas AGC chapters is a job Mike Chatron, AGC TBB (state chapter) Executive Director excels at. Each month he provides chapter executives with monthly financials such as chapter do for their board of directors. A glance at the budget figures at the bottom of the page show the state chapter is well in the black, **As for your chapter**, our finances are also in good shape; we have sharply reduced expenses and increased revenue. See directly below:

AGC El Paso Chapter January—September

	2009	2008	+/-
Total Income	\$354,055.08	\$341,815.79	\$17,794.29
Total Expenses	\$267,463.51	\$343,541.75	\$-76,248.24
Net Income	\$ 86,591.57	\$ -1,725.96	\$94,042.56

TEXAS BUILDING BRANCH - AGC STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES September 30, 2009

	2007	2008	YTD ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2009
Total All Expenses	\$ 731,266	\$ 656,865	\$ 520,500	\$ 765,866
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures before convention	\$ (19,792)	\$ 36,713	\$ 95,096	\$ -
Convention Income	-	-	121,809	-
Convention Expenses	-	-	102,991	-
Net Convention Income / (Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,818	\$ -
Total of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (19,792)	\$ 36,713	\$ 113,914	\$ -