

AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

2014 Annual Picnic Get Together Held

Blairmont Country Club Site of Middle Chapter Event



The AIA Middle PA Chapter held its annual picnic at the Blairmont Country Club in July. Almost 20 members, spouses, and guests were in attendance.

Prior to the start of the picnic festivities, members of the Executive Committee met for a formal business meeting

Following the business meeting, the evening began with a cocktail hour. Everyone was able to spend time catching up on activities over the past year and talk about upcoming events.

Highlighting the evening, a 3-course dinner was served. Beginning with the salad course, this was followed by a delicious baked chicken entrée. Topping off this great meal was a delectable chocolate mouse.

Chapter President Tom Columbus then reported on the Chapter and what has been accomplished during 2014. He also outlined what the Officers and membership is working to get completed before the end of the year including the important mentoring being done with the Penn State AIAS Chapter.



Mr. Columbus also discussed issues that are being pursued by the Executive Director and staff of AIA Pennsylvania that can directly affect all AIA members. He also then introduced the Chapter's President for 2015/2016, Mr Dave Albright who will take over the leadership reigns in January.

Make sure to attend our 2015 Picnic and be a part of this excellent Chapter event,



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Deadline for articles and information for the next newsletter is:

November 7, 2014

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Message from the President

Tom Columbus, Jr., AIA, LEED AP

Well, it is that time of the year again. School is now in session! All the hub-bub and excitement of students going back to school has enveloped our area. Ironically, September has turned out to be the busiest month of the year for our Chapter!

The Penn State students involved in AIAS have started off on the run, emailing us before school even started! We are planning a construction site visit with them (the HUB Building at PSU) on September 12 at 9:30 a.m. This will be followed by a meet and mingle session with them or possibly a tour of some State College Architectural Offices.

Out of the blue our Chapter member Judy Coutts, AIA has connected with the Allegheny Ridge Corporation to set up an all-day Historic Preservation Seminar giving HSW continuing ed LU $\$$! This is good stuff! It has a very minimal fee for continuing ed and important information for those of us involved in the subject matter. A separate flyer has been emailed to you.

Finally, the popular Centre Region Code Administration will present an afternoon seminar on Code related topics that we struggle with each day in our profession. Walt Schneider is the presenter. For those of you that attended our past two Symposiums, you will remember his timely presentations. Walt received high positive comments on our feed-back forms.

That is quite a full plate for September! October will slow down a bit with a special Lunch NqLearn presentation at the Sheetz Facilities Support Center in Claysburg PA. We are targeting for four continuing ed LU $\$$ provided by four different vendors. Lunch is also being included in the presentations.

November will end the year's activities with a planning session, and exec meeting and a general meeting for the members. A presenter is being planned for the evening along with dinner. An important part of the evening meeting will be the membership voting for officers to be installed for 2015 and 2016. No activities are planned for December.

I also wanted to let you know I was pleasantly surprised by some comments made to our exec board at our 08/27/14 meeting. Bill Bates, AIA, newly elected National Vice-President and Howard Quaintance, President AIA PA Board, attended the meeting. Both commented on the high amount of activity our small chapter has been involved in over the years. This is a complement to our membership! It shows our believe in the Chapter and the programs we have! I have always said our Chapter is only as strong and vibrant as the members are! Keep up the good work!

Until next time,
Tom

AIA Associates Corner — 2014 Links

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BRING A COLLEAGUE TO A MEETING !!

Face it, we all know registered architects that do not belong to the AIA for whatever reason. The value of being a member in the American Institute of Architects escapes them. They do not know how important it is to be a cohesive voice in Governmental policies, including Federal, State, and local. The more we become aware and stand together, the more that can be accomplished. Continuing education requirements keep us informed and up-to-date. Granted, continuing ed can be done without AIA membership, but with it being a requirement, and our local Chapter providing many opportunities, it makes the process more apt to happen. How do we enlighten our colleagues?

One way is bringing a non-member registered architect to a general meeting on us! Here, they can see what we do, and network beneficially with other colleagues. We are planning this to happen at our general membership meeting in November. Here we will also offer a continuing ed credit and have our general elections for the upcoming two years.

Please begin thinking of someone you may want to ask to come. We will be selecting a venue in State College soon along with a program and make this information available to you shortly.

News from Our Affiliates

A Focus on ... *Architectural Clay Products*

Architectural Clay Products, Inc. is a local, family owned purveyor and factory representative of a wide array of superior masonry and interior finishing products. We welcome the opportunity to serve the AIA Middle PA chapter. Having proudly serviced the Pittsburgh area's Architectural and Design community for over 50 years, Architectural Clay Products also assist contractors, installers, flooring dealers, kitchen and bath showrooms, and residential clientele on a daily basis. Whether it is a large commercial project or a residential kitchen backsplash, our sales team and in-house designers are always happy to provide exceptional support for every project.

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Complimentary Continuing Education Luncheon

When: Wednesday, October 22, 2014
9:15 AM - 2:15 PM

Where: Sheetz Center for Shwellness, Discovery Rooms
350 Sheetz Way
Claysburg, PA 16625

Schedule: 9:15am—9:30am Arrival
9:30am—10:30am Brodwill
10:30am—11:30am Baldwin Hardware Corporation
11:30am—12:15pm Lunch
12:15pm—1:15pm MechoShade Systems
1:15pm—2:15pm Haworth


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