

Project Update: Vail's Solaris By Steve Kalabany & Geoffrey Soelter

It is impossible to miss the Solaris building as you drive into Vail. For the past two years, Gallegos has been hard at work on this project, and within a few months the entire project will be completed.

"We've been working on the exterior and interior, we have 65,000 square feet of stone in place, out of just over 100,000 square feet," said Steve Kalabany, project manager. "We've also started the exterior paving, which adds an additional 50,000 square feet of paving." The first phase has a completion date of March 10 with the balance scheduled for completion by the end of June.

The exterior has Oklahoma straight edge and sawn material as well as Colorado Buff stripstone. With the tenting and scaffolding beginning to come down, the building is starting to take shape.

Although the public cannot yet see the interior, it is just as stunning, Steve said. The lobby/lounge area is the focal point of the project, as it overlooks the plaza and Vail Mountain. It is 90 percent completed with coursed Oklahoma stone throughout. "The lobby came out really beautifully," Steve added.

Gallegos will be starting the pool lounge in the next couple of weeks, installing Carioca granite from Brazil.

In the spring Gallegos will start all the boulder work in the plaza on the south side of the building with the skating rink. The crew has already been working on 50,000 square feet of dimensional Buff sandstone paving.

Not only is Division 20 focusing on this project, concrete is almost complete, plaster is in progress, and the marble and tile have moved onsite, where they are currently working in the lobby.

Solaris plaster began on October of 2009 with a current projected substantial completion in April of 2010. Between that time 78 unit and common areas, consisting of half a million square feet of plaster, will have to be completed. The Gallegos Plaster Team is doing a great job maintaining the work load and providing solutions for a very sequentially complicated and high profile job with Mike Gifford leading the charge in the consistently challenging day to day field operations.



Juan Becerra Shines By Mike Haller

Christopher Saia, Project H.S.E. Coordinator for PCL Construction Services raved about Juan Becerra and his crew:

"I wanted you to know that Juan, by far is one of the best

Subcontractor Foreman I have had working on a project. Because of his dedications to safety and his crews, Gallegos has not had an injury or safety violation. Juan and his crews are a great model for all to follow and learn from on any project. It is my pleasure to share this with you."

HEALTH TIP READY TO LOSE WEIGHT?

If you've decided to lose a few pounds, keep in mind that being mentally prepared is a key ingredient for an effective weight loss program. Here's how to set the stage for success:

- Track it – writing down everything you eat is proven to help with weight loss.
- Commit to exercise – at least an hour a day of moderate physical activity.
- Rally the troops – support from family members and friends can help you stick with your plan. Find a workout buddy.
- Do it for you – your chances of success are better if your goal is to be healthy & feel better rather than to please others.
- Clear the decks – if you have an eating disorder or if you eat for emotional reasons, professional advice may help.
- Be realistic – one to two pounds a week is a reasonable and safe rate of weight loss.
- Eat the right stuff – find a healthy food plan you can live with in the long term.
- Know what keeps you going – use past experiences to find out what motivators or rewards work for you.

Weight loss is a challenge, but if you're mentally prepared, you'll have a good "head" start.

From The HR Team

Employees of the Months

By Scott Christensen



Fidel Macias is February's employee of the month. Fidel has been an integral part of Division 20 for many years. For the past year he has been the site superintendent at Solaris where he oversees 50 to 60 masons. Prior to this job, he was at the Arrabelle, another high-end and very difficult job.

Under Fidel's supervision Arrabelle won the RMMI's first place Masterworks in Masonry as an outstanding project. Solaris is an eye-catching project.

Fidel is always conscientious with an eye on safety and quality, said Steve Kalabany, Division 20 project manager. He is a good communicator and is well respected by other foremen and site superintendents.

"Fidel is a hard worker and is always willing to learn more," Steve added. "He is definitely an asset to Gallegos."

Max Sedbrook is January's Employee of the Month.

Max is the lead superintendent running the St. Anthony Hospital project with GE Johnson, which consists of 180,000 SF of stucco, 58,000 SF of cultured stone, cast stone sills and caps, and interior plaster. While this demanding project has experienced massive delays, bad weather, and the new standard of incomplete plans, Max and the great foreman on the job have managed to stay on schedule and under budget through the 50% complete stage of the job.

GE Johnson superintendent Chris Renn states that "Max has been a driving factor in the success of our project. He brings the added benefit of seeing beyond the here and now, and ensuring the big picture objectives are being met for the project. I have enormous respect for his management, and expertise in his craft. Max, and The Gallegos Corp have been a real asset on our project, and key members of the Team. Great job!"



Gallegos Helps Move Mountains By Jake Jacobson

Gallegos had a part in helping remove snow cat traffic from Forest Road on Vail Mountain. Starting in August, Division 20 teamed with Site Resource Management and built a 1400 foot retaining wall on the mountain.



The snow cat maintenance facility is located across from the Vail Marriott. In the past snow cats would prattle up and down Forest Road. Now they use this road that allows easier access for snow cats from the maintenance area, which may someday be incorporated to the proposed Ever Vail project.

"You can actually see the road from the interstate," Jake Jacobson, division 20 president, said. "It's a real steep cut."

The crew of six to 10 men finished the project in just three months--a month before the deadline, the opening of the mountain for skiing. There are two walls about 700 square feet each—one that is mechanically stabilized earth on the mountain side and the other, an "innovative proprietary anchoring design" over a soil nail wall.



Cold Weather Can't Stop This Crew by Randy Olin

A twelve person team from the Stone Yard and Accounting completed their annual physical inventory count on Monday, January 4th. It was a balmy 0 degrees at the start, but the sun was out, there was no wind, and the snow wasn't as deep as usual. The Stone Yard crew had the inventory in excellent shape so everything went very smoothly. Dani Ettles and Marcette Gordon have also completed a physical count of the marble and granite slab inventory. Great job and a big thanks to all!

BABY NEWS!

Rosie Landeros (Payroll) had a beautiful baby boy on December 28. Jonathan came into the world weighing 7lbs 8 oz and was 19 inches long. Rosie and baby are doing great. Congratulations!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

- 4 Luis Ramirez (20)
- 7 Zacarias Quinones (22), Fabian Lopez (50)
- 8 Dave Barton (10), Ignacio Gallegos (20)
- 11 Francisco Largo Martinez (50)
- 13 Gerald Gallegos (10)
- 15 Herminio Gutierrez (32)
- 16 Gerardo Sanchez (20)
- 17 Jose Fores (21)
- 18 Refugio Martinez (21)
- 19 Alexander Jack (21), Mario Lopez (32)
- 22 Ryan Larose (21), Juan Vega (21), Shane Christensen (31)
- 23 Rafael Macias (20), Dean Burke (31)
- 25 Manuel Hernandez (21)
- 26 James Heinritz (22)
- 27 Ismael Guzman (20), Steve Kalabany (20)

February

- 1 Mimi Trombatore (21), John O'Meara (23)
- 2 Gary Woodworth (10)
- 6 Juan de Dios Astorga (32)
- 10 Corey Brauburger (23)
- 12 Sylvia Connely (22)
- 15 Dani Ettles (10)
- 17 Sergio Vallejo (32), Rich Passey (40)
- 18 Mario Becerra (20), Ramon Becerra (20), Jesus Zuniga-Ortiz (21)
- 20 Juan Perez (23)
- 23 Chris Falk II (40)
- 24 Kenny Fairchild (31)
- 28 Armando Munoz Rojas (20), Oscar Garcia (40)

We would like to recognize Berniece Fernandez Gutierrez who has risen to the occasion this past year. Not only has she taken over the Human Resources department, but she has done it with grace. Obviously the past year in general has been a bit tough with layoffs, downsizing, a less-than-stellar economy and rising health care costs. Berniece has tackled each of these issues, working with division presidents, Gary, Gerald and Bob for innovative ideas that are helping save the company money. Perhaps best of all, Berniece always makes time to sit down with an employee to discuss any issues, and can do it with a smile.

We thank Berniece for her dedication, knowledge and helpfulness!



Making a Difference!

The rumor is true about Dean Burke. He has been donating blood every two months for the last 7 to 8 years. He said he has taken off a little time in between due to his new-found hobby of tattoos. (Apparently you have to wait a year after you get a tattoo to donate blood.) His boys also give blood but the oldest son, Cory, does not handle it as well as Kyle.



Anniversaries

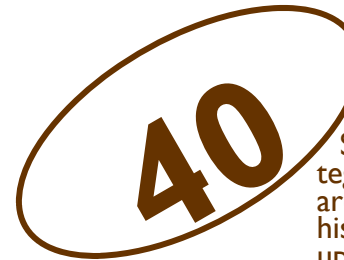
- 1 Year**
Michael Reardon (5)
- 2 Years**
Jeffrey Forland (40); Eduardo Bernal (40); Christopher Falk II (40); Max Sedbrook (32); Juan Perez (23); John Parker (23); Seth Orione (21); Brandi Resa (10); Angie Vincent-Suntken (10)
- 3 Years**
Michael Gifford (31); Carlos Moreno (20); Rocio Landeros (10)
- 4 Years**
Christopher Falk (40); Scott Christensen (32); Jaime Hurtado (23); Nicolette Leigh (10)
- 5 Years**
Rick D'Errico (90); Carmen Alvarez (22); Travis Carpenter (21); Jose Moreno (20); Agapito Chairez (20)
- 6 Years**
Dennis Hawley (40); Mike Hawley (40); Berniece Fernandez Gutierrez (10)
- 7 Years**
Sean Lattin (23)
- 8 Years**
William Dermody (31); Fernando Valasco (22); Francisco Rodriguez (22)
- 9 Years**
Stephen Inverso (40); Jason Wiethoff (20)
- 10 Years**
Tereso Saucedo (20)
- 11 Years**
Michael Hill (50); Steve Laven (21); Mike Haller (10); Jose Garcia (90)
- 12 Years**
Jose Angel Garcia (90); Benedetto Vitale (40); Refugio Martinez (21)
- 14 Years**
James Heinritz (22)
- 16 Years**
Baudelio Rivera (20)
- 23 Years**
Ruth White (10)

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It's been 40 years since Gerald Gallegos set his first stone and started The Gallegos Corporation. In the four decades since, Gallegos has been involved in numerous stunning and distinctive projects around the entire United States. There is not an employee who is not integral to our company's success, and this year we are going to celebrate our company's impressive history. Be on the lookout for fun facts, logos, an updated web site and other ways to commemorate the years.

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Gallegos At Mesa State College

By Ben Harrison

Gallegos is currently working on the renovation of Mesa State College in Grand Junction in the college's pursuit of achieving a University status. The project is a combination of mechanically anchored veneer and rubble stone veneer. The technical aspects of this project include a 65-foot tall bell tower that cants (angles) out more than 12 feet from the base to the top of the tower. As with all current projects and the economy, the job is extremely tight with productions in excess of 55 square feet per day.

Dan Harrison is leading the charge for Gallegos and has been very instrumental in making this project come in on budget and on time. Along with Dan, we have masons Floyd Andreatta, Ceaser Cisneros, Ryan Larose, and Gregorio Lopez rising to the challenge of meeting these lofty productions. Along with them Matt Kowalski, the lead laborer, has been tasked with making sure that the masons have the correct stone from the 80+ different panel sizes. A big thank you to all involved.



The Gallegos Corporation's Mission

To finish each job completely with the highest quality and with safety "the first time."

Provide construction and construction management services of the highest professional standard.

Generate profit from these services while adding value to our customers & employees.

Continue to grow as the industry leader.

Wellness Update

Back in November our Health Insurance members participated in a Wellness Program and the results are in! In the next couple weeks CNIC nurses will be contacting some of you to see if you have any questions regarding your results or just to give helpful advice on how to make this the year to get Healthy! As a reminder please know that all information is confidential and will only be shared between you and the nurse. Please be open to receive the phone call from the nurses they are here to assist you in providing you with a healthier outlook on your lifestyle.

Also please make sure you are checking your paycheck envelopes for updates. We will be sending out your incentive information including how much money will be deposited into your Flex account. Again, thank you for participating in the Wellness Program. It is The Gallegos Corporation's goal to have healthy employees.

