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## A PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



# Then... and Now...

In 1974, I had the privilege of serving as the President of the Nevada Chapter AGC. As a senior past president, I have now been given the opportunity to comment on how my involvement in AGC impacted my business and my life.

Through AGC I became more actively involved in both the construction industry and the community. Along with other AGC members, we gladly donated to many charitable projects that benefited our community.

Thanks to the leadership of Tom Donnels and Bill Wallace, we were among many members who were proud to help transform an empty lot adjacent to Swope Middle School into the Swope Sports Complex. That facility is still being used today.

We advocated for better long term planning for the city sewer system. We unsuccessfully urged the city to take advantage of the 75% federal funding for a new sewer interceptor that would have eliminated a number of septic systems near the Truckee River. Ultimately, local taxpayers paid the cost of that project.

I gained experience speaking on behalf of AGC at public meetings. After my retirement, AGC encouraged me to run for the Reno City Council, where I was elected and served four years representing Ward 1.

The other AGC members who were by my side were much more than my fellow contractors, suppliers and subcontractors, they became lifelong friends. We traveled to AGC conventions, shared dinners, attended sporting events and played golf together. Their friendship and camaraderie will always be warmly remembered.

I am sure that the challenges facing our industry today are more daunting than ever. However, your willingness to support AGC and participate in its cause will reward you both professionally and personally as you progress through your career.

It is gratifying to see that the same sense of concern for the community continues to thrive among the members of AGC today. That will always be part of AGC's legacy.

Jim Thornton  
AGC President 1974

This year AGC celebrates 75 years and I'm proud to have been given the opportunity to serve as president as we commemorate this important milestone.

As we celebrated our last milestone five years ago, the country was in the middle of a devastating recession. The construction industry in Nevada lost half its workforce and unemployment soared above 12 percent.

The past five years we've been through hell and back. Nobody knows better than the dedicated members of this association what it takes to get up every morning and press on when all odds are against you. It is with slight hesitation that I say I think we've turned the corner. Work seems to be picking up and the economy seems to be improving.

That said, we cannot let our guard down. The need to band together to make sure our voices are heard is more important now than ever. We face difficult challenges. They come in many forms, such as burdensome government regulations and the lack of a trained workforce.

Moreover, much of what makes our country so great is being lost. Our competitive spirit is being replaced by a world where participation trophies litter our kids' walls. Self-evident virtues like grit, determination and hard work are lost on a society where self-entitlement has run amok.

Sadly, this destructive path is encouraged by many of our elected officials. Spending on social programs has reached unprecedented levels and we hear of too many cases where this has replaced the incentive to work. To make matters worse, those programs are balanced on the backs of hard working Americans. It is our duty to make sure our government understands how their actions impact our businesses, the economy and our quality of life.

I'm thankful that AGC members have always answered the call to action, even in the most difficult times. I urge you to continue to answer the call. And for those of you who have been in the background, it is time to come forward with us.

We look forward to meeting the challenges of the next 75 years.

Craig Holt  
AGC President 2014



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# FROM THEN TO NOW, AGC'S LEGACY OF BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY



It was 1939 and sleepy Nevada was waking up from a long nationwide depression to the rugged reality of a fast-moving, modern world.

Four men came together in a smoke-filled meeting room at 43 Sierra Street in the Biltz Building. They wished to form a new AGC chapter and prove that the Silver State possessed the Skill, Integrity and Responsibility to build the modern roads, schools and hospitals which would soon become the foundation of our great state. Shortly thereafter, the new chapter included 21 firms.

That first core of contractors who created the Nevada Chapter AGC paved our roads and formed the infrastructure during those war years. The post-war boom that followed fueled new demands in labor agreements and brought modern construction techniques to the go-go casino era and built the logistics and manufacturing Mecca that has grown into the new Nevada brand. They faced many of the same issues we encounter today, including properly funding highways and our growing demand for schools, hospitals, water and sewer treatment and their supporting infrastructure.

By 1959, the Nevada Chapter of Associated General Contractors had grown to 35 active members and was the spokesperson for Nevada's construction industry. The AGC not only built the buildings, but influenced the rules and regulations that protect consumers and

the taxpaying public through the Nevada Contractors Board. They worked with the state's public works agencies to establish a cohesive set of specifications across all government jurisdictions that would assure equity and the best value for Nevada's taxpayers.

And as the state grew, so did AGC's responsibility to the construction industry. Safety training classes and

the new "Construction Opportunities Trust" program to bring minorities and females into construction trades were supported by the AGC membership. Member benefits began to evolve and included workers compensation coverage and health care benefit packages for employees. AGC was

also at the forefront of dispute resolution, whether on a job site or in the Legislature. The explosive growth in Southern Nevada brought a stronger AGC voice in the south to help respond to legislative representation brought about by reapportionment.



AGC members are stakeholders in the community and the construction industry. We are a network of sharing ideas and business information and applying our collective skills to the fast evolving business environment. The Nevada Chapter will continue to work toward building a better

community with skill, integrity and responsibility as we develop the next generation of leaders...sans the smoke-filled rooms.

# 75 YEARS OF SERVICE



1939 East Ely Overpass

Nevada Chapter was chartered October 1939. Charles Hill was hired as Manager.

## 1939



1940s Earl Games working on Mt. Rose Highway

AGC manager Hill hired by Contractor's Board 1943.

Approved formation of separate Las Vegas Building Contractors Chapter in December 1945.



1948 Manager Hill dies unexpectedly and Edward L. Pine appointed AGC and Board Manager.

AGC passes contractor license law in 1943 legislature.

## 1944



1942 - Drumms Camp - Gabbs

2nd & Keystone



365th Engineering Group National Guard sponsored by AGC in 1948.



AGC 25-year Celebration

AGC and State Contractors Board were separated 1967.

Plan Bulldozer 1968 formally accepted by Governor to assist with providing equipment during fires and floods.

## 1969

## 1964

1965 AGC Group Insurance Plan established to provide health benefits to AGC members employees.

1965 joint sewer plant construction begins.



SIR Award originated in Nevada Chapter by E.W. McKenzie and Nevada Chapter forms Northern and Southern Divisions 1969.

Fleishman Planetarium, Meiser Construction.





40s / 50s - Highway Paving Washoe County.

President E.J. Maupin, Jr. appointed Chair of National AGC Highway Division in 1951.

**1949**



AGC leads effort to combine Reno and Sparks sewer plants 1960-62.

**1959**



1962 First National Bank

Mapes Office Bldg Mid-1960s

Southern Nevada Chapter rejoins Nevada Chapter in 1954.

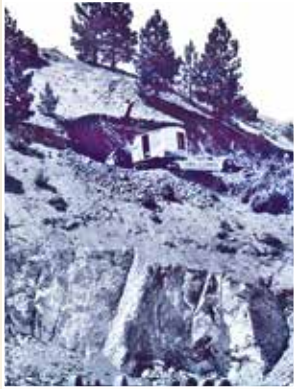
**1954**

1954 Isbell Construction - Hot Plant



Edward L. Pine appointed State Highway Engineer. Rowland Oakes hired as Manager of Nevada Chapter in 1959.

In 1962 & 1963 Nevada Chapter receives Cashman Award for Membership Service due to chapter growth.



Mt. Rose Hwy. construction.



1971 AGC Building purchased on Wells Avenue.

National AGC adopts-SIR Award, President Gerald Ford receives SIR Award 1975.

**1979**

Bitin' Bullets distributed to members of Congress to support budget cuts 1981.

New AGC building breaks grounds at 500 Ryland Street 1985.

**1974**

35th Anniversary Celebration at JA Nugget.



Lot purchased for future construction of the Ryland Street office 1979.

E.W. McKenzie National AGC Treasurer 1981.

**1984**

Ronald Reagan wins National SIR Award 1986

1980 McCarran Ring Road



# OUR VISUAL HISTORY CONTINUED

AGC successfully lobbies for design funding for Engineering Lab Building 1987-88.



AGC hosts 1990 National AGC Mid-Year Meeting in Reno.



1996 Margaret Cavin first woman AGC President.

AGC establishes PINNACLE Awards to honor best of the best projects.



AGC subsidiary formed to handle group worker's comp plan 1999.

## 1989

## 1999

Nevada Chapter and Southern Chapter separate. Las Vegas AGC Chapter is chartered.

Construction Engineering post Baccalaureate degree program begins at UNR 1992.

## 1994

AGC hosts Indy Grand Prix at Reno Hilton 1993.

AGC Contractor's Auxiliary formed under Washoe County Sheriff's Office 1997.



ACE Charter High School opens its doors in 2002.



AGC promotes passage of RTC2 to increase Washoe County Gas Tax for new road construction 2002.

Nevada Chapter hosts National AGC press conference on construction employment issues 2009.



Initiated campaign to raise \$100k for UNR Earthquake Lab.

## 2004

## 2014

Regional Safety Training Center

2006 New AGC building completed at 5400 Mill Street.

## 2009

AGC forms Construction Leadership Council 2013



AGC leads effort to pass RTC5 Initiative to increase Washoe County Gas Tax and \$400 million in projects 2008.



Granite, Moana 580 Diamond Interchange





# SAFETY



# MILESTONE PROJECTS



Project ReTrac



Bruce R. Thompson Courthouse & Federal Building



Carson-Tahoe Hospital



Renown Regional Medical Center Tower



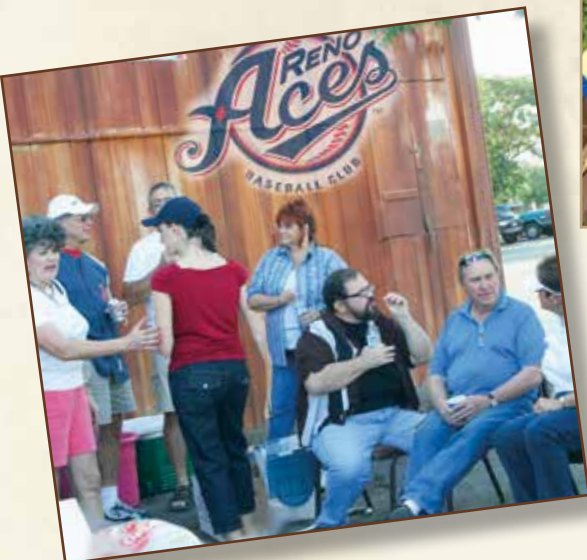
Nevada Museum of Art



Kendyl Depoali Middle School



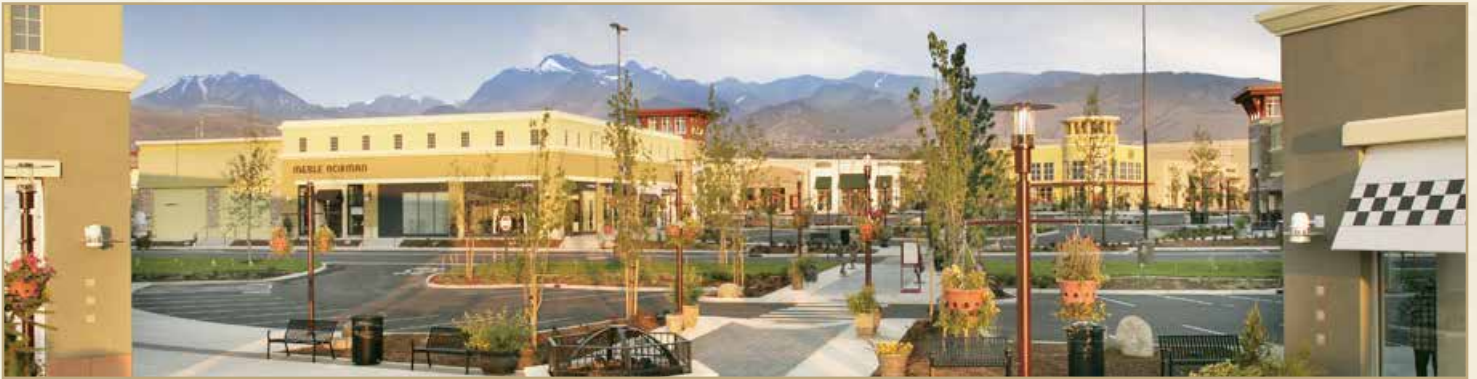
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# MILESTONE PROJECTS



Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center .....



The Summit Reno .....



Intuit Payroll Services .....



Outlets at Sparks .....



Interstate 80 .....



RTC Citi Center .....

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# MILESTONE PROJECTS



Harley Davidson Financial .....



Reno-Sparks Convention Center .....



Galena Bridge .....



152 Intelligence Squadron Nevada Air Guard



Downtown Events Center .....



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# SIR AWARDS & RECIPIENTS



An acronym for the AGC motto, "Skill, Integrity and Responsibility," the SIR Award is given to honor the men, women and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to Nevada, our quality of life and the construction industry. Originating with the Nevada Chapter in 1967, the SIR Award was adopted by AGC chapters nationwide, including the national office in Washington, D.C.

National award winners include Presidents Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford along with educators, humanitarians, business leaders and many unsung heroes. Many other AGC Chapters across the county have also adopted this recognition program to those who build better communities within the construction industry and community at-large.

## 2013

Barbara & JP Pinocchio  
Leigh Berdrow

## 2012

Leo P. Bergin III  
Geno Martini  
Mike Cate

## 2011

Chris Gerhardt  
John Madole

## 2010

Bruce Miller  
Steven L. Scolari

## 2009

James Gardner  
William N. Pennington

## 2008

Bill Balsi, Sr  
Jack Harker  
Carole Vilardo

## 2007

Cherie Jamason  
Michael C. Dermody  
Ray Pezonella

## 2006

Dick Elmre  
John R. Lindell  
Paul A. Tholl

## 2005

Rick Reviglio  
Vern Meiser  
David W. Clark

## 2004

Dr. Noah Smirnoff  
Fred Taeubel  
Bernice Mathews

## 2003

Margaret Cavin  
Bob Cashell  
Terry Markwell

## 2002

Piero Bullentini  
Jeff Griffin  
Pierre Hascheff

## 2001

John McCune  
Leo Tuccori

## 2000

Lynn Atcheson  
Jim Struempf

## 1999

Richard Bryan  
Deane Shaver

## 1998

Ron and Susan  
Krump  
Ben Caramella

## 1997

Marv Byars

## 1996

Tom and Jim Bahan  
KTVN - Channel 2  
Mills Lane  
Brian Whalen

## 1995

Nazir Ansari  
Edna Benna  
Bruno Benna

## 1994

Joe Dini  
Bill Raggio  
Lud Corrao

## 1993

Grove Holcomb  
Chris Ault

## 1992

Garth Dull  
Norman Dianda  
Garth Frehner

## 1991

Harry Reid  
Joanne Oakes  
Clark Gribben

## 1990

Carlo Panicari  
Nevada Air National  
Guard

## 1989

Barbara Vucanovich  
Jack Reviglio

## 1988

Rowland Oakes

## 1987

Robert L. Helms  
Claude Howard  
Chuck McGee  
Howard Winn

## 1986

Ben Dasher  
Clarence Jones

## 1985

Jim Thornton  
Hank Gallues

## 1984

John Ascuaga  
Robert Broadbent

## 1983

Peter Krenkel

## 1982

James Santini  
Ernie Martinelli

## 1981

Everett Brunzell  
E.W. McKenzie

## 1980

Moya Olsen Lear  
Tom Reviglio  
Neil Plath  
Thomas Cooke  
Robert Guinn

## 1979

Marv Picollo  
Norm Cardoza  
Wilson McGowan

## 1978

Marv Humphrey

## 1977

Bill Kottinger

## 1976

Ed Pine

## 1975

Paul Laxalt

## 1974

Joe Latimore  
Ed Parsons

## 1973

John W. Brown

## 1972

Nevada Bell  
Wilmer Isbell

## 1971

Bert Fitz

## 1970

John E. Bawden

## 1969

George Probasco  
Raymond Hellmann  
Fred Mast



## 1968

Neil Plath  
Thomas Cooke  
Robert Guinn

## 1967

Gus Rapone  
W.T. Holcomb  
Al Solari  
Carl Dodge





# CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

Since the Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors was established in 1939, there have only been four executive leaders. Additionally,



Anita Ashurst worked for our Chapter for over 50 years, making her the longest serving employee of any AGC Chapter in the nation.

## Charles Hill 1939-1948

Charles Hill was appointed Secretary-Manager of the Nevada Chapter AGC upon its inception. During his tenure at AGC, the first Annual Dinner was hosted in 1940. The chapter had 21 contractor and associate members.

AGC was instrumental in the creation of the Nevada State Contractors Board in 1941. The chapter executive also served as the Secretary-Manager of the Contractors Board until 1967.

Mr. Hill established a Las Vegas Office of AGC in 1943 in order to establish one union wage rate for the community.

Charles Hill unexpectedly passed away August, 1948.



## Edward Pine 1948-1959

Upon the death of Charles Hill, Edward Pine was hired as the Secretary-Manager of the Nevada Chapter. Mr. Pine had recently returned from service in the Army during World War II and oversaw the growth of the construction industry in the post-war era.

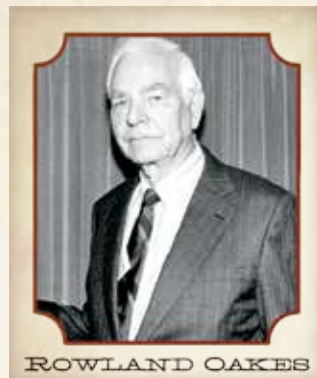
In 1955, Mr. Pine oversaw the consolidation of the Northern and Southern Nevada AGC offices into one, cohesive chapter. By 1957, the Nevada AGC began negotiating labor agreements with the Operating Engineers, Teamsters and Cement Masons.

Mr. Pine stepped down from AGC in March of 1959 to accept the position of State Highway Engineer. He went on to become a long time School Board member and was honored with the naming of Edward L. Pine Middle School. He was honored with the SIR Award in 1976.

## Rowland Oakes 1959-1989

Rowland Oakes was hired from the New Hampshire/Vermont AGC Chapter and appointed Secretary-Manager in March of 1959. In 1960, the Nevada Chapter AGC completed arrangements for the construction of the first AGC building located at 300 S. Wells Ave.

Under the leadership of Mr. Oakes, the Nevada Chapter AGC won the James Cashman Membership Trophy for the most new members added of



## John Madole 1989-Present

Initially hired as the Assistant Manager in 1972, Mr. Madole was promoted to Manager in 1989 upon the retirement of Rowland Oakes.

In 1990, Reno hosted the National AGC Mid-Year Board Meeting of over 1,200 members and spouses from around the nation. The Nevada Chapter was honored by AGC of America in 1991 and 1992

for Best Community Service Projects.

In 1997, the Nevada AGC established the AGC Contractors Auxiliary to ensure community support of the construction industry after national disasters.

In 2005, construction began on the new AGC building located at 5400 Mill Street. The new facility offered parking for 100 cars and a training center that can accommodate more than 100 students.

In 2008, the Nevada Chapter championed the passing of ballot initiative RTC-5. This measure allowed the indexing of fuel tax in Washoe County. Through 2014, this measure provided over \$400 million of road construction in Washoe County, creating thousands of jobs.

In 2012, Madole was honored with the SIR Award.

## Anita Ashurst

Anita was hired by the Nevada Chapter AGC in 1959. During her fifty year tenure at AGC, the membership grew from 35 to over 300 members. In 2009, Anita was honored by the National AGC as the only chapter employee to complete 50 years of service to the AGC.



# NEVADA ASSOCIATION MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS



During the early 1960s, local plumbing contractors experienced a difficult time working out differences during contract negotiations with Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 350. Employers approached AGC about representing management in their collective bargaining agreements with Local 350.

AGC began assisting with the negotiations and representing management on Health & Welfare, Vacation and Apprenticeship Funds. In 1966, the Nevada Association of Mechanical Contractors was formed, and Leo Bergin of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP was retained as association legal counsel.

AGC staff has continued to serve as trustees on the UA 350 Health Trust, Vacation Trust and Annuity Trust Funds for nearly 40 years along with NAM employer's signatory to Local 350. Trustees on these funds have included representatives of RHP Mechanical Systems, Gardner Engineering, Inc. and J. W. McClenahan Co.

During the early 1980s, local Sheet Metal employers experienced similar problems with managing the affairs of the local Sheet Metal contract, which was negotiated by a chartered chapter of the National Sheet Metal Contractors Association (SMACNA). AGC made a similar arrangement to handle the affairs of SMACNA through NAM.

NAM has stepped up to the plate financially in many ways, including contributing to the AGC PAC and by helping to support ACE Charter High School. In 2014, NAM helped the industry by contributing to the campaign to prevent Question #3, the Margins Tax Initiative, from passing. NAM also contributed to the construction of the AGC Building and continues to rent space in the building. To acknowledge NAM's generous support of AGC, the AGC Building training rooms are named after NAM.

The support of NAM has been a critical element in the accomplishments of AGC in Nevada.




# AGC PRESIDENTS

## AGC Presidents in so Many Characters, with so Much Character

Pilots and Philanthropists...Escaped Persecution...Fought in Wars...Starred in Sports. The 60 presidents who led the Nevada Chapter AGC are a reflection of the diverse community we live in, we build in. There was no social media in 1939, so what would we tweet about these men and women today? Here's our take, tweet yours to @nevadaagc #75th

**1939-43**  
 Founding AGC member. Principal Isbell Construction. First Chapter President, served four terms. Nevada Contractor's License #1. Extensive work in Nevada copper mines.




**C.V. Isbell**

**1944-45**  
 Principal Hunt & Frandsen Co. Founding AGC member. His Nevada Rock and Sand Co. was one of the area's largest.




**F. M. Frandsen**

**1946-47**  
 Principal of Dodge Construction. Founded 1928. Fallon Highway contractor. AGC Highway Division 1951 Chair.




**E.J. Maupin**

**1948-49**  
 Principal Silver State Construction. Fallon Highway contractor. Infamously drove Chrysler 300 100 mph from Fallon to Reno.



**A.D. Drumm, Jr.**

**1950-51**  
 Started in construction with father John Games. Formed Earl Games Construction in 1923. Longest membership of Nevada AGC.




**Earl E. Games**

**1952-53**  
 Owned Ready Mix Concrete in Reno. Served as Mayor of Reno 1951-55. Nicknamed "Tank." Initiated regional flood control after massive floods of 1950.



**F. R. Smith**

**1954-55**  
 John H.C. Roberts Company. Las Vegas building and heavy contractor.



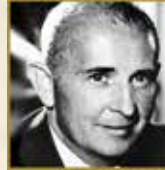
**John H.C. Roberts**

**1956**  
 Vice President New Mexico based Lembke Construction. Managed Las Vegas branch in 1950s.



**Richard C. Chase**

**1957**  
 Founder Wells Cargo, Reno Trucking and Construction Company. Met President Hoover during truck breakdown in Oregon 1930.



**Howard A. Wells**

**1958**  
 Principal Longley Construction, founded 1950. Las Vegas Pipeline contractor.



**L. A. Longley**

**1959**  
 Son of founder of Walker Boudwin Construction, 1921. One of Reno's first general building contractors. Built the legislative building and Nevada State Prison.



**Rodney W. Boudwin**

**1960**  
 Founder Stocks Mill and Supply, general building contractor. Specialized in concrete construction. Las Vegas based.




**Harrison S. Stocks**

**1961**  
 Isbell Construction President in Reno in the early 1960's before company's sale to Centex.



**E. F. Duerr**

**1962**  
 Principal and founder Wells Cargo Trucking and Construction in Reno and Las Vegas. Worked extensively for Nevada miners, hauling ore and materials.



**Joe Wells**

**1963**  
 Founder McKenzie Construction, Sparks general contractor. 1980 National AGC Treasurer. Built first concrete tilt up building in Nevada. Helped launch the warehouse/distribution revolution.




**E.W. McKenzie**

**1964**  
 Founder of V.C. Mendenhall Company, Las Vegas general construction firm. Served several terms as AGC National Director.



**V.C. Mendenhall**

**1965**  
 Son of founder and principal of Dodge Construction in Fallon. Served as State Senator.



**Carl F. Dodge**

**1966**  
 Principal Wells Cargo Trucking and Construction in Las Vegas and Reno.



**William Hartman**



# AGC PRE



1967

Owner of Brunzell Construction. Built Reno Holiday Hotel 1954. Chair of National AGC Public Relations Committee for three years.

Everett Brunzell



1968

Virginia City native. Formed Helms Construction, Sparks highway contractor. Residential and commercial developer.

Robert L. Helms



1969

Principal Walker Boudwin Construction, Reno building contractor. Navy carrier pilot. Led construction of Swepe Sports Complex 1966.

Tom Donnels



1970

Began T & T Engineering with his father. Reno general building contractor. Service station construction specialist. Son-in-law is Governor Brian Sandoval.

James Teiphner, Jr.



1971

Executive Vice President of McKenzie Construction. Managed construction of Sparks Nugget Hotel Tower. Trustee Operating Engineer Trust Funds over 30 years.

Carlo Panicari



1972

Worked for Isbell Construction & Helms Construction. Formed Byars Construction, Engineering contractor 1965. UNR Track Sports Hall of Fame.

H. M. Byars



1973

Longtime Walker Boudwin Construction employee. Later formed Capriotti Lemon & Associates, general building contractor. Reno native.

Harry Lemon



1974

Reno native. Worked at Helms Construction. Jim & partner bought Tholl Paving in 1960s, became Nevada Paving Company. Ward 1 Reno City Councilman.

Jim Thornton



1975-76

Founder Shaver Construction Company, Sparks general building contractor. Trustee on the Laborers Trust Funds for over 25 years. National AGC Life Director.

Deane Shaver



1977

Began with Brunzell Construction in Southern California. Formed Corrao Construction in the early 1970s. High-rise hotel builder, significant on gaming projects in Reno, Las Vegas & New Jersey.

Lud Corrao



1978-79

Principal McKenzie Construction. Active in industrial development in Reno and Sparks. Son of E.W. McKenzie.

Dale McKenzie



1980

Partner Byars Construction Company. Developed several real estate projects in Reno.

Terry Markwell



1981

Highway contractor, Helms Construction. Served on Operating Engineers Apprenticeship Trust 10 years. Son of R.L. Helms. Virginia City native.

Jerry Helms



1982-83

Formed steel building construction firm Engineered Structures, later Krump Construction, general building contractor. Built AGC building at 500 Ryland St.

Ron Krump



1984-85

Started remodeling kitchens with partner to form Q&D Construction 1964. Became large Northern Nevada engineering and building contractor. Trustee Operating Engineers Laborers 20 years.

Norman Dianda



1986-87

Pilot in Air National Guard. Partner McKenzie Construction Company. Son of founder E.W. McKenzie.

Greg McKenzie



1988-89

New Jersey native. Played UNR basketball. Partner in CB Concrete & I Christensen. Art and cultural philanthropist.

Bruno Benna



1990

Former Marine engineering officer. Principal Clark and Sullivan Constructors, general building contractor. Chapter President host National AGC midyear board meeting Reno 1990.

B. J. Sullivan



1991

Cal Berkeley grad. Granite branch manager in Sparks at age 26. Later President Granite Construction Company.

Jim Roberts



1992

Established Nevada Contractors, general building contractor, specialized in schools & public works. Southern Cal native.

Gary Moore



1993

Verdi Native. Navy Seabee. Worked at Isbell Construction and Byars Construction. Formed TW Construction (Top Wop). Specialized in pipeline work. Chapter President Host Reno Indy Car race.

Leo Tuccori

# S I D E N T S



**1994**



Sheet metal journeyman. Corrao Construction manager, later formed building contractor TNT Construction. Yugoslavia native.

**Fred Taeubel**

**1995**



Concrete finisher for I Christensen Company. Later formed Lucky Concrete 1970s. First subcontractor chapter president.

**Clark Knauss**


**1996**



Receptionist J.W. McClenahan Company. First female chapter president. Principal J&J Mechanical. Held fundraising dinners for ACE Charter High School.

**Margaret Cavin**


**1997**



Helicopter door gunner in Vietnam. Partner United Construction Company, general contractor, warehouse and school builder.

**Tony Taormina**

**1998**



Principal second generation paving contractor Tedford Construction Company in Fallon.

**Jack N. Tedford III**

**1999**



Large steel fabrication contractor. Emigrated from Italy in 1950s. Swept floors at Martin Iron. Later bought company in 1980s.

**Piero Bullentini**

**2000**



Registered architect. Principal at Q&D construction. State Board of Architecture member. Served as Washoe County Commissioner.

**John Breternitz**

**2001**



Born in Hungary. Escaped Budapest uprising 1956. Formed Omboli Interiors, a drywall company in Reno.

**Frank Omboli**

**2002**



Reno native. Graduated from UNR. Joined father's company, Byars Construction.

**Sheril Bradley**


**2003**



Principal Krump Construction. Promoted essay program for elementary school to promote construction careers.

**Ron Deal**

**2004**



Assisted AGC as a university student. Principal WES Construction, site development & utility services company. Later formed R Construction, a smaller utility construction company. State Public Works Board Member.

**Roy Walker**

**2005**



Joined family owned RHP Mechanical with father Al and brother Steve. Served as trustee on the Tri-State Sheet Metal Workers Trust Funds. Plumber & Pipefitter Trust Funds Trustee.

**Mike Scolari**

**2006**



Began as carpenter Southern California. President United Construction, warehousing and industrial builder. Spearheaded construction AGC Building.

**Craig Wilcut**


**2007**



Early career highway contractor in Florida. Came to Reno to manage Granite Construction branch in Sparks.

**Rod Cooper**

**2008**



Began as hod carrier Gardnerville. Formed Silver State Masonry. Instrumental in establishing ACE Charter High School.

**Mike Cate**


**2009**



Began as carpenter helper for father. Formed Frank Lepori Construction, small commercial/residential builder. Expanded to schools and public works.

**Frank Lepori**


**2010**



At WES Construction and TW Construction prior to forming Reno Tahoe Construction, engineering contractor, pipeline specialist.

**Fred Reeder**

**2011**



At Pacific Mechanical in California prior to joining KG Walters. Later principal. As AGC president raised \$100k for UNR Engineering Lab Expansion.

**Dave Backman**

**2012**



Former electrical association executive. Joined PAR Electrical Contractors as Reno manager. Over 20 years Electrical Funds Trustee.

**Matt Frazer**

**2013**



Partner in family owned A&K Earthmovers Fallon, Nevada. Began as excavation contractor. Expanded to regional engineering/highway contractor.

**Scott Hiatt**

**2014**



Played college basketball at Loyola Marymount. Joined Granite in Sacramento. Later principal in Sierra Nevada Construction, engineering/paving contractor.

**Craig Holt**



# MIX'N IT UP WITH AGC



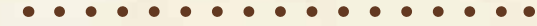
# MILESTONES & COMMUNITY GIVING

AGC members have been the first to step up to be that good neighbor. These activities have included:

- 👉 Donating labor & materials to local charity groups
- 👉 Donating dollars for University of Nevada scholarships since 1963, now more than \$400,000
- 👉 Providing disaster relief with equipment and manpower during times of flood and fire through the Contractors Auxiliary
- 👉 Donating manpower and equipment for such projects as John Champion Park, Steven G. Riddell Stadium, the annual Truckee River Clean Up, Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club, Veterans Guest House, St. Vincent's Transitional Living Center, Idlewild Park Children's Train Station, YMCA of the Sierra and many other worthwhile causes
- 👉 AGC members collect food for Evelyn Mount's Community Outreach Program every year
- 👉 AGC members even adopted and raced an Indy car....which was also used for the "Work Zones Aren't Race Tracks. Give 'Em a Brake." campaign
- 👉 AGC Members give back by giving blood
- 👉 AGC members adopt a family each year so they can celebrate Christmas with gifts



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The education and the future of our workforce is important to us. If there is one lesson the community knows, it is that AGC members step up to the plate when it comes to education.

Here are some highlights:

👉 The Nevada Chapter was among the first organizations to promote and support the establishment of charter schools in Nevada and have become an industry partner of the ACE Charter High School in Northern Nevada. ACE



teaches construction related skills to the young men and women that will become tomorrow's construction workforce.

👉 Each year the AGC Education Committee volunteers at the Mount Rose Academy Career Day. ACE High School students also spend the day assisting Mount Rose students with constructing a project. This year students built tool boxes. AGC members donate heavy equipment to show the students what it is like to be in the driver's seat.

👉 The Nevada Chapter AGC is a construction association with an interest in changing the perception of construction in education. To make that happen, the Nevada Chapter AGC created the Education Externship in 2011. Ideally this program gives educators reality based examples of the use of math, science and language arts in the construction industry, and helps dispel the perception that a construction worker is just a person swinging a hammer.

👉 In the late 1980's, after a meeting

of a dozen AGC members with University of Nevada, Reno President Joe Crowley, the university budget was amended to include funding for the Construction Engineering Post Baccalaureate Program.

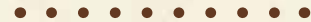
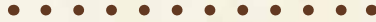
👉 AGC members support the AGC/ASCE Student Engineering chapter at UNR with multiple projects including the concrete canoe competition.

👉 Education of members takes place in a variety of classes and programs with a special emphasis on safety.





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# THE TRUE SAGA OF THE AGC BUILDING(S) 1939-2014



## 1939

First meeting to discuss establishing AGC Chapter held at Biltz Building at 43 Sierra Street. C.V. Isbell, F.M. Frandsen, E.J. Maupin, Jr. and A.D. Drumm, Jr. were in attendance. AGC was granted a charter from the national office on October 4, 1939 and was incorporated on October 20, 1939 by the state of Nevada. The first office was in the Golden Hotel on Center Street. The office is described in notes as “a few steps away from the elevator.”

## 1952

In 1952, the AGC offices were moved to the Security Bank building on west First Street, overlooking the Truckee River, access from First Methodist Church.

## 1961

AGC moved into a new building in 1961 at 300 S. Wells Avenue. The new building was built by AGC member, Paul Manuel with an option to buy at a later date. There were seven tenants which helped reduce AGC’s share of monthly rent to \$375 per month. This was AGC’s home for the next twenty-five years.

## 1967-71

The AGC Building was incorporated in 1967 as a separate entity from the estate of Paul Manuel. The City of Reno long-term street plan included plans to purchase and demolish the building to widen Ryland Street.

## 1973

AGC secured an option to purchase Ruby Price property at 504 Ryland Street.

Adjacent to a parcel for land exchange of the 300 South Wells property for land at 500 Ryland.

## 1974

After attempts to negotiate the land exchange failed, AGC unsuccessfully bid on the parcel at public auction. AGC’s bid was rejected and the option on the adjacent Ruby Price parcel also expired.



## 1979

The parcel at 500 Ryland was offered for sale. AGC purchased the land for sale from members Buck Johnson, Rusty Humes & Steve Scolari. The purchase included the Ruby Price parcel with four rental units.

Fire destroyed the rental property on Ruby Price parcel. AGC received an insurance settlement of \$36,000. Sheehan & Haase Architects were retained to design the AGC Building.

## 1980

Directors solicited bids for construction of new AGC Building. Krump Construction was the low bidder at \$757,000, however it was decided to postpone building due to high interest rates.

## 1985

A new building was designed and built in 1985-86 by Krump Construction at 500 Ryland Street. AGC and its affiliates occupied the top floor of 4,000 sq. ft.

## 2004/2005

In July, AGC Building Corporation purchased the vacant land on Mill Street for the new building with a closing of escrow of \$522,720. 500 Ryland Building was sold at appraised value and leased back for 18 months to allow construction of new building.

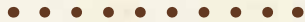
## 2006

The new AGC building at 5400 Mill Street was completed in early June, just a few days prior to the expiration of lease on the old AGC building. The new facility offers two rooms for training of over 100 people and parking for nearly 100 cars, and is 12,000 square feet.





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# A LEGACY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION & PARTNERSHIPS

The Diamond Anniversary of the Nevada Chapter AGC is a good time to pause and reflect on some of the legislative accomplishments that formed

assistance of lobbyist Jeanette Belz, AGC has aggressively advocated for appropriate funding levels for our community investments that maintain the safety and health of our citizens with modern schools, highways, water and sanitation systems.

half of the state. It is important that we take the necessary time and energy to cultivate relationships with Southern Nevada legislators and be sure that the best interests of the entire state are served as we go forward. Maintaining

Our most recent efforts to increase road funding in Northern Nevada began with the passage of ballot measure RTC 5 in 2008. That campaign culminated with the passage of SB 201 in the 2009 Legislature, which helped generate nearly \$400 million



2009 March on the Legislature for job creation.

in local construction projects. During a severe economic downturn, we put thousands of workers back to work while unemployment was at its peak.

a close working relationship with the AGC chapter in Las Vegas to help recruit and interview candidates for legislative districts requires many hours of travel by our membership.

AGC has had to take defensive postures to protect against onerous industry burdens, the AGC has proactively built stakeholder partnerships and championed bi-partisan legislator efforts on many important issues. These have included the development of charter school laws, an effective worker's compensation program, even-handed environmental regulations and guidelines for CMAR public works projects.

During the sessions, our members work diligently to stay abreast of legislation. They attend weekly meetings to learn how bills will affect our industry. Those same AGC members often answer the call to travel to Carson City to attend hearings and testify before lawmakers.

Looking ahead, the explosive population growth of the last two decades continues to shift legislative power to the southern

The next 75 years means bringing younger AGC members into the activist's role. This has been an important aspect of our Leadership Program and key to address the political challenges that we face now and into the future.

the roots of this organization and built a robust infrastructure for the industry.

One of the chapter's first orders of business was to promote legislation to protect consumers from inappropriate activities by unscrupulous contractors. In 1943, with the help of AGC's advocacy, the Nevada Legislature passed contractor licensing laws that continue to protect consumers. AGC continued to play a major role in contractor licensing for more than 25 years, sharing offices and staff until the State Contractors Board became an independent agency in 1967.

For the past 15 years, with the



Senator Bill Raggio



B.J. Sullivan, Gov. Jim Gibbons & Sheril Bradley



Assembly Speaker Joe Dini



# THE SECRET FOR THE NEXT 75 YEARS: KEEP AN OPEN MIND

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 80 or 20."*  
- Henry Ford

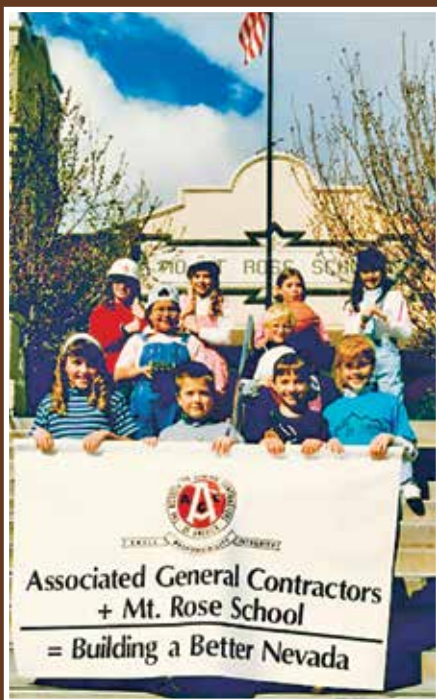
The most important aspect of moving forward in our industry is to keep an open mind. Everything is changing, from the means and methods of construction to the manner in which we are communicating to get things built. Opportunities are everywhere, but without a mind that is curious and open to new ideas, opportunities will pass us by.

We have to be adept and diligent students, continuing the everyday grind, yet ready to accept new ideas and look at things in ways others might not see them. Life does not stand still in any profession, in any industry or in any of our lives.

Change is going to happen; some changes are big, but even more are small and often. So a willingness to keep learning and changing is key to the future of the construction industry.

After all, even when you know where you are going, it's getting there that's half the fun. Our upcoming years will be an adventure and it is exciting.

Robb Wong, Co-Owner GuiDenby, Inc.  
Construction Leadership Council, Treasurer, AGC Member Since 2008



# DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS



## MEMBERS FOR 25 YEARS OR MORE

Member Company	Years of Membership
Gray & Associates .....	25
Lucky Concrete, Inc.....	25
Omboli Interiors, Inc. ....	25
Pape Machinery.....	25
Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc.....	25
Michael Springer, Esq. ....	25
Peter W. Umphress, CPA .....	27
CFA, Inc. ....	28
D & D Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. ....	28
Kafoury, Armstrong & Company .....	28
McBride Machine, Inc.....	28
Stitser Drywall.....	28
J and J Mechanical, Inc.....	29
Pezonella Associates, Inc. ....	29
Quilici Construction.....	29
Diversified Concrete Cutting.....	31
Gardner Engineering, Inc. ....	31
Nevada State Bank.....	31
Valley Concrete Co., Inc. ....	31
Dan Peterson.....	32
Jensen Precast.....	33
GALLINA LLP .....	34
Granite Construction Company .....	34
Q and D Construction, Inc. ....	34

## MEMBERS FOR 35 YEARS OR MORE

Member Company	Years of Membership
AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. ....	35
Clark and Sullivan Construction .....	35
Reno Tahoe Construction, Inc.....	35
Gale Building Products .....	36
Gerhardt & Berry Construction .....	36
Pyramid Materials, Inc. ....	36
Sani-Hut Company, Inc. ....	36
Van Woert Bigotti Architects .....	36
B & C Cabinet & Millwork, Inc.....	38
Kleinfelder.....	38
Harrah's Reno .....	40
Basalite Concrete Products .....	41
J. W. Mc Clenahan Co.....	41
Moana Nursery .....	41
Bragg Crane Service.....	43
Corrao Construction Company of Nevada.....	43
Hartman Structural Engineering.....	43
Western Nevada Supply Company.....	44

## MEMBERS FOR 45 YEARS OR MORE

Member Company	Years of Membership
John Ascuaga's Nugget .....	45
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. ....	45
A T & T.....	46
Meiser Enterprises.....	47
Reno Iron Works.....	47
Peterbilt Truck Parts and Equipment.....	49
Teichert Construction.....	49

## MEMBERS FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE

Member Company	Years of Membership
McDonald Carano Wilson LLP.....	50
Nevada Cement Company.....	50
NV Energy.....	50
Wedco, Inc. ....	50
Cashman Equipment Company .....	52
Desert Glass Contracting Co., Inc.....	52
PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc.....	53
Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc. ....	53

## MEMBERS FOR 60 YEARS OR MORE

Member Company	Years of Membership
RHP Mechanical Systems .....	60
McKenzie Construction, Inc. ....	61
Tholl Fence, Inc.....	62
Martin Iron Works, Inc. ....	65

## MEMBERS FOR 70 YEARS OR MORE

Member Company	Years of Membership
Lehigh Southwest Cement Company .....	73
Reno Sheet Metal, Plumbing & Heating .....	73
Earl E. Games, Inc.....	74



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