



*Happy New Year!*

**January 13, 2015**

## **Tour of Mt. Lebanon High School Construction/Renovation Project**

**Architect:** Celli-Flynn Brennan Architects and Planners (CFB), architect of record.  
Partnering with CFB is the Chicago based firm of OWP/P who led, in collaboration with CFB, the schematic and design development effort.

4:45 P.M.  
Meet at Entrance C-28  
at rear of High School  
off of Horsman Drive.  
Hard sole shoes and hard hats  
are required.

Social Time and Dinner following at Cefalo's,  
Carnegie.

6:30 Social

7:00 Dinner

Cost \$35

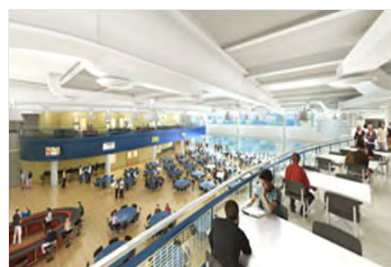
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# 1st Vice-President's Message

January 2015

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*by Richard Strayer*

My involvement with CSI Pittsburgh has taken several turns over the past 10+ years.

I transitioned from a distant supporter to being a member of the board of directors. As a board member I was asked to become more active and assume the 2nd Vice president role 2 years ago. My how time flies!

As first Vice President I will be working more with Bill Vernon, President, and other key chapter officers and committee members to learn the detailed operations of the CSI Pittsburgh chapter and its interactions with the Region and National CSI affiliations. The Pittsburgh

CSI chapter is well organized and recognized as a leader in the Mid-Atlantic Region of CSI chapters. We intend to keep it that way! In 2017 the Pittsburgh Chapter will host the Middle Atlantic Region Conference. My focus is on preparing ourselves for that event by growing stronger and increasing active membership. "Many hands make light work" is an old saying that certainly applies in this case.

Promoting CSI and increasing involvement of younger professionals is important to all current CSI members regardless of being a board, committee, or regularly participating member. We need to work together to grow membership by spreading the word about the value of the organization. CSI should be able to leverage its' broad professional- and product-based expertise to directly benefit its members by helping other professionals see the benefits of involvement.

Many Architectural firms do not have the luxury of a designated specifications expert. This provides an excellent opportunity for our business representative members to work with project architects to expand their knowledge of CSI resources and to provide help with crafting fair, current & correct specifications for their projects. Our professional specifying members are always available and eager to share their expertise.

How will we do this? Come to the next meeting to contribute your ideas, or listen to ours!



# Highlights from the Board

## January 2015

December 15, 2014 by Conference Call

**TREASURER:** Holiday party was a success.

**HOSPITALITY:** Chapter is looking into getting reps a spot(s) at Mt. Lebo Tour for an opportunity to showcase products used in the project; Holiday Party went well, attendance was down by vendors and attendees and Chapter is looking for a new location/ideas for next year.

**PROGRAMS:** January: Mt. Lebo Tour is all set. February: Fulton is coordinating Speed Dating Event, any suggestions to improve or refresh program are welcome; April: Moyta looking for suggestions for April Student Event, possibly CSI Squares similar to Hollywood Squares.

**MEMBERSHIP:** System is currently down, Carnegie has not seen any new members or drops, may cause an issue with membership renewals and anniversaries.

**AWARDS:** Approved Thornton's Region awards list.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:** Chapter will issue a survey in January for February response, March 24th will be a brainstorming session from 4:00-8:00 PM (location TBD), April 21st follow-up meeting with time and location TBD, report findings to Chapter at May 12th meeting; Thornton will post previous report on Chapter's Google Drive.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Moyta, Brown and Bosco were at Art Institute and presented Spec Writing for Non-Spec Writers, 8-9 people there and the presentation went well.

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## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

34th	Michael Clancy	Architectural Resources, Inc.
30th	Bob Bailey	IKM Incorporated
20th	Donna Radock	Ross Schonder Sterzinger Cupcheck, P.C
18th	Mike Desiderio	Caldwell's Windoware Co., Inc.
15th	Raymond Stander Jr.	The Wiremold Company
12th	Leisa McNamee	Mcgraw-Hill Inc
9th	Bruce Miller	Stantec
9th	Ben Mack	Ardex Americas
9th	Courtney Watson	Won-Door
9th	Bill Vernon	Renaissance 3 Architects
8th	David Mosovsky	Daltile
4th	David Weaver	Grace Construction Products
3rd	Stacy Jordon	Armstrong World Industries
3rd	Robert Ober	YKK
2nd	Tracy Spencer	ATAS International
2nd	Aaron Wolk	Cathedral Stone Products
1st	Kelly Brown	Radelet McCarthy Polletta
1st	Fred Smith	Allegheny Millwork & Lumber
1st	Kristian Read	Tom Brown Performance Floors



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# Member Profile: Matt Lander

January 2015

**What is your company and what is your position?** AVT, Inc. in Bridgeville, PA is a full-service manufacturer's representative firm serving the Architectural, Commercial, and Industrial markets with more than 55 years of combined experience in acoustical treatment, noise and vibration control, and sound isolation. I manage the Architectural and Interior markets.

**Tell us about your job.** I would, but then I would have to kill everyone that reads this!

**What part of your job do you most enjoy?** I really enjoy meeting and talking to people whether it be someone I have known for years or someone I just met. What I enjoy most of all would have to be when I am working with Architects on coming up with the proper solution for an acoustic issue such as: reverberation, vibration, or isolation.

**If you weren't in your current job, what would you be doing?** Accounting.

**What year did you join CSI?** 2010

**What position(s) do you presently hold with CSI?** Membership Co-Chair

**Why did you join CSI?** I joined CSI because I could see the value it adds to its members and knowledge you can acquire not only from the presentations, but being around successful professionals with years of wisdom that could rub off onto me.

**What do you see as the value of CSI membership?** I don't think you can put a value on being a CSI member. The presentations put on by experienced professionals in their fields along with the field trips to local projects are invaluable.

**What would you want somebody considering CSI membership to know?** The more time and effort you put into CSI the more you will get out of it. We are just one big happy family at CSI PITTSBURGH!

**Person you learned the most from:** Father.

**Tell us about your family.** I come from a family of 4 which includes my Dad, Mom, Brother, and me. I am the baby of course and my brother is 4 years older than me. My wife and I have no pets or children at this point in time, but plan on having couple of each one of these days.

**What's your favorite city?** Pittsburgh!

**What's your passion?** Sports and Work in that order!

**What's a true sign of success?** When your family can rely on you to provide for them as they pursue their goals (PhD).





# Region Report

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Now that 2015 has arrived the Region is moving on with its business, **February 2nd** you will receive your ballot for Institute and Region elections. Please be sure to cast your votes. It is sad to say that only 10% of the membership takes the time to let their voice be heard. You have till **March 2nd** to vote but don't wait vote early.

The **Middle Atlantic Region Conference** will be hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter, **April 30 - May 3, 2015**.

The **Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS)** will be in York, PA, **August 14 & 15, 2015**.

Pittsburgh will host the **Middle Atlantic Region Conference here in 2017**.



**DETAILING INNOVATION**

CSI Philadelphia invites you to join us to engage with leaders from across the region and nation in a conference aimed at sharing the latest innovations of the building and construction industry.

**FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

**Jerry Yudelson**  
President  
Green Building Initiative  
[ Friday Luncheon ]

**AND**

**Francis Rabuck**  
Futurist, Visionary, Communicator  
Technology/Strategy Research Analyst  
[ Saturday Luncheon ]

Conference venue is the **Best Western Concordville Inn**, Concordville, PA nearby to the beautiful Brandywine Valley and Kennett Square

Visit **[www.marc2015.org](http://www.marc2015.org)** for more info



CSI 2015 Mid-Atlantic Region Conference  
April 30-May 3, 2015



# Remembering Joe Vater

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Joseph A. Vater, of Kennedy, a CSI Pittsburgh member who worked as a painter, estimator and executive for McKees Rocks-based A.J. Vater & Co. for 70 years and contributed to landmarks including the Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland, the Capitol building in Charleston, W.Va., and courthouses in southwestern Pennsylvania, died Dec. 20. He was 97.

In 1941, Joe entered the Army Air Corps and was assigned to the 803rd Engineer Battalion that shipped out from San Francisco to the Philippines that October.



In May 1942, Joe was captured on an island off Manila Bay and spent the next 3 1/2 years in a Japanese POW camp.

He was a past national commander of the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor, and the longtime editor of the QUAN for the ADBC. Joe also worked on President Ronald Reagan's advisory committee on the health for former POW veterans.

Joe was a past president of the Painting and Decorating Contractors Association.

In 1995, Joe Vater was the recipient of the Raymond A. Fisher Memorial Award, CSI Pittsburgh's highest honor.

Here are some interesting links to discussions of Joe's wartime experiences, including photos:

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/american\\_defenders\\_of\\_bataan\\_and\\_corregidor\\_museum/sets/72157629117238360/detail/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/american_defenders_of_bataan_and_corregidor_museum/sets/72157629117238360/detail/)

<http://philippine-defenders.lib.wv.us/html/vater.html>

[http://philippine-defenders.lib.wv.us/pdf/bios/vater\\_not\\_your\\_average\\_joe.pdf](http://philippine-defenders.lib.wv.us/pdf/bios/vater_not_your_average_joe.pdf)

<http://oralhistory.rutgers.edu/component/content/article/30-interviewees/interview-html-text/98-vater-joseph-a>

# Next Month's Meeting

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## ***Fourth Annual*** CSI Pittsburgh **Speed Dating**

Come join us **Tuesday, February 10** for our third annual CSI Speed Dating event. Bring your latest product literature and your business cards to set up at your table, and you will meet all the architects and spec writers out there who would like to learn more about your product.

CSI Speed Dating works like this: Each "couple" will have 4 minutes to meet and talk about their current project and products to see if they are compatible, and when the buzzer sounds, the architect/spec writers will move to the next table.

During each date, we ask that you have a question ready for the architect/spec writer regarding your product. The architect/spec writer will have a punch card with them, which will be punched by you if the answer is correct. At the end of the night a door prizes will be given away.

If interested, please fill out this form and return by email to Lynn Fulton, [fultonlm@cdmsmith.com](mailto:fultonlm@cdmsmith.com)

**Early Registration for CSI members only:**                      **January 20, 2015**

**All other Registrations:**    **February 4, 2015**

***Only 25 spots are available, so register soon!!!***

Hor d'oeuvres will be served during the Speed Dating event.

Where: Cefalo's, Restaurant  
428 Washington Ave  
Carnegie, PA 16106

4:45 Registration  
5:30 Speed Dating Begins  
7:00 Dinner  
8:00 Board Meeting

Cost: \$35/person

Name:

Email:

Organization:

CSI Member:      Yes/No

# Holiday Gala

January 2015

December 9, 2014 - The Chadwick in Wexford





# Holiday Gala

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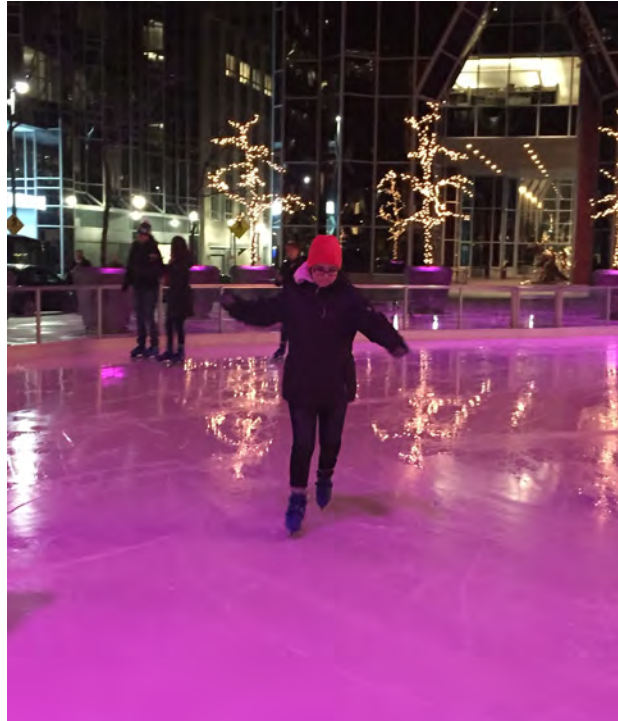
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# Chapter Ice Skating Party

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December 16, 2014 - MassMutual Pittsburgh Ice Rink at PPG Place



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# 2014 Bergdorf Goodman Holiday Windows

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**Bergdorf Goodman department store, 5th Avenue and 58th Street, New York City**

The creative departments at Bergdorf Goodman selected a one-word holiday theme for 2014: Inspired. With this theme they launched a set of windows celebrating the arts.

Each window was based on a major art form, drawing equally from the fine arts, performing arts and applied arts. For the main windows, they settled on literature, architecture, theater, painting, music, dance, sculpture and film. Each window was designed independently from the others. Each was made from its own set of materials.

Some of the arts were juxtaposed with unexpected crafts. The literature window was made entirely from fabric, soft sculpture and needlework. The architecture window was been built completely from paper and old blueprints. The theater window was a sort of apotheosis of neon.

More than 100 artists and display artisans contributed in some way to the completion of the 2014 windows.



The Architecture window at Bergdorf Goodman