

AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Mark Your Calendar for September 23

GEARING UP FOR THE 2015 SYMPOSIUM!

Plan to join AIA MPC members, related professionals, other guests and exhibitors at the 2015 AIA MPC Symposium. This year's event will be held on **Wednesday, September 23, 2015** at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College.

Efforts are currently underway to line up energetic and relevant speakers so that you can earn LU, HSW and even LEED-related continuing education credits. As always, we expect to have a great mix of exhibitors, as well as plenty of time to network with colleagues and clients.

Information and booth registration packets will be going out via email to exhibitors shortly. If you know any companies that could be interested in exhibiting, please have them contact Anne McGrath at annefmcgrath@verizon.net for more information or to reserve space.

Exhibiting companies can also join the chapter as 2015 affiliates at a reduced rate when they sign on as a Symposium vendor.

Check your inbox and mailbox in the coming months for regular updates on speakers, exhibitors and special events related to the Symposium.

We look forward to seeing you in September!



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Message from the President

Connection Details

I recently participated in my first AIA PA Component President's Call; a conference call with our state Executive Director and other chapter presidents. One thing that struck a chord with me was a review of the outreach effort AIA PA is doing through social media; Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. I'm not on Facebook, never tweeted in my life and don't intend to, and my LinkedIn account has gone mysteriously quiet and I just now realized that so these things aren't completely relevant to Ludites like me.

But I'm glad they're doing it and it made me think about things I could be doing to connect my profession with the larger community I live and work in. I think the chapter is nurturing good connections in our immediate community with our allied professions through the symposium and the annual joint dinner meeting with the local ASHRAE chapter. We've also been developing a stronger relationship with Penn State's AIAS chapter.

I'm going to spend some time this winter thinking of ways we can present ourselves and our profession to a broader range of communities, industries, and professions within the chapter and would encourage all our members to do the same and share ideas with the full chapter.

We are members of a noble profession with a rich history that contributes considerably to the health and welfare, quality of environment, and quality of life in the communities in which we live and work. That was just a personal reminder to self to shake off the daily grind funk, but it's also a call to arms to find ways to get that message out to others.

David Albright, AIA

AIA Associates Corner — 2014 Links

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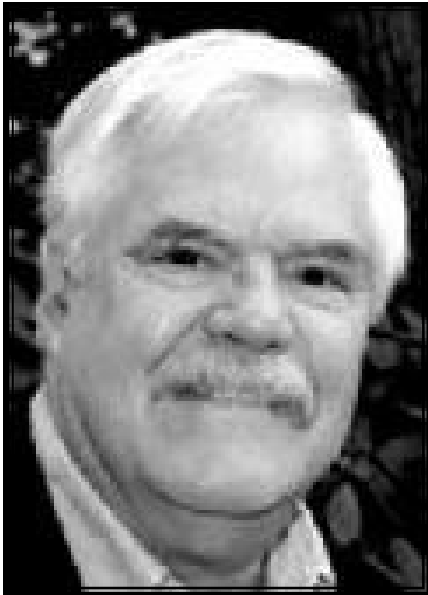
GOOD OF THE ORDER

Greetings to all and a happy New Year. After my Presidency serving the Middle Chapter members, I am back to doing the %Good of the Order+blurb. Hopefully, you can gain some insight and/or at least get some thought provoking inputs from these upcoming blurbs. One thought provoking item for me was seeing some recent architecture that used bamboo as inverted conical structural columns in a building in Vietnam. Yep! Same stuff that grows 4+in 24 hours, burns at open flame, and numerous people use for fly fishing in Spruce Creek! Not sure who sealed the drawings, nor who feels safe in the restaurant where it was used to support the roof; but good luck to any of you that would like to use it in the same manner in the U.S. Also not sure who you would find to seal the drawings and get it thru Code!

Point of story: may the New Year open your mind to new uses for construction elements not normally used in the common way we do now.

Until next time,

Tom



Robert DePuy (Bob) Davis October 6, 1946 January 21, 2015 Robert DePuy Davis, "Bob", 68, of Bellefonte passed away suddenly Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at Mount Nitt-any Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, Katherine Steffie Davis and Robert DePuy Davis Sr. Bob is survived by his wife, Connie Haranin Davis; and three children, Robert III Davis, of Washington, DC, Anne Dixon (Ethan), of Bellefonte and Todd Davis (Alison), of San Francisco, Calif. Bob was a 1964 graduate of Bellefonte Area High School and Penn State University, 1974. After three years at Penn State, Uncle Sam came calling and Bob was off to basic and advanced training as a military police officer. As he was preparing to ship out to Korea, word came that Martin Luther King was assassinated, and his orders changed, keeping him state-side. He was a Specialist 4th Class, Military Police, United States Army from 1967-1969. Upon discharge, with the GI bill and hard work, Bob returned to Penn State to graduate with an engineering degree. This led him to his life's work as a professional structural engineer and architect. After his family, his greatest pride came from his work on projects like the National Zoo and Folger Shakespeare Library Addition in Washington, DC, as well as, Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center and Beaver Stadium. True to his profession, he lived by the motto, "Even if you only do one thing in your life, do it right. Have pride in what you do. Too few of us do these days." A public visitation will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015, from 6-8 p.m., with a Vigil for the Deceased at 7:45 p.m., at Wetzler Funeral Service, Inc., 206 N. Spring St., Bellefonte, PA. Funeral Mass will be Sunday, January 25, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., at St. John's Catholic Church, 134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, with Msgr. Mazur, Father Jakopac and Deacon Tom Boldin officiating. Burial will follow at St. John's Catholic cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Haranin Davis Scholarship Fund, Bellefonte Education Foundation, in memory of Bob Davis, Box 97, Bellefonte, PA 16823 or to the Angel Fund in memory of Bob Davis at Saint John's Catholic School, 134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.wetzlerfuneralhome.com.

AFFILIATES CORNER

2015 Affiliation Memberships Are Now Available

Companies and individuals that support architectural firms are warmly invited to join the AIA MPC as affiliate members. Memberships entail companies to several benefits, including:

- Invaluable relationships with architects, engineers and other building professionals
- Business-producing networking opportunities at bi-monthly and other events
- Immediate access to AIA MPC membership listing
- High visibility promotion via newsletter case studies, ads, web links and meeting sponsorships

Complementary admission to the AIA MPC July picnic

Membership information is available at http://aiamiddlepa.org/affiliate_members.html. Companies that also purchase a booth at the 2015 Symposium can become an affiliate member at a reduced rate. Contact Anne McGrath at 814-242-6079 or annefmgrath@verizon.net for more information. We look forward to working with you!

Middle PA Chapter

2015 Calendar of Events

January

- 1/27 ó AIA PA Board Mtg.
- 1/27 ó AIA PA Freshman Legislative Breakfast

February

- 2/04 ó AIA PA Economic Outlook Breakfast
- Week of 2/16 ó PSU Student Presentation / AIA Middle PA Chapter Executive Board Meeting

March

- 3/04-06 ó AIA National Grassroots Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 3/27 ó AIA Central PA -Meet the ArchitectsøNight

April

- 4/13-14 ó AIA PA Government Dinner & PA Architects Day, Harrisburg, PA
- 4/21 ó AIA Middle PA Chapter / ASHRAE Joint Meeting
- TBD ó PSU Student Competition

May

- 5/14-16 ó AIA National Convention, Atlanta, GA
- Week of 5/18 ó Flight 93 Tour, Somerset County, PA

June

- 6/3-7 ó AIA National Congress on Construction, Chicago, IL

July

- Week of 7/22 ó AIA Middle PA Chapter Picnic & General Meeting

August

- 8/8-11 ó AIA National CACE Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI

September

- 9/23 ó AIA Middle PA Chapter Symposium

October

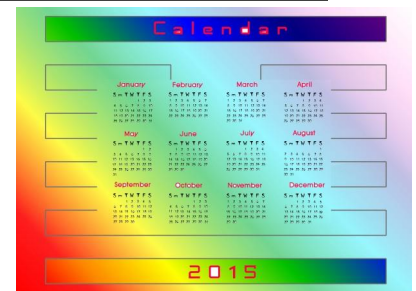
- 10/14-16 ó AIA National Central States Convention, Des Moines, IA

November


- 11/12 ó AIA Middle PA Chapter Executive Board/Planning Meeting & General Meeting

December

- No Events Schedule



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