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Uptown Theater

Winner of the 2009 Texas Lathing and Plastering Contractors Design Award for Interior Plaster, the Uptown Theater was definitely retro before retro was cool. The designer realized the only system that could restore this facility to its early 20th century art deco style would be lath and plaster. The architectural details called for plaster radius light covers throughout the entry and theater—not something seen everyday. BakerTriangle called upon its most experienced mechanics to create ellipse shapes bent from channel iron and metal lath. The plaster finish coat was very important due to the critical light from the various coves.

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Sacrifice



Steve Baker

As I sit in our nice air-conditioned offices, I am reminded of the men and women of BakerTriangle that are dealing with this intense Texas heat (high of 105 today as I write this). It is miserable and dangerous if not handled properly. I appreciate our employees for the hard

work they deliver every day – hot, cold, windy, most every condition. Today is still three months from Thanksgiving but I think of the many Americans without jobs today and I am thankful for the following: The sacrifices of the men and women of our armed

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forces that ensure our freedoms. Being in the best construction market in the nation. Having highly trained and hard working employees, a dedicated safety team that empowers every employee to make it



home safe daily. The families that understand when their mom or dad works on the weekend. The greatest customers in the market. A management team that provides servant leadership. Great foremen who are motivated to provide quality projects and make

CEO Update

by Steve Baker

BakerTriangle the best. *Thirty five* outstanding years in the construction business. The best suppliers who provide great service and support. A hard working



office staff that cares about their job providing support for the best field in the market. I am thankful that I have a job, thankful that God has blessed our company with great leaders, incredible employees willing to endure a *115 heat index*. Thank you for the daily sacrifices you make!

BakerTriangle continues to deliver – an ABC “Eagle” for The Great Wolf Lodge Project with Turner. Congratulations to our team and Turner Construction for making it happen. We have also been selected as one of “The Top Places to Work in DFW” by the Dallas Morning News for 2009. This is a great honor and we hope we get it every year. We want to provide our employees with the best place to work in the U.S. We continue to face the worst construction market of my lifetime. It’s come about because of lax regulations, easy money, political and business greed, corruption by our government (Democrats and Republicans) and lack of credit controls. We should get rid of the entire congress with very few exceptions and start over with STATESMEN that care more about this country than getting re-elected. We will strive to provide jobs for our employees even if we have to take them at cost. You have made the sacrifices for us and we intend to work hard to make sure you have another award winning project to build. God bless you and your family. 🍀



Jim Dunn

Just a few weekends ago at home I was building a small dog house. I was driving some 16 penny nails into some two by four boards to make the walls. The boards were unusually hard and I was having some difficulty with the nails bending. As I compensated for the bend of the nail with a slightly angled swing of the hammer the inevitable happened, “Ouch!!!! *\$*&!)#@*&!” I smacked my thumb and it immediately bled, swelled and started to turn purple. My first thought after I realized I probably would not bleed to death was, “Jim, you’re the safety man. How could you do something so stupid?” Like a good safety man, after first aid and a cold b—r, errr I mean a cool drink, I considered the circumstances so I could figure out how to prevent such a calamity from happening again.

Cheap nails – The more expensive ones were less likely to bend, but I tried to save a few cents.

Cheap boards – The more expensive boards were softer but I was trying to save a buck.

Bad scheduling – I would have preferred to build the dog house later in the cool of the evening but the boss (it’s her dog) set the schedule for a heat of the afternoon build.

Bad attitude – I wanted to ride my motorcycle that Saturday morning but ended up mowing the yard in the cool of the morning and building this blasted dog house in the heat of the afternoon.

The moral of this story is that construction is a dynamic and constantly changing enterprise. That decision making is done by everyone from the owners, general contractors, subcontractors, project managers, purchasing, foremen, and lastly the workers. There are few routine tasks in construction. Perhaps we should quit trying to prevent all human errors by trying to design perfect systems and instead start designing work systems that support workers and others in coping with errors regardless of who made the error.

Perhaps when we have systems that help all of us who encounter mistakes and errors to better deal with them and we won’t have to build our dog houses in the heat of the afternoon with cheap nails, hard boards and we won’t have so much sweat in our eyes and we won’t hit our thumb causing us to curse and throw our hammer across the garage hitting the dog and breaking his leg and then we sleep in an uncompleted dog house! ❖





Jerry Smith

The Austin area weather is HOT and dry but the market is stable and holding steady. We are on track with our sales and have a great backlog going into the third quarter.

We have some new additions to the Austin division. **Abel Bernal**, our newest employee has been hired on as plastering superintendent. Abel comes with 35 years of experience in plaster and EIFS. **Sean Huntsman** has also come aboard representing BakerTriangle as a new project manager. Sean comes with 12 years of experience in the construction industry and will be

“We are on track with our sales and have a great backlog going into the third quarter.”

great help on project managing. **Dace Kelly** came aboard in December of 2008 as a plastering estimator.

Longhorn Village with Manhattan Construction was a huge project for BakerTriangle. The talented staff for this job included project managers **Keith Elliott** and **Travis Kirkpatrick**, project superintendent **Bill Bradberry**, foremen **Jose Aranda**, **David Oberman**, **Steven Ryan**, **Quin Galloway**, **Brian Campbell**, **Carlos Delgadillo**, **Benito Juarez** and head leadmen **Fabian Soliz** and **Arnoldo Vargas**. There were over 75 drywall mechanics and 30 plaster mechanics on this job.

Chandler Creek MOB was completed with MEDCO Construction. Our newest foreman **Robert Veliz** did a great job commanding this project with project manager **Sergio Montoya**. The three Marble Falls Schools with Charter Builders have also been recently completed. Foremen **Ivan Bell**, **Quin Galloway** and **Troy Derrick** along with leadman **Jesus Olmos** led the way to their successful completion.

The Stephen F. Austin Renovations and Lorenzo De Zavala with Harvey Cleary were led by foreman **Jesus Valdez**. Absolute Software with Harvey-Cleary and Domain Office Buildings with SpawGlass Contractors was led by foreman **Brian Campbell**. Leander 22 with American Constructors was led by foreman **Richard Groves**. UT School of Nursing with Harvey-Cleary was led by **Benito Juarez**. 5th and Baylor with Hensel Phelps was led by **Sam Correa**, another new foreman to Triangle Plastering. Domain II Project with The Beck Group was led by foremen **Rudy Gonzales**, **Sam Correa** and **Adrian Ortega**. St. Edwards University Dormitory Project with Flintco was led by foremen **Robert McGhee** and **Steve Greer** along with lead man **Mario Ayala**. UT Library with Flintco was led by foreman **Jorge Vielma**.

Also, we have had a few additions to the BakerTriangle family. **Cody and Heather Luoma** had a little boy **James Edward** and **Richard and Kat Bell** had a little girl **Chloe Olivia**. **Amy and Alan Taylor** are going to be adding a new baby girl, **Mya Kirk** any day to their family. Welcome aboard little ones and congratulations parents.

I would like to welcome **Jared Smith** on board for Austin's new safety manager position. Jared has undergone several months of extensive training and has proven to be a true asset to the Safety Program. *Great job by all.* 🍀



LBJ Library Auditorium

Dallas Update

by Johnny Barnes



Johnny Barnes

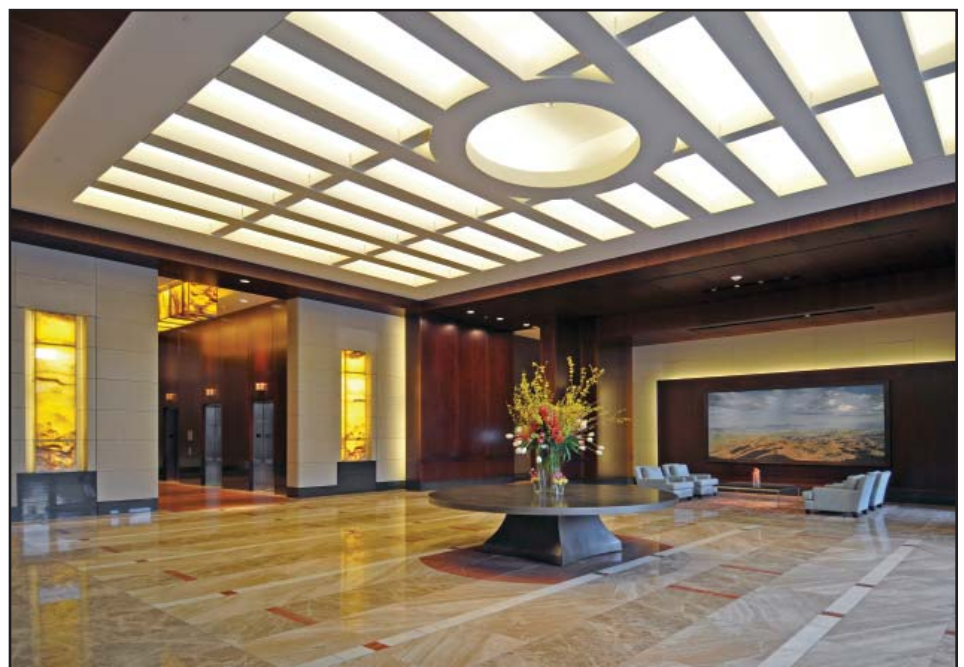
As the weather is heating up our economy has started to cool. The economic effect that has hit the rest of the nation is starting to be felt in Dallas. We currently have a strong back log for the rest of this year and 1st quarter of next year. We are still seeing plenty of work to bid and our 8 estimators continue to turn out bids. We have not seen a slowdown in the bidding of work; however it is taking longer to get the financing in place for the projects to start.

We have several mega projects that will be built in Dallas in the next few years: Parkland Hospital Expansion, St. Paul Hospital Expansion and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dallas Expansion are three mega projects that will be bid in the next twelve months with construction to be started in eighteen months and will continue for the next several years. These projects will not only supply jobs for the economy, but will also spur satellite projects for support of these facilities and personal. Also, we are seeing many smaller medical facilities being built to support specialized procedures. There is also a strong school market for both new and renovations. The Dallas Independent School District has started a \$ 1.35 billion dollar program to build fifteen new schools and twelve schools with additions and renovations. This along with Frisco, Lewisville, Denton, Ennis and the Plano I.S.D. provide us with many opportunities for work.

We are excited to announce new additions to our BakerTriangle family. They are **Susan Burns** who is handling accounts payable and **Priscilla Welch** is administrative assistant for the field operations side.

We currently have over 510 days without a lost time accident in Dallas. This is due to the hard work by everyone one involved with our Safety Program.

We recently were honored in Washington, D.C. by the Association of Building Contractors with BakerTriangle 11th National Excellence In Construction Eagle Award for the Great Wolf Lodge. There is only one award given out annually for the best construction project in the nation in our classification. We completed this project for Turner Construction. I want to thank **Tom Wisdom** for estimating and **Keith Giddens** for project management and **Joe Bailey** for being the job site superintendent on this project. This unique project's very tight schedule and many changes tested BakerTriangle's experience, but as expected the BakerTriangle team rose to the challenge and exceeded expectation. We completed this project ahead of schedule, under budget and with no lost time injuries with over 200,000 man hours worked. We were also able to build the expansion of Great Wolf Lodge as well. Congratulations to all involved with this project. 📌



Rosewood Office Building

Houston Update

by Mike Syzdek



Mike Syzdek

It's hard to believe summer is here and we are approaching the 1 year anniversary of "Hurricane Ike". I hope our Baker Triangle employees and their families don't have to experience another storm like "Ike", especially the aftermath of the storm. All of us experienced days and even weeks without

electricity (especially air conditioning) in Houston, Texas in the summer is brutal. But we all survived and are back to normal. We are thankful that none of our employees suffered any loss of life or major injuries. I would also like to thank all the other BakerTriangle offices for their support they gave and offered to our Houston employees during this recovery, it was very much appreciated by all.

The Houston office has grown. We have added **Daniel Sineath** as plaster estimator, **Jorge Lopez** as drywall estimator, **Cory Spaulding** as drywall project manager, **Elizabeth Rubio** as receptionist and **Pattie Gurley** as project manager assistant. We are glad to have you on our staff. "Welcome aboard"

We are making great progress to our Safety Program and are still striving towards zero accidents. I would like to give special recognition to **Robert Lalen, Sr.** our foreman on the Shell Woodcreek



The Woman's Hospital of Texas

project. General contractor DE Harvey Builders presented Robert with an award for his commitment to 60 days without an incident on this project. Robert received this award during a safety BBQ among all subcontractors. "Way to go Robert!"

Safety director **Luis Figueroa** has been busy continuing to train our foreman and all new hires. We continue to train our staff in OSHA 10 Hour, Scaffolding certification, forklift certification, First Aid, CPR, AED certification. Keep up the good job Luis !!!!

Some of the jobs that are currently under construction:

West Avenue Apartments, with Gables Residential; foremen **Robert Gurley**, **Ray Mataska**, **Francisco Arandas**,

Houstonian Tennis Center, with Manhattan Construction; foreman **Jack Hill**, **Marco Alarcon**,

Eldridge Oaks Tower, with DE Harvey; foreman **Brian Wilkerson**,

Embassy Suites Hotel, with Lyda Swinerton; foreman **Martin Ramirez**,

Rice University Recreation and Wellness, with Tellepsen; foreman **Roy Garza, Jr.**

Champion Forest Baptist Church, with Tellepsen, foremen **Ray Moore**, **Santiago Dias**,

Shell Woodcreek II, with DE Harvey; foreman **Robert Lalen, Sr.**,

CABIR Biomedical, with Vaughn Construction; foreman **Robert Gurley**,

Fort Sam Houston Dorms, with Hensel Phelps; foreman **James Ross**,

Alon Town Centre, with Metropolitan Construction; foreman **Manuel Galindo, Sr.**

Upcoming Projects:

M.D. Anderson Administration Support Building, Tomball High School, Pathfinder Energy Services, Klein School, Gaylord Apartments, A&M ETED, Embassy Suites Downtown Hotel and Friendswood High School.

Once again to the Houston Team, keep up the good work, work safe, remember to take care of our customers and have a safe summer !!!!

Fort Worth Update

by Bryan Baker



Bryan Baker

Things are still going strong here in Fort Worth despite the recession. The economy has brought more competition into our area making the work that much more challenging to land. We would like to welcome our new estimator **Joel Long**.

We are currently finishing up Granbury Medical Center Additions and Renovations with Robins and Morton. **Tony Territo** (project manager) and **Joe Lindamood** are well into TCU Scharbauer Hall with Linbeck.

Job Mascorro is foreman on UNT Life Science with Thos. S. Byrne. The building is a 85,000 square feet LEED Silver Certified job complete with Aquatics Laboratory and penthouse level Green House.

David Couch is foreman for Movie Tavern Interior Finish with Rogers-O'Brien. Movie Tavern is a 7 theater cinema, with riser framing and a sound isolation ceiling system below all theater areas.

Tony Territo signed up The Academy at Nola Dunn with Charter Builders. Nola Dunn will be a Burleson elementary school with a focus on fine arts.

Some of our jobs that are currently under construction:

Paradise I.S.D. with Steele Freeman
Hurst Senior Activity Center with AUI
Fort Worth Rehabilitation with Beck

Just completed:

Kincaid's Alliance and Kincaid's Arlington with Jensen,
Paschal High School with Sedalco,
TCU Reed Hall with Linbeck,
AUI Field Office Remodel with AUI.

Lastly, thanks to **Jim Dunn** for keeping our job sites safe. 🏠



Baylor All Saints Women's Center

Fort Worth Billboards

The BakerTriangle marketing team put together a unique campaign using billboards in the Fort Worth market. Purchasing billboard space for three months on at two strategic locations to help spread the word of BakerTriangle in the area. Each billboard was 12' x 25' and displayed our specialties and showed our craftsmen in action. 🏠





Keith Giddens

It has been a very exciting and eventful year in the Phoenix office. BakerTriangle made its grand entrance into the Phoenix market last July with the purchase of Palo Verde Drywall. We have been very busy working to get the BakerTriangle name out in

the Phoenix market by attending events such as “meet the GC night” and golf tournaments. We are also very excited about the new office space that we moved into last December. We would like to thank **Debbie Brocker** and **Kenneth Sewell** for all of their hard work in getting our offices set up so nicely. We also appreciate the willingness of **Mark Streetman**, **David Long**, **Jared Smith** and **Ken Wilson** to come and help out as needed. There have also been several personnel

“It will be their hard work and dedication that will allow BakerTriangle to grow and thrive in our struggling economy”

changes around the Phoenix office. We would like to welcome **Erin Southards** (receptionist) and **Frank Gamez** (estimator) to the BakerTriangle team. Additionally, we are grateful to **Nick Conant** for stepping up to fill in as Field Superintendent. We have a great group of guys in the field who are very dedicated and are willing to travel wherever necessary to get the job done. It will be their hard work and dedication that will allow BakerTriangle

to grow and thrive in our struggling economy.

Although the market has been slow in Arizona throughout the last year, we are hopeful that things will start to turn around in the year ahead. We believe that the restructuring that took place in the prior year in Phoenix will position us to become the premier drywall and acoustical contractor in the Phoenix market when the jobs become available.

Some jobs that have been awarded to us recently include: AEA Federal Credit Union in Yuma, AZ with HBE Corporation; San Carlos Emergency Room Remodel with Southwestern Dakotah, Inc.; Scottsdale Quarter Tenant Improvements with Whiting Turner; Verde Valley Medical Center Pediatric Observation Unit with HBE Corporation; and Wal-Mart Remodel in Flagstaff.

I just want to say thank you again to my BakerTriangle family for your support as we have made this transition in the past year. 🙏



Ocotillo Professional Building

San Antonio Update

by Mike Sireno



Mike Sireno

Summer is almost over and it looks like we are well on our way to having a record setting year for days over 100 degrees. Unfortunately the economy is not as hot as the weather. The good thing is we are in San Antonio and are lucky to be one of the top cities in the country

for construction thanks to all of the military work and schools that are going on here. The city is also working hard to attract other businesses to move into the area to enjoy our great weather and lower costs of living. As the city is growing, so are we. We added **Adam Dwire** as a project manager, **Martin Morales** as a drywall foreman and **Richard Vincent** as a lathing foreman this year. Welcome to the team!

BakerTriangle estimators and project managers have been working hard to get our share of the work in town. Some of the projects currently under construction are the Texas Cryptology Center with Whiting Turner Construction run by foreman **Dolye Dancer** and project manager **Bryan Craft**. **Keith Dimmick** is putting the finishing touches on NE Lakeview College with Austin Commercial. Foreman **Martin Morales** and PM **Chris Montez** are getting close to finishing the Fort Sam Dining Facility with Spaw Glass. We have several school projects ongoing with Bartlett Cocke; Bob Hope Elementary run by **Mike Cervantes**, Tuscan Heights Elementary run by **Albert "TAZ" Miera**, Kallison Ranch Elementary run by **Ray Balandran**, East Central High School Gym & Cafeteria Renovations run by **Joe Pena** and Alamo Ranch Middle School run by **Rodrigo Diaz**. **Albert Cancino** just started a three floor finish out for Medtronics with Opus Northwest. These

are just a few of the projects currently under way with several more on the books.

BakerTriangle also tries to stay involved in the community. We had a Charity Golf Tournament in May that raised \$8500.00 for the Baptist Child and Family Services. We are currently putting together a group for the Red Robin Warrior Walk on August 28th to support our troops. BakerTriangle will be providing and installing the drywall on a house for **Sergeant Cassandra Grant** through the Homes for Our Troops Organization in late August, early September.

Safety is a very important part of our work and philosophy here at BakerTriangle and we continue to strive for zero accidents on every project. Safety training is being given to all employees from the top down so that everyone is accountable. **Argel Villarreal** is our safety manager in San Antonio and has been doing a great job getting everyone up to date on safety training and job site inspections. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we have gone 143 days with out a lost time accident as of 7/24/09. Keep up the good work! 🏠



Tesoro Headquarters Office

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The 2nd annual BakerTriangle American Red Cross Blood Drive took place on May 27th in the Dallas Operations Training Room. Fourteen BakerTriangle employees took the challenge and gave the gift of life. The American Red Cross estimates that with each donated pint of blood up to three lives can be saved. Currently only 3 out of every 100 people in America donate blood. As a corporate culture BakerTriangle emphasizes giving back to our community through activities such as blood drives and other volunteer activities.



Jim Dunn Volunteers

The American Red Cross is where people mobilize to help their neighbors—across the street, across the country and across the world—in emergencies. Each year, in communities large and small, victims of some 70,000 disasters turn to neighbors familiar and new—the more than 700,000 volunteers and 34,000 employees of the Red Cross. ♦



San Antonio Donates \$8,500

The 2nd annual Baker Triangle San Antonio Charity Golf Classic was held Friday, May 8th, 2009 at Olympia Hills Golf Course. Once again this year proceeds



were donated to the Baptist Child and Family Services (BCFS). With the great turnout of 130 players and our kind sponsors BakerTriangle was able to donate \$8,500.



BCFS Executive Vice President of External Affairs Phil Ricks was on hand to receive the check from San Antonio President Mike Sireno and Tournament Chairman Kyle Terry. ♦



2009 MS Walk

On a very cold, cloudy and windy March morning Team BakerTriangle met for the third straight year to walk for the fight against multiple sclerosis. This year our team consisted of over 20 walkers (some were smart enough to stay home) from our Dallas and Fort Worth offices, and one dog, and together we raised over \$6,000, becoming the #3 ranked corporate team. Our team motto is “Be a stud - help plaster MS”, and we desire to do all we can to help end the effects of this disease that has impacted at least three of BakerTriangle family members. ♦

Numbers

11

Number of ABC Eagle awards won by BakerTriangle since 1998.

262

Miles of metal framing materials installed on the Great Wolf Lodge in 10 months.

1

Hurricane survived by The Woman's Center Hospital of Houston using Parex Large Missile Impact EIF System.

30

Years Debbie Brocker has been associated with BakerTriangle, beginning as a teenager receptionist for company founder Bob Baker.

New Revolution of Recycling

BakerTriangle recently began a new recycle program with the help of Recycle Revolution. As a multi-million dollar contracting company BakerTriangle produced large amounts of paper from large format building blueprints and everyday office work. After a period of due diligence to find the right program for our company, CEO Steve Baker authorized **Taylor Vieger**, BakerTriangle Human Resources Director, and Green Advantage member, to direct the new recycle program.

Recycle Revolution was selected to facilitate our recycle program because they understand our needs and with a local presence they save gas and energy in the process of picking up our paper. Reports are furnished to quantify what and how much we are recycling.

BakerTriangle has single stream bins at each office location and larger bins for the oversized plans and boxes. BakerTriangle sees this program as a win-win situation for the environment and our community. As

Taylor stated, "Being a good neighbor is great for business". The hundreds of pounds of paper that previously left our offices in trash trucks are now leaving in trucks furnished by Recycle Revolution to be reused in future paper products. ♠



(R-L) Taylor Vieger and Steve Baker recycle

Eagle Has Landed

BakerTriangle project manager, and current Phoenix president, Keith Giddens was on hand to accept the 2009 ABC EIC Eagle award for Interior work for the Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine, Texas. Present with Keith in Washington, D.C. was Turner Construction project manager Everett Willis. ABC president and CEO Kirk Pickerel presented the award to Keith and Everett stating that, "this project is an outstanding example of the innovation and commitment to superior craftsmanship". A panel of industry experts served as the competition's judges in the 19th year for this awards competition. ♠



(R) PM Keith Giddens accepts Eagle Award for Baker Triangle

25 Year Employees

Twenty five years is a long time. Twenty five years associated with the same company is rare, especially in today's world of rapid change and communication. So when a company has four individuals that have each worked twenty five years with the same company, that is indeed rare. However, that is exactly what occurred last year at BakerTriangle and it was time to reflect and celebrate with these four men. **Mark Streetman, Tracy Latimer, Ray Gurley and Jerry Gurley** all began their careers with BakerTriangle in 1983.

Each of them has found their place in the company and all are a huge part of BakerTriangle's successes over the last twenty five years. Mark Streetman is the Senior Vice President of Field Operations, Jerry Gurley is in the Fort Worth office and Tracy of these men were in attendance at special plaques and a beautiful Rolex of all their fine accomplishments witnessed by there twenty five year

Mark, who began his career as a drywall mechanic, grew up in Royse City, Texas. Tracy, who started with BakerTriangle as a truck driver, was raised in Forney, Texas. Jerry and Ray were drywall mechanics when they came to BakerTriangle, and they were raised in Dallas, Texas. Jerry Smith hired both Ray and Jerry when he worked in the Dallas office. Asked why he and Jerry have stayed with BakerTriangle for more than 25 years, Ray stated, "Staying with BakerTriangle has been the easiest decision we have ever had to make. Being able to look back at the projects that we have worked on and completed through the entire country gives us great pride to be part of the BakerTriangle team." 📍



Steve Baker surrounded by the 25 year employees



Project Foreman, Ray Gurley is Field Superintendent Latimer is Purchasing Agent for the Dallas office. Each the 2008 Dallas Christmas Party and were awarded with watch. BakerTriangle CEO Steve Baker made special note throughout the years and spoke of their loyalties as association with BakerTriangle.



Mark Streetman



Ray Gurley



Tracy Latimer



Jerry Gurley

DPRC Golf Classic

A little rain didn't dampen the spirits of the golfers gathered to play the 11th annual Baker Triangle Raymond Golf Classic. After the skies cleared each team completed their round and gathered afterward for dinner and awards. Once again the tournament took place at Woodbridge Golf Club and record 141 golfers participated. This year's tournament raised more than \$37,000. Benefiting the Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center (DPRC) for eleven years, the tournament has donated more than \$223,000 to the Center in helping provide for their day-to-day ministry. This year, with the addition



Tournament Chair Jim Hollis (r) and Barry Johnson talk about the weather



The happy Herb's Paint and Body Team

of several new Partner sponsors, the tournament posted record receipts.

DPRC Executive Director Mary Jane Fogerty stated, "We are truly grateful

for your hearts for the unborn as evidenced by your personal generosity and commitment to this fund raiser." ♦



DPRC Staff get a 'BIG' check from Baker Triangle Raymond

Houston Cook-Out

The Houston office of Baker Triangle recently held its First Annual Barbeque Cook Off at Thousand Trails, Lake Conroe. Baker Triangle employees, along with their families, enjoyed the lake and the abundance of great food. There were 11 teams competing for monetary awards for 1st through 3rd places and more importantly, bragging rights in divisions of brisket, chicken, ribs, fajitas and beans. There were also awards handed out for Best Team



First Place 'Brisket' Team with Mike Syzdek and Mike Degroot

Name (Grills Gone Wild) and Best Set-Up (Two Texans- Lone Star Cookers). The "BBQ Pirates" team won 1st place in the Brisket Division.

The children (ages 3-15 years old) competed in the First Annual Fishing Tournament and received awards along with great prizes. Kaci Foster won 1st place in the Fishing Tournament for the Overall Biggest Catch! Baker Triangle would like to express their appreciation for the awards and prizes donated by generous sponsors. The organizers and participants



'Grills Gone Wild' Team wins Best Team Name

are looking forward to an even more successful event at next year's cook off. ♦

Arthur Anthony - Patriot

Arthur Anthony served in the United States Marine Corps from May 2001 until September 2005. During his service Arthur earned the rank of Sergeant and was awarded several medals and accommodations for his work during combat operations and Operation Iraqi Freedom I and III. During his three tours in Iraq he was the vital lifeline to Explosive Ordnance Division Marines managing extremely difficult communications with Army and Marine Corps units. Arthur conducted post-blast investigations and weapons cache exploitations.

Life is a little quieter now for Arthur as he has transitioned from Marine life to a position of CDL driver/helper with BakerTriangle. During Arthur's time with BakerTriangle he has shown that he can be a dependable employee and team player in the San Antonio office just as he was while serving in Iraq. Arthur and his wife Regina have a little girl Sofia Loryn and reside in Helotes, a suburb of San Antonio. Arthur currently serves in the USMC Reserves. 🇺🇸



Arthur Anthony

“Arthur’s sacrifice for me, for all of us, is an inspiration and it is a privilege to have him as part of our BakerTriangle team here in San Antonio.”

Mike Sireno

Corporate Update

There have been many changes in the corporate office staff over the past year. **Jennifer McMillan** is our new receptionist who also helps out with accounts payable, **Claudia Offill** is now in accounting, **Ralph Baker** is back with BakerTriangle as operational accountant, **Larry Meeks** is in IT support and **Cameron Cranford** is Assistant of Technology.

The corporate office acts as the support center for the six offices; processing payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, office forms, invitations to bid and tech support.



Corporate lobby

35 Year Anniversary Celebration

BakerTriangle's Dallas, Corporate and Fort Worth offices joined together on January 28 to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the company's founding. Customers and vendors joined BakerTriangle employees at the Diamond Club located in the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The popular group **Beatlegras** was on hand to provide great



music and the always popular **Robert "Free" Bradford** ("The Original ButtSketch" artist) kept attendees entertained with his sketches.

B.R. Baker founded Baker Drywall and Triangle Plastering in 1974. Baker's son Steve is the current CEO and majority owner overseeing the company's six office locations. BakerTriangle began operating in Mesquite,



Texas out of a 1,200 square foot house converted to an office with 3 office employees. The company now has 100 office employees with over 1,100 workers in the field.

Over 200 attended this grand gala. Food, fun and fellowship was the theme of the evening and there



was plenty to go around. Door prizes went out as the celebration wrapped up and **Tom King** with Hilti won the big prize and a trip to Las Vegas. 🏆