



AGC Future Leaders Forum Newsletter

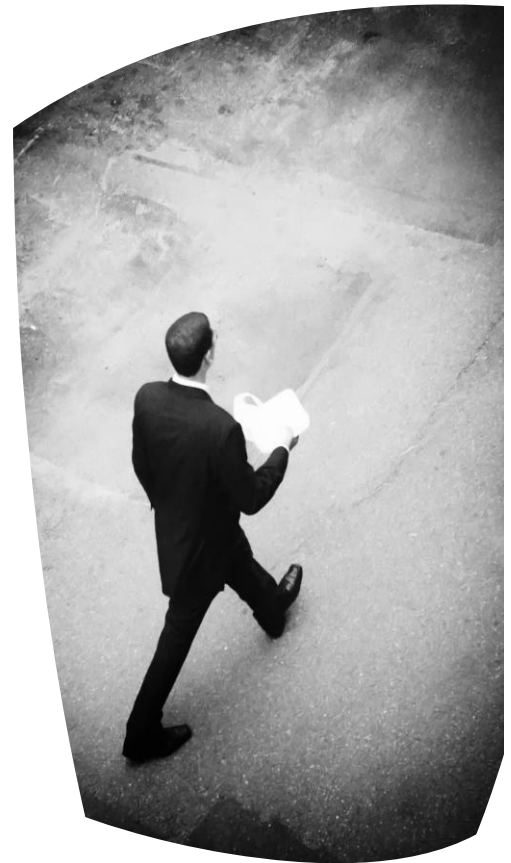
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The Importance of Staying Up to Date on The Economy

For the majority of us in the FLF, this has been the first recession we have experienced in our construction career. We were spoiled when we first entered the industry with 100-125% job-placement and a never ending list of upcoming projects. So in 2008 when our (what seemed like recession-proof) lucrative industry started to decline, it was hard to stomach for most of us. And with the updates that the economy was continuing to get worse and no real end in the near future, that news started to get old quick. Nevertheless, no matter how easy it is to tune out the bad news, we need to stay informed so that we

are properly equipped with the knowledge to get us through this recession and prepare us for the next.

Construction is far from “recession-proof” but knowing what industries fall into that category, such as higher education, most government work and healthcare will only help us in identifying which sectors of construction to start gaining experience in. This month’s presentation is a wonderful opportunity to refresh our understanding of the current economy with a little different prospective than the usual... our clients.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- ~ Aaron Harper
- ~ Kylee O'Dwyer
- ~ Lee Seaman
- ~ Giles Conway
- ~ Jason Kiefer
- ~ David Koob

Join the FLF

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FLF Volunteers with Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday February 26th, 13 members of the FLF and additional 9 guests assembled to participate in the Commerce City Habitat for Humanity Volunteer program. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry who seeks to eliminate poverty housing from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Through volunteer labor and donations, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses.

Our FLF group was a part of the volunteer labor force for 5 houses which were in different stages of the construction process. As we all started to assemble at 8:30 A.M. with our coffee in hand, we sarcastically announced that we would assume the supervisory role for the day since most of us

didn't have a clue as to what we were in for. We started talking about who in the group would first smash their thumb with a hammer, all this of course to hide the fact that most of us were secretly hoping that we would get tasked with something simple to avoid embarrassing ourselves throughout the day or be tagged as "that guy" who accidentally shot someone else with a nail gun. But despite the intense anticipation of what we would be tasked with, this year, just like last year, turned out to be a very fulfilling and humbling experience. Not only do you get to work alongside other FLF members and build relationships, you get to build something that is one of the most important, appreciated structures in

someone's life. Our group actually had the privilege of meeting a few of the future homeowners who were working on these projects with us.

Another benefit to Habitat for Humanity work, as all of us experienced firsthand, is that you gain an appreciation for challenges in the field and can see why site communication is so important. We happened to be tasked with Drywall and Siding this year and I personally have gained an appreciation for drywallers and hard lid ceilings. I have determined that a little leniency may be in order the next time I see a work order come across my desk on electrical outlets that were covered by the drywall sub. Luckily we found all the ones we didn't mark (I think).

Great job FLF!



FLF MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations

Sean Pettitt, on the birth of your daughter *Meara Carol Pettitt*

and

Scott Miller, on your promotion to *Senior Project Manager*

Calendar of Events:

April: *Economic and Industry Outlook – A Different Point of View*

May: *Jobsite Tour –NREL / Denver Union Station*

June: *The Science of Setting Goals*

July: *AGC / CCA Joint Summer Event*

August: *Developing Soft Skills*

September: *Denver Chamber of Commerce / AIA*
**September 16th – Clay Shoot at Kiowa Creek

October: *FLF Strategic Planning Session*

November: *To Be Determined*

December: *FLF Christmas Party*

Steering Committee:

Justin Stein - Concrete Frame Associates *Chair*

Kurt Stitser – Golden Triangle Construction *Co-Chair*

Matt Paull – GH Phipps *Treasurer*

Baird Cook – US Engineering *Membership Chair*

Brendan Lynch - Saunders Construction *Membership Co-Chair*

Amy Powell – Golden Triangle Construction *Marketing Chair*

Shad Cloeter - The Weitz Company *General Membership*

Brad Schmahl - JHL Constructors *General Membership*

Richard Volk - RK Mechanical *General Membership*

Graham Coddington - Saunders Construction *Past Chair*

Lee Blum – AGC of Colorado *Staff Liaison*