

# With Kalb at helm, project emphasizes safety

## Construction Connection

Kalb Construction has turned a potentially dangerous building site into an example of how proper planning and attention to detail can make all the difference. Kalb has earned AGC's Safe Site award for transforming the Las Vegas Entertainment project, thanks to the work of Safety Manager Rick Thomas and Superintendent Jim Pasley, according to Project Manager Dean Shepardson.

"The project was very lax in safety until Kalb Construction took over. Rick and Jim, along with AGC inspector Troy McKnight, have done a great job whipping the project into shape," Shepardson said. "A comprehensive OSHA inspection yielded almost no safety issues, which is great considering that there are 75 men on the project."

The project, a four-story topless club off Dean Martin Way in south Las Vegas, is on the site of the owners' temporary club constructed as a "placeholder" while the new establishment is built. With that temporary club in operation, Kalb takes extra pains to ensure the safety of the workers and patrons.

"We have weekly safety meetings using written agendas outlining areas of safety that need special attention," noted Thomas. "Daily site inspections are performed by the superintendents and owner's representative, Bob Kurbis. And biweekly inspections are conducted jointly with AGC."

Kalb began work on the 78,000-square-foot project in May.

"Kalb is another great AGC Company that is proactive when



Photo: TROY MCKNIGHT, AGC

Superintendent Jim Pasley (l-r), Project Manager Dean Shepardson, Safety Manager Rick Thomas and principal George Kalb celebrate the company's award.

it comes to safety and consistently shows this on their safety inspections," said AGC Safety Director Linda Gibson. "Their superintendents take great pride

in their jobsite and make sure that it is safe by being proactive and working with the AGC safety inspectors. We congratulate them on a job well done." □

# AGC Las Vegas training slate in full swing

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September 14, 2010

### Avoiding Trouble With the NCSB

This course is intended to provide all attendees with a basic knowledge of the rules and regulations enforced by the Nevada State Contractors Board. This course is intended to provide contractors with a basic knowledge of the rules and regulations they are required by law to abide by, so they can avoid complaints or, at the very least, feel confident in challenging unsupportable complaints without the fear of being cited by the NSCB for a minor infraction not related to the complaint. This course will deal with the same statutory and regulatory provisions that the NSCB is required to enforce.

8 to 11 a.m.

September 23

### Mechanic's Lien

Learn how to prepare and perfect mechan-

ic's liens. Learn when property is subject to mechanic's lien and who is entitled to Mechanic's Lien. Learn recent laws. Learn strategy for getting paid from a practicing mechanic's lien attorney. Learn the alternative for removing and defending against lien claims.

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

September 28

### Financial Statement Analysis

In this training session you will learn how to think like a banker and get way beyond the numbers. This seminar emphasizes a practical approach to reading financial information. A brief review of standard financial statements will be followed by an in-depth discussion of financial ratios. Participants will also be provided techniques to determine a company's true cash flow position, a personal cash flow approach and a real estate cash flow scenario. Two case studies are presented to reinforce the financial analysis concepts. The seminar

also outlines how banks and other commercial creditors make business credit decisions using "established" techniques and industry comparisons. When: September 28, 2010  
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

November 16

### Negotiation Skills

Today's competitive environment requires the construction professional to be able to negotiate in various, sometimes difficult situations. Attend this proactive training session and learn to identify roadblocks in negotiations and how to get past them, work in a highly complex environment, address real "human" issues, and still manage to survive to the end of the day. This session emphasizes negotiation skill building, effective communications, telephone techniques, and the negotiation process. Additionally, "empathy", "ego" and "needs" will be reviewed.

8:00 a.m. to noon. □