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Today's presentation was by David R. Baker - DRB Electric



Many of us know that there is trouble afoot when a Mom calls her child using the youngster's full name ("David Randy Baker, come over here!"). It appears that Mr. Baker's Mom called him that way so often, she decided to shorten the effort by not even going to the first name anymore. The policy continued on past his childhood, so David R. Baker is just known as Randy these days. That situation also left the "D" in DRB Electric to be claimed by Denise (the lovely lady that Randy married over 23 years ago). Since we are on the Baker alphabet, it is a good time to mention the children of the family: K, L, J, D and L. They would be: Kristen-the youngest. A senior at St. Pius High School and about ready to take on the challenges of becoming an attorney. Lindsey- a sophomore at UNM; and an ex high school wrestler. Jennifer - works in International Communications and has a job with iHeartRadio.

David-works at DRB and was recently nominated to participate in competitions against other Craft Olympians in Ft. Lauderdale next March. Lenee- An accountant, and mother of the only two Baker grand daughters. The older David (remember-that's Randy now) grew up in the Fence Lake area and has been involved in electrical work almost his whole life. He was obviously a live-wire as a child, and at age 13 began the formal career by doing actual electrical and contractor work for his father's business in Gallup. They moved to Albuquerque where Randy attended Manzano high school. Randy had planed to join the Marines, but right after graduation, his uncle and a friend used alcohol and logic to talk Randy into staying with contracting work instead of the Marines. Sure they had confidence that Randy could be successful at running his own business, but maybe there was just a little thought that the country would be safer with Electrician Randy than with Marine Randy. After a couple of years working with other electricians, Mr. Baker ventured off to start DRB Electric. The uncle and friend were definitely right (about the successful business ownership) as DRB is about to enter its 30th year of operation. The company will do residential, commercial and design-build work. And they work all around New Mexico. The DRB crew has knowledge and experience in all the aspects of electrical stuff. Solar; general power; lighting; LED billboards; maintenance; control units and electrical repair/replacement. DRB does a lot of work for UNM (athletic signs and speaker system, the most recent). They have also done work for the Isleta waste water treatment plant and for Isleta Lakes (no-not the same project). There have also been maintenance jobs for Sandia Star Casino; Albuquerque Isotopes; City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. The DRB portfolio includes work on the 64 pod detention center near Socorro; initial design-build work for the new Tempurpedic facility; and operation of a S.W.A.T. (Stolen Wire Action Team) for quick response to help get facilities back in operation after jerks have rip off their copper wire. A brief foray into the IT cabling and facilities operation world proved to be an experience best observed in the rear view mirror; so memories are all that remains of that adventure. From the hectic 90 employee days of 2007, to the pared down 25 employees, but busy days of today, the DRB juggernaut continues on. When you have a need for electrical anything; advice; installation; repair...or whatever, remember you have a friend in the business. When DRB's knowledgeable crew does the job, you will never be shocked by the finished product (sorry). You can help Randy, and DRB, by providing them with leads of new businesses before the job gets 'out of the ground'. Randy and his team are good at design-build work, but their advice won't be of maximum benefit if they aren't involved at the very beginning. For any of your needs, or to provide them with leads, give Randy or Denise a call at 505-877-8500. They are appreciative of it all.

- ♦ The Baker Family's next adventure is the Rio Bravo Brewing Company. It is located at 1912 2nd Street, NE. Open from noon to 10:00PM week days; 11PM Friday and Saturday and 9PM Sunday. Their facilities are available for family gatherings; parties; weddings; and probably Irish wakes. Phone number is 505-900-3909 in case your wife wants to call to tell you that its time to come home.
- ♦ Board Member elections will be held during our meeting this coming Tuesday, December 15th. Nominations are coming down to the wire, but Robert Biernacki is still recruiting. Be sure to answer any calls you receive from 505-991-3636, it could be Robert letting you know that he is adding you to the ballot.

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Business Leads:

SMILES FOR KIDS DENTISTRY is opening at 9201 Eagle Ranch Road, Rio Rancho
- Lionel Specter - Zeon Signs

Reciprocity:

Thank you to Miguel Morrison—Gold Street Caffe for fantastic service and food for DISW event.

Thank you to Jeff Sakamoto for the great room at Encanto Las Cruces

Thank you to Terry Roberts for RV advice on past and future projects.

- Mike Deveraux—Document Imaging of the Southwest

- ◆ **There will not be meetings on December 22nd and December 29th so that our members can enjoy their families and the events of the holiday season.**
- ◆ Another special menu for breakfast this coming Tuesday. Get there early and make sure you are in line before the final cow bell of the year.
- ◆ Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Specter on their upcoming 60th wedding anniversary!
- ◆ Denise Kenny is interested in arranging for EAGA member's wives and significant others to get together occasionally to meet and get to know each other better. Interested folks, please contact Denise directly: denise@trucksunique.com or 505-884-5749

Happy Holidays to you and your families!



Badge Board Greeters

Dec 15th Luis Alvidrez - Upward Motion Personal Training
Dec 22nd No Meeting - Christmas Holiday
Dec 29th No Meeting - New Year Holiday
Jan 5th Rion Marcus - New Mexico Chiropractic Center
Jan 12th

Upcoming Speakers

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