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*Happy
Holidays!*

*Please plan on joining us
for our
ABC, CSCB, and MSTI*

*Annual
Christmas Social*

*Tuesday, December 6, 2011
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

*Lake Jackson
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*Your support of the toy and
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Donation details on page 2.

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*Please let us know if we can
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or (979)233-0279*

FOOD & TOY DRIVE

**Join ABC to Share the Goodwill
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THE FOOD & TOY DRIVE IS NOW IN PROGRESS . . .

ABC Public Relations/ABC Cares Committee encourages your participation to help local families.

See donation drop-off information below.

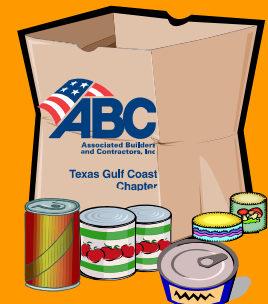
- ⇒ **FOOD DRIVE:** Help our local food banks and families in need. Donate 5 pounds of nonperishable food items or \$5.00 cash!
- ⇒ **TOY DRIVE:** Donation of new, unwrapped toys for children's Christmas gifts.



**FOOD & TOY DRIVE
DONATION
DEADLINE 2011**

**Tuesday,
December 6th**

P/R Committee will
deliver donations
within the week.



**BRING
DONATIONS
TO:**

**ABC, CSC, MSTI
Christmas Social
December 6th
Lake Jackson
Civic Center**

Or to:

**ABC office
1400 N Velasco Boulevard,
Building C107,
Freeport, Texas**

**Hours: Monday to Thursday
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Questions: Call the office at
979.233.0279 or 979.233.1616**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DONATION RECIPIENTS

As donations are made,
the Public Relations
Committee will publish
information through the
ABC newsletter and local
newspaper.

*Helping hands
working together
make it happen!*



**“ABC CARES”
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ABC/MSTI Craft Training Program Registration for Spring 2012

Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas Gulf Coast, Inc. and Merit Shop Training, Inc. Craft Training Program offers training through Brazosport College in each of the following crafts:

- Automotive Mechanic
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- Welding

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE for ABC STUDENTS

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Time: 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Place: Brazosport College

Room: F-133 & F-135

Cost: \$60 per credit hour

(3 hour class-\$180; 4 hour class-\$240)

For new students only (or those who have not been to the college within the last year) : Must fill out an on-line application for admission to Brazosport College before registering for classes. To complete application go to

www.applytexas.org

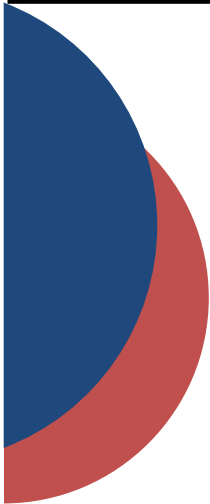
**RETURNING STUDENTS MUST PHONE
OR INTERNET REGISTER**

Monday, November 14, 2011 - Friday, January 6, 2012

979-230-3660 or www.brazosport.edu

Classes begin Tuesday, January 17, 2012

If you have questions or if your company is interested in phone or internet registration for employees, please call Jane at the ABC office, 979.239-4372 or 979.233.1616.



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PUBLIC RELATIONS



November 11, 2011

Dear ABC Public Relations:

Thank you for the recent donation of clothes and shoes. They were given to families of the Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County-Freeport Branch. The parents truly appreciated these needed items for their children.

As you may know, the Boys & Girls Club after school programs reach hundreds of children in Brazoria County. The Freeport Branch offers homework time, snacks, computer lab, art, gym, and game rooms for children from Kindergarten to High-School seniors. At this time, the Freeport Branch has 145 members.

I will tell you about one of our members. Cindy started coming to the Freeport Branch in the 1st grade. Cindy was a little shy when she first started coming to the Club. Through the years I saw her maturing and growing confident. She was involved more and more as she got older.

In her high school days, she was at the Club everyday. Cindy was involved in the Club's computer classes and entered every competition offered. She was President of our Keystone Club for 3 years. The Keystone Club is a group of kids ages 14-18. They were involved in the everyday process at the Club. They helped with basketball tournaments, Christmas programs, girls only lock-in, and other community projects. Cindy was nominated "Youth of the Year" for the Boys & Girls Club, Freeport Branch. With this nomination, she attended the Southwest Regional meeting and competed with other teens from Texas. She graduated from Brazosport High School, 10th in her class. Cindy applied for and received a scholarship from Conoco/Phillips. This scholarship is offered through the Boys & Girls Club of America to Club teen members.

Cindy will graduate in May from Lamar University with a Chemical Engineering degree. Since attending Lamar, she has been on the Dean's List every semester and is a straight A student.

The Boys & Girls Club is very proud of Cindy for all her hard work and that we were a part of this process.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Reneau, Director
Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County

**ABC Cares/Public Relations Committee thanks
ABC members and others for their support of
drives such as the
ABC Clothing and Coat Drive.**

***Together we continue to make a positive
influence within our community.***



Rebecca Reneau, Boys & Girls Club, accepts donations

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23rd Annual ABC Cook-off

Gather your grills and gather your teams!



**Sponsored by the ABC
Public Relations Committee**

LOCATION: MacLean Park, 93 Lake Road
Lake Jackson, Texas

DATE: Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24, 2012

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 per team
\$100.00 for additional booth space -
will allow your team to make another entry.

IRON CHEF: entry fee is \$25.00 per team.
This entry is excluded from the
Championship Trophy, Best Overall Team.

Entry categories, awards & further details will be forthcoming. You may contact Ruby at the ABC office at 979.233.0279, 233.1616 or email: ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org.



**Don't miss the fun and competition . . .
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OSHA Releases Videos Protect Workers from Construction Hazards

Year after year, the top ten most frequently cited OSHA violations include construction industry standards. OSHA standards regarding scaffolding, fall protection and ladders are among the most often violated standards. Each year, nearly 800 construction workers die on the job. One in every five workplace fatalities occurs within the construction industry. Last year alone there were 635 reported deaths in the construction industry due to falls.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration recently released 12 educational videos about potential hazards in the construction industry. The educational videos are easy to understand, short segments and geared to employers and workers. The videos are based on real-life incidents and include detailed depictions of hazards and the safety measures that would have prevented these injuries and fatalities.

OSHA hopes that these videos will be used by construction employers as part of their overall safety program. "I urge anyone who works in the construction industry or operates a construction business to watch the videos. Share them with your co-workers and friends in the construction industry; organize screenings for your workers; and post them to your web pages," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Health and Safety Dr. David Michaels. "Every step we take to educate workers about their rights and the safety measures employers must take to protect workers in construction helps us avoid preventable injuries and the tragic loss of life."

These videos cover falls in construction settings, including situations involving floor openings, fixed scaffolds, bridge decking, re-roofing, and leading edge work. The remaining videos cover workers who are struck by vehicles and heavy equipment, sprain and strain injuries, trenching and excavation hazards, and carbon monoxide poisoning. The videos show how quickly workers can be injured or killed on the job and the videos are intended to assist construction industry employers to identify, reduce, and eliminate construction-related hazards.

These videos are written for workers and employers, including workers with limited English proficiency. Each video has a written transcript that can also be used to supplement job-site safety programs. Most of the videos are two to four minutes in length, and all but one is animated. Each video is available in English and Spanish for Web viewing or downloading. All video scripts are also available online in English and Spanish.

The videos are located at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/vtools/construction.html> (Spanish-language videos are available at http://www.osha.gov/dts/vtools/construction_sp.html). After selecting a video from this page, users may choose to watch the video online, download the videos for future screenings, or view the videos on the U.S. Department of Labor's [YouTube channel](#).



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G. Mark Jodon, a shareholder in Littler Mendelson's Houston office, is board-certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Mark serves as the chapter attorney for the ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter.

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mjodon@littler.com.



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Littler Mendelson, PC

Construction Management Academy

Project Supervision

Level 1 CMA (recommended as a prerequisite for Level 2)
Starts Thursday, January 19, 2012

This course provides participants with essential communication, leadership, and technical skills to work within a project management team and run a profitable operation.

Course Topics:

Human Relations
Problem Solving
Safety
Cost Awareness

Resource Control

Planning & Scheduling
Estimating Documents
Construction Documents
Skills for the Crew leader

Who Should Attend?

Assistant superintendents, crew leaders, field supervisors, foreman, and project superintendents (*may be taken concurrently with Level 2 course with approval of employer and MSTI)

Length of course: 16-18 weeks (one weeknight, 6-9 pm)

Successful Completion for CMA Certificate at ABC Graduation

Requires: Completion of Level 1 & Level 2 + NCCER written assessment



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- **NCCER Certifications**
- **MSTI Certificate of Completions**
- **ABC Cap & Shirt**
- **Graduation Dinner & Ceremony**

Individuals successfully completing **both** Project Supervision and Project Management will be honored at the annual ABC Graduation

Project Management

Level 2 CMA—Starts Monday, January 16, 2012

This course provides participants with the necessary problem-solving skills to address crucial issues confronted on a construction project.

Course Topics:

Interpersonal Skills
Issues and Resolutions
Safety
Continuous Improvement
Resource/Quality Control

Estimating/Cost Control

Scheduling
Construction Documents
Construction Planning
Root Cause Analysis*
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Who Should Attend:

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Go online to find out how your company can start saving today. To learn more about these and other ABC member discount programs, visit www.abc.org/discounts.

Updated October 2011

Texas Gulf Coast Chapter On the Horizon to Meeting 2011 Chapter Membership Goal!

We are excited to report that as of November 2011, the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter now has 11 new members! One more member and we will meet our goal of 12 new members for 2011. And it does not stop here... surpassing the goal means chapter growth.

Thanks for your continued efforts!

Welcome New Members!

You are encouraged to do business with these new members when you have a need for their products or services.

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Tell Others About the Benefits of ABC Membership & Ask a Prospect to Join Today!

Encourage prospects to:

- Visit the local website at www.abctxgulfcoast.org to learn about the services, programs, and networking opportunities or call the ABC office at 979.233.1616
- Visit the ABC National website at www.abc.org & take a look at the many other benefits and resources available to ABC members. You may also view/print the ABC membership application.

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- ♦ Website tools to link you with construction resources on the Internet
- ♦ Networking opportunities to connect you with industry leaders
- ♦ Publications to inform you about industry news
- ♦ Insurance programs to help you attract and retain employees
- ♦ Business discount programs to save your company money
- ♦ Student outreach efforts to build the industry's future workforce
- ♦ 75 chapters to support your company locally

For additional assistance with membership recruitment, call the ABC office at 979.233.0279 or 979.233-1616. You may also contact members serving on the ABC membership committee listed in this article.

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Meetings & Events for Dec & Jan ABC, CSCB, MSTI

- Dec 6** ABC, CSCB, MSTI Christmas Social
5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m., Civic Center
- Dec 7** Construction Exhibition/Craft
Championships Mtg, 3:30 p.m., 104B
- Dec 8** Golf Comm Mtg, 2:00 p.m., 104B
- Dec 23 & 26** Offices Closed in Observance of Christmas
- Jan 2, 2012** Offices Closed in Observance of New Year's

MSTI Classes and Training Opportunities

- Dec 12—15** Rigging Fundamentals, 6:00—9:00 p.m. 107A
- Jan** Proj Mgmt & Field Safety classes on Mondays
Safety Tech classes on Tuesdays
Proj Supr classes on Thursdays
- Jan 10** Registration for ABC students at Brazosport
College

*Warmest wishes to you and yours
at Christmas and the New Year!*

From the staff at ABC, CSCB, & MSTI

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