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BOARD RETREAT: January 10, 2006 Pugsley's 2443 Walnut Hill Lane Dallas 214-357-0279

The TGA/NTD Board of Directors will hold their annual retreat on January 10, 2006 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

This is immediately before the regularly scheduled Board Meeting and Membership Program.

Board Members: please contact Karen Risinger no later than Friday, January 6th to make your reservation!

January Dinner Meeting Information



Tuesday, January 10, 2006
Paul's Porterhouse
10960 Composite Drive
Dallas

6:00 p.m. Cocktails
6:30 p.m. Dinner and
Presentation

Pre-Registration: \$35.00
Registration at Door: \$ 40.00

Please R.S.V.P. no later than Friday, January 6, 2006 to Karen Risinger at reservations@tgantd.com or fax enclosed reservation form to 972-216-9306.

On the Cover: FAA Building Dallas

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Letter from the Chapter Administrator

Phew! The presents have been opened, the turkey is almost gone, the parties are over and you may have already disassembled your Christmas tree.

What's next? The treadmill? A diet? Cleaning out the closet? Nope, it is time for you to contact your Committee Chairman of choice or one of your Executive Directors and find out how *your* talents can be used to better this association that we all enjoy. There are so many things that you can do and even the smallest participation is needed and appreciated!

I also want to challenge each and every one of you to step in and let your voice be heard, if you have a comment or suggestion, let's hear it! I have heard over and over again, "Our organization is only as strong as its members," so let's hear from those who have been silent!

I would also like to encourage everyone to send in a picture, article or whatever it is that you would like to see published in the newsletter. If you find it interesting, chances are it will benefit someone else in the industry. I am also ALWAYS open to suggestions to better the publication of *The Best View*.

I am available at editor@tgantd.com or at 817-849-1812!

Thanks to everyone for being so kind and understanding as I started this new position with the TGA/NTD. This truly is a wonderful association! I hope to meet more of the membership at future meetings and events!

Dana Bays
Chapter Administrator

Mr. Risinger, our new president, was unavailable to greet you himself in this January newsletter due to an illness in his family. Please keep them in your prayers.

TGA/NTD Christmas Party Benefiting Santa's Helpers!

This year our association raised over \$2,500.00 for Santa's Helpers! We also had tons of toys go directly to children of the Metroplex to make their Christmas just a little bit brighter!

Once again, Troy Dungan was in attendance to accept the donations and thank our wonderful association for their generous contributions!

See inside for pictures and a list of raffle winners!

You are cordially invited:

To participate on a committee in 2006! Please contact the current chairman or an Executive Board Member. You can find their information at www.tgantd.com

Be sure to let me know by e-mailing me at editor@tgantd.com, if you want to be added to our E-VITE list for personal invitations to all TGA/NTD events!

~2005 Christmas Party Raffle Winners~

Prize	Recipient	Prize Donated by:
SkilX Cordless Drill	Heidi Prater at Southwest Glass	TGA/NTD
\$100 Restaurant Pack	Mary Van Story at Oak Cliff Mirror & Glass	TGA/NTD
Nativity Set	Brenda Greathouse at Knowles Door Check	TGA/NTD
Travel Drive	Chuck Riley at Knowles Door Check	TGA/NTD
X-Rocker	Larry Mooneyham at MGM Glass	TGA/NTD
Wheeled Luggage	Mary Van Story at Oak Cliff Mirror & Glass	TGA/NTD
DVD/VCR	Laurie Mills at Oak Cliff Mirror & Glass	TGA/NTD
\$100 Restaurant Pack	Greg Smith at Automatic Door	TGA/NTD
\$100 Home Depot Gift Card	Todd Stanfield at EFCO	TGA/NTD
Bath & Body Gift Purse	Michele Helterbran at Helterbran Associates	TGA/NTD
Goose Down Comforter	Johnny Lamb at Universal Glass	TGA/NTD
\$100 Restaurant Pack	Brenda Greathouse at Knowles	TGA/NTD
Palm Pilot	Garner Roberts at BGR	TGA/NTD
\$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card	James Darnell	TGA/NTD
23" Color TV	Donna Chamberlain at Oak Cliff Mirror & Glass	TGA/NTD
Massage Back Cushion	Melinda O'Neil at JPON	TGA/NTD
\$100 Restaurant Pack	Madelynn Hill	TGA/NTD
Digital Phone System	Sharon Gilchrist at Door Control Services	TGA/NTD
\$100 Academy Sports Gift Card	Terri Smith at Universal Glass	Quality Power Coating
\$100 Home Depot Gift Card	Terry Smith at Automatic Door	MGM Glass
B & D Cordless Drill	Penny Wiggs	TGA/NTD
\$100 Restaurant Pack	Brett Smith at Universal Glass	TGA/NTD
MP3 Player	Sam Hill at Oak Cliff Mirror & Glass	TGA/NTD
Seiko Melody Clock	Melinda O'Neil at JPON	TGA/NTD
\$100 Restaurant Pack	Brenda Greathouse at Knowles Door Check	TGA/NTD
Micro Compo System	Tom Wheeler	TGA/NTD
Holiday Inn Select 1 Night Stay with Breakfast	Elizabeth Mills at Oak Cliff Mirror & Glass	Holiday Inn Select
\$100	Charles Risinger at Country Glass	Mammen Glass
Dallas Stars Tickets (2)	Johnny Lamb at Universal Glass	Mammen Glass
Dallas Stars Tickets (2)	Bill Whittwoton at Country Glass	Mammen Glass
Mystery Gift	Penny Wiggs	Universal Glass

And the Grand Prize Goes to:

Madelynn Hill

\$500 Dollars in Cash!



Cool Tools Glaziers Talk about the Tools They Use the Most

While the traditional tools of the trade remain a staple in glaziers' toolboxes, today's new and innovative products are bringing ease of use, efficiency and increased productivity to the jobsite. The quality, engineering and design of the next generation of tools, along with their durability, versatility and comfort are catching the attention of glaziers everywhere.

Matt Raza, president of Nu Glass & Mirror in Pelham, N.H., is a second-generation glazier who looks for tools that provide the power and diversity to get the job done. Raza says that in addition to having trained and knowledgeable glaziers, the type of tools utilized on the job also helps make a difference to the bottom line.

According to Raza, many of the tools of the glazing trade, despite their age, can still be utilized in some fashion. He uses a varied assortment of battery-powered tools, with his favorite being the 18-volt DeWALT

Hammerdrill XRP.

Other tools that Raza finds essential are the new DeWALT 12-inch compound miter saw and passload finish nailer. Raza explains that the blade on this compact miter saw affords the ability to cut a large variety of materials. The nailer runs off a propane pack and a battery and can be used without a compressor or hose. It takes from 1 ¼ -inch up to 2 ½-inch finished nails, and it is compact, versatile, quick and saves a great deal of time, according to Raza. And, since purchasing a Little Giant ladder more than 20 years ago, he says the need for an extension ladder has been all but eliminated.

In the Toolbox

Dennis Bellville, project manager for Custom Curtainwall in Arnold, Mo., and Dean Garcia, a partner and field supervisor at Storefront Specialties & Glass in Albuquerque, N.M., both say they never leave their shop without a select assortment of power and jimmy tools, ladders, scrapers, tape measurers, suction cups and glass cutters, describing them as absolutely essential for work on any jobsite.

Bellville says his favorite tool is the Red Devil pry bar.

"As a matter of fact, I typically carry two to three of these little, multipurpose bars with me at all times," he says. "This is the one tool that I couldn't do without."

Garcia agrees that the Red Devil pry bar may be the most valued jimmy tool in the glazing industry. "Of equal importance as tools on our jobsite or any jobsite for that matter is our safety gear and equipment—this includes hard hats, safety gloves and boots," Garcia quickly points out.

"Ensuring a safe work environment is paramount. We always check for hazards on or around the site before we get started and check our power tools daily. In our line of work we are either in everybody's way or they are in ours. People are always coming and going around us as we do our job and the last thing we need to do is trip over a cord or run into another individual or piece of glass."

Ideal Glass & Mirror president Dan Satterlee is a third-generation glazier who has been in business for close to half a century. Based in Torrance, Calif., Satterlee services the greater South Bay area and utilizes a variety of traditional tools, complemented by an assortment of today's compact, high-powered tools.

"The hook tool has been around since the beginning of time," explains Satterlee. "I like this tool because it can be used for many purposes. For the newer generation of tools, I get a lot of use from Pacific Laser System's PLS5 laser level. This handy tool finds all levels and straight lines and definitely saves me incredible time, from estimating a job to performing the work."

No Cords, More Power

"I really value my DeWALT cordless drill," Satterlee continues. "It is essential in my work and I use it every day. As a matter of fact, I keep a spare one in my trunk. I have been very happy with all my DeWALT 18-volt cordless tools. Their charge lasts and they are powerful giving me the performance I need to get the job done. Another item that I have been impressed with, and one I searched for for many years, is my Bosch cordless chop saw. It's 24-volt, compact, lightweight and ideal for work that involves making a few cuts."

"When it comes to power tools, I prefer the Milwaukee cordless screw because it's durable and easy to handle," notes Bellville. The Metabo and DeWALT brands are Garcia's top picks for cordless power tools, and Raza says he prefers any tool that is cordless.

"This eliminates the need for power, a generator or compressor and heavy tools to drop and cords to trip over," he adds.

Joe Price has been in the glass and glazing business since 1963, and has been the owner and operator of Price Glass & Mirror in Compton, Calif., serving the greater Los Angeles area since 1983. Price, who describes him-self as a "glazier's glazier," says the three most valuable tools he uses are the tape measurer, leveler and calculator.

"We are glass contractors who do a little bit of everything including storefronts, mirrors, auto glass, tabletops, new construction, repair, replacements and rehab," explains Price. "These are absolutely essential in terms of estimating each and every job no matter what arena. I often measure the potential job myself and use a 30-foot tape measurer with a 1-inch blade.

Cool Tools Continued-

I do have more modern tools, like my new cellular telephone with a digital camera, and believe cordless is the way of the future. However, I still have a few favorites from the early days, including my Fletcher glass cutter.”

While many of the traditional tools utilized by glaziers for generations remain functional today, technological advances are making some tools less desirable than others. For example, manual hand drills, screwdrivers, putty chasers and nail guns are being replaced by high-powered cordless models.

“I’ve been in the business for some 27 years,” adds Bellville. “While the technology continues to improve giving us more options in speed, power, performance and durability, many of us still utilize the tools used by the generation before us. With anything else, if you take care of your tools, they will last a lifetime and then some.”

Garcia, a first-generation glazier with more than 20 years of experience, has used the same type of tools his entire career.

“The construction world can be tough on tools,” explains Garcia. “They take a lot of use and abuse, not to mention getting lost or stolen. I personally don’t think there is a bad tool in the industry. Most serve their intended purpose and tool selection and use are often simply a matter of preference for the glazier. It all depends on what you are doing and where you are doing it.”

“I still have my old tools and use some of the tools my father has passed down to me but I do like the amenities afforded through the technological advances of today’s tools,” comments Raza. “The newer tools can save a great deal of time and this time saving ultimately helps save on the labor end of business.”

“My father never bought any new tools,” recalls Satterlee. “He passed them on to me. While there is nothing wrong with tools used by previous generations, I purchase the types of tools that will help make my life easier. The trend today is about power, performance, versatility and durability. Manufacturers are moving away from big, bulky equipment with cords and are giving us the type of lightweight, versatile cordless tools that assist us in getting in and out of the jobsites, many of which do not have electricity, with ease.”

“Today’s tools have evolved over the years bringing with them increased speed, quality and safety,” Price points out. “They have many attractive advantages in assisting the glazing professional to be more accurate, efficient and effective on the jobsite.”

Written by: Peggy Georgi

Adapted from www.usglassmag.com

New International Building Code (IBC) changes go into effect in January

A Pilkington-issued news release this week reminds readers that recent changes in the International Building Code (IBC) regulations require fire rated glass to be labeled according to the glazing application. According to the news release, the new code changes were suggested by Pilkington and will become part of the 2006 edition of the IBC, which goes into effect January 1, 2006.

Use of this new labeling system will permit building code officials and fire marshals to determine at a glance whether a fire rated glass is proper for the application.

Pilkington cites the example of labels on the glass with the letters W, O and D indicating the glass can be used as a fire rated wall, in openings or door applications. The letter T indicates the product meets the temperature rise criteria, the letter H indicates the product passes the hose stream test and finally, the fire rating is indicated in minutes (60 minute fire resistance).

Pilkington's fire protection glass is produced in Germany and is warehoused and assembled for the North American market at the Pilkington facility in Toledo, Ohio. For more information visit our website at www.pilkington.com/fire.

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Did you know.....?

That our TGA/NTD website is listed as one of the HOT Websites on www.glass.com industry links?

GANA SETS 2006 CONTRACT GLAZING EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

(TOPEKA) – The Glass Association of North America (GANA) announces its 2006 Contract Glazing Educational Conference will be held May 18-20, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency DFW hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Conference registration and hotel reservations will be made through the GANA office. Please add this meeting to your calendar of events. More information will follow as details become available.

Christmas Party 2005

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Look out 2006!
Here comes our
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Classics

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night
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Mr. Dungan admiring
Mrs. Risinger's work



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**TEXAS GLASS ASSOCIATION/NORTH TEXAS
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**JANUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT/MEETING
RESERVATION FORM**

Tuesday, January 10th
Board Retreat from 2-4 p.m.
At
Pugsley's
2443 Walnut Hill Lane
Dallas
(this meeting is held for the
Board of Directors)

TUESDAY, January 10TH
Membership Meeting
Cocktails at 6:00pm and
Presentation at 6:30pm
at
Paul's Porterhouse
On Composite Drive in Dallas

I/We will be attending (please circle):

- The Board Retreat
- The Membership Meeting
- Both Board Retreat and Membership

Please Reserve for _____ people.

The reservations are for the following people:

Your Company Name

Phone

Your Name

Please fax this form to Karen Risinger at 972-216-9306 by Friday, January 6, 2006.

Mark your calendar TODAY for these meetings!

Please cancel the following reservations:

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to those who contributed prizes for the Christmas Party Raffle Drawings:

Texas Glass Association/North Texas Division

Holiday Inn Select

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Quality Power Coating

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And to the dedicated workers on the Christmas Party Committee!

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