Wednesday, September 23, 2015, Penn Stater, State College

2015 SYMPOSIUM IS HERE!!!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 am  Guest Registration, Breakfast, Exhibitor Fair Opens
9:00 am  Welcoming Remarks
9:15 am to 10:15 am  Stephen Swarney, AIA-PA, The Harrisburg Process (1 LU)
10:15 am to 10:45 am  Break and Exhibitor Fair
10:45 am to 11:45 am  Irv Spoonhour, Approved Code Specialists 2016 PA Accessibility Code (1 HSW)
11:45 am to 1:15 pm  Luncheon and Exhibitor Fair
1:15 pm to 2:15 pm  Mark Deitrick, Case Technologies and Drew Weinheimer, AE7 BIM Workflow (1 LU)
2:15 pm to 3:15 pm  Matt Hertzog, DCED and Scott Doyle, PHMC Historic Preservation Tax Program (1 HSW)
3:15 pm to 4:15 pm  Anthony Potter, Powell Trachtman Perils of Construction Administration (1 HSW)
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm  Michael Facente and Brian Hamilton, Automated Logic i Reception, Dinner, and Big Data Tour of Bryce Jordan Center (2 HSW)

RECEPTION/DINNER/TOUR OF BRYCE JORDAN CENTER

If you have not registered for this part of the event but would like to attend, please register online at www.aiamiddlepa.org by Friday, September 18, 2015. You can also email me with your plans, and I can invoice you for the $45 event fee. The presentation and tour will focus on how “big data” impacts energy savings, strategic planning, building operations and more.

PASSPORT PROGRAM

As in years past, guests are encouraged to stop by and talk with our exhibitors to learn more about the latest product innovations. Several exhibitors have donated some great prizes including an Omni Resort gift card, Sonance bike rack, pavers to cover a 100x 100 area, and more. To be eligible, guests are asked to visit at least two exhibitors during the guest registration period and two break periods, and at least four exhibitors during lunch.

PENN STATER ADDRESS AND ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

If you would like a hotel room, please contact the Penn Stater at 800-233-7505 and reference the AIA MPC event with the AME15A code. The conference center and hotel are located at 215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, PA.

AMPLE FREE PARKING AVAILABLE!
TO THE MEMBERS:

Keep an eye open for an upcoming letter from your esteemed president soliciting your feedback on the chapter events and services you would like to see available in 2016.

Dave Albright
President
AIA Middle PA Chapter

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Please be sure to visit the AIA Middle PA Chapter website to view the following:

- Chapter Officers
- Calendars
- Newsletter Archive
- Executive Committee Minutes
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Don’t forget to register for the Symposium Dinner and Bryce Jordan Tour
September brings back many memories of school starting again. I am sure we all have special memories of going back to school at the end of the summer. As we begin the school year and stay in touch with our PSU AIAS group, the importance of IDP, continual interaction, mentoring and just being a friend comes to light once again. These young aspiring architects will be coming into the design world in a few short years. At the AIA Convention this year, I was thrilled to accidentally run into the former PSU AIAS President, who was elected AIAS National President and is now working at AIA Headquarters in Washington D.C. She emphatically thanked me for our AIA Chapter’s involvement while she was at PSU. It is important that we add to the students’ learning by staying involved and mentoring as much as we can. Remember, they will soon be in the workforce assisting you, then alongside of you, and finally stepping into your place as we step into our retirement phase of life.

Until next time,

Tom
STUCKMAN SCHOOL OFFERS LECTURES
The Stuckman School at Penn State University has announced their lectures for 2015 / 2016. The schedule below covers those scheduled. Please consult their website to confirm dates and times.
Remembering Tom Large, AIA

Tom Large passed away on September 8, 2015.

I first met Tom Large at my wedding in June 1978 when my father-in-law, Cliff Hayes, introduced Tom to me as his architectural partner. I had just received my M. Arch degree and Cindy and I were residing in Connecticut. I will never forget the brief but very warm and father like conversation we had about our profession and his hope that I might someday consider returning to Blair County and join the firm. He also jokingly mentioned that if a bald headed cheerleader from Syracuse could be successful in Altoona, so could I.

Well, 2 years later we sold our house, grabbed our dog and 2 cats, loaded up the U Haul and moved back to Hollidaysburg so I could indeed join, at that time, Hayes Large Suckling & Fruth.

In 1980, I knew very little about public school design, marketing, business development, client entertainment and presentations. However, by the time I became registered in 1982 Tom Large had already started my mentoring process by recruiting me into his K-12 world and, for the next decade, the two of us would be chasing, winning and dedicating new schools all over the state in our cars and Cessna 310.

I quickly learned that Tom probably knew more about the design of K-12 schools in our Commonwealth than most could appreciate. His passion for working with school districts, school boards, parents, faculty and children was well known and, as a result of this expertise, he was constantly engaged by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to assist and advise in the creation of many procedural documents including the original PlanCon regulations and forms and many BECs (Basic Education Circulars) that would soon follow.

I learned from Tom that a good presentation is not necessarily about how many images you can fit into a 20 minute time allowance but is instead about the substance of what you have to say that resonates with your client. In a soft, calm and eloquent manner Tom would capture the attention and respect of an audience with authority and interest by parsing his words very carefully - knowing what to say and when to say it. His intelligence could only be matched by his humility.

I learned from Tom that no matter where you are you should always look neat, professional and anticipate meeting a new client at any time of the day. So, I was wisely guided on how to dress for and act the role of a "gentleman" architect. Tom had an impeccable taste in attire, food and wine and provided great advice on what type of suits, shoes and ties to wear, where to dine with a client and when to change character for the various clienteles we pursued. You see, Tom Large was as comfortable in a suit and tie and a pair of wing-tips as he was in a chamois shirt, khakis and docksiders and could enjoy a glass of Knob Creek Bourbon next to a clear mountain stream as much as a decade old Cabernet in a 5-star restaurant.

In 1990, I finally became Tom's business Partner but sadly I could only share this title for 2 years due to him retiring in 1992. However, we continued to tell stories, smoke cigars, drink bourbon and fly fish together at Spruce Creek for nearly 23 years more. In addition, we would cross paths frequently at the local post office, café or YMCA and often reminisce about long school board meetings, terrible flying weather or routinely grabbing a coconut ice cream cone at Howard Johnson's on the way home after an Act 34 meeting.

Tom was a fabulous building designer. His creativity was simple and pure - just take a look at PSU Altoona's Eve Chapel, the Rachel Carson / DER Building in Harrisburg or the countless schools that dot the districts throughout our state.

However, success is also the measurement of being a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend like Tom has been for so many of us over these years. As many of you understand, our architectural profession is indeed a difficult balance of one's business and personal time and Tom's well balanced lifestyle was clearly evidenced in his marriage to Pat that lasted for over 61 years and included 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Tom Large, Jr. recently described his father as being a gentleman and a gentle man and I truly can't think of more appropriate words to describe him.

So, thank you, Tom, for being our role model as well. We will miss you.

Rick Karcher

Condolences and remembrances may be sent to:
Patricia Large at 810 Jade Circle, Martinsburg, PA, 16662
Thursday, September 24th

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