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Newsletter of Pittsburgh Chapter, Construction Specifications Institute

September, 2014



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CSI PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

1. To support and promote the mission and core values of the Institute.
2. To help its members perform their jobs better by providing education and promoting certification programs.
3. To provide an opportunity for networking to facilitate project team building.

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Construction Specifications Institute
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September 16 Meeting

PITTSBURGH
2030
DISTRICT

The Pittsburgh 2030 district is a community of high-performance buildings in Downtown Pittsburgh that aims to dramatically reduce energy and water consumption, reduce emissions from transportation, and improve indoor air quality while increasing competitiveness, reducing resource use, and increasing owners' returns on investment.

Presented by Sean Luther, Pittsburgh 2030 District Director at Green Building Alliance

Sponsored by: **KNAUF INSULATION**
it's time to save energy

Joint meeting with the Pittsburgh Chapter of ASHRAE.



Location: Cefalo's, Carnegie, PA

5:00 Social, 5:30 Board Mtg, 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Presentation

Cost \$35

Reservations: MAZell@NationalGypsum.com (412) 951-8715

President's Message

September, 2014

I am excited about our upcoming year; we have some great programs on tap. Our first meeting in September is a joint meeting with ASHRAE led by Sean Luther, the district manager of the Pittsburgh 2030 District. Sean is responsible for convening the District Partners, collaborating with GBA and District stakeholders, and tracking progress towards the District's aggressive goals. Come learn how we can help reduce our city's energy use and emissions as well as conserve water. Next month we will have a program on "Business Development for Professionals in the Construction Industry". Stay tuned for our November program we hope to tour a local building under construction.



As I stated in my first address, we are going to focus this year on increasing opportunities for you, our members, to get involved. One of CSI's key missions is education and our technical committee has been doing a great job of pulling together interesting technical seminars. They could use a few more people to help generate ideas for future seminars. They could also help with the seminar implementation (getting food, refreshments etc). Another task we could use help with our Hospitality committee could use someone to pass the 50/50 hat at our monthly meeting. And the Christmas party committee can also use some help

We received a heads up email from the Institute that dues are going to increase for professionals \$10 and \$3 for students. Over the last 5 years CSI has strived to increase the value of a membership, by providing more education for a broader audience through Webinars. CSI is also striving to improve its online resources and professional practice tools for more information please see <http://csinet.org/Main-Menu-Category/Communities-2109-14280/CSI-Biz/FY15-Dues-Increase>

I am looking forward to expanding and growing our outstanding Chapter. Please join me and our hard-working board to make our Chapter the best in the Region.

Highlights from the Board

September 2014

August 8 Meeting – Vernon Residence, Shaler, PA

TREASURER: 2014-2015 budget approved. Nagie asks for input on ways to carry over budget into summer to cover transition period to next fiscal year.

HOSPITALITY: Suggested that hospitality be more of a group discussion; Holiday party considerations discussed, band vs. no band and possibly a high school student(s), top shelf liquor vs. house, possibly offer one free admission for every AIA board presentation to draw more professionals, alternative location will be looked at. YAF sponsorship possibilities.

PROGRAMS: September: ASHRAE presentation; October: SMPS joint meeting. Looking to set up Happy Hour events throughout the year to make more people aware of CSI and what it is about, talk to YAF, AIA, GBA, others.

TECHNICAL/EDUCATION: FedEx has reached out to provide CDT certification for their employees.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Reach out to long range/strategic planning facilitator to revisit strategic plan and goals.

Visit our website www.CSIPittsburgh.org

Check out our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/CSI-Pittsburgh/180876287787>

Need to get your name out there?

Get included in our Newsletter!

Only \$50/year!

Host a table top display at our next meeting!

Be seen on the CSI website!

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Member Profile: Kristian Read

September, 2014

Kristian Read

Company and position: I am Vice President of Tom Brown Performance Floors.

Tell us about your job: For the most part, I estimate and do all the sales for our athletic flooring company. But if anything else is required to get a job done, I'll do that too. It goes with the territory of a family owned company.

What part of your job do you most enjoy? I most enjoy getting out and meeting people. Helping someone find the most appropriate solution for their needs is a rewarding experience.

If you weren't in your current job, what would you be doing? If I weren't in my job I would be doing what I did before. Anchoring TV sportscasts.

If you could change one thing about your profession, it would be: If could change one thing about my profession, I would make people trust each other more. There is so much time spent trying to protect one's own interests, that it becomes antithetical to progress. I suppose the days of handshakes and verbal agreements are a thing of the past, but I think we've gone a little too far in the opposite direction.

What year did you join CSI? I joined CSI in 2013

Why did you join CSI? I joined CSI because I wanted to get more involved in my profession, and Marty Thornton was nice enough to invite me to a meeting.

What people influenced you most? People who influenced me the most would be my parents. Thanks, Mom & Dad.

What do you see as the value of CSI membership? I think the main value of CSI is the ability to see how others view our industry. Whether it's another contractor or a specifier, I like to understand everyone's part in the process. It helps to keep your own assumptions in check by looking at things from all perspectives.

Tell us about your family. My wife, Whitney, and I have a 9 month old daughter, Kaylin. She doesn't like to nap very much, but she's more fun when she's awake anyway, so we don't mind. Tom Brown and his wife, Martha, are my in laws, and we all have roles working in the company. I'm hoping to get Kaylin working here by the time she's 5. *just kidding...*

What's your favorite city? My favorite city is Boston, MA.

What's your passion? My passion is grilling delicious meats on the grill. My favorite is a steak tip with sautéed onions.

What's a true sign of success? A true sign of success is finding something that makes you happy, and doing it every day.

Best advice anyone ever gave you: The best advice anyone ever gave me was. "It doesn't matter how hard you work to exceed expectations. If you don't make the deadline, people will only see an incomplete product. Focus on doing things right and on time first"



Member News

September 2014

September Anniversaries

56 th	Raymond Brooks	Member Emeritus, Charter Member of the Chapter
38 th	George Merges Jr.	George Merges Jr./Architect
37 th	Charles Brown	Brenenborg Brown Group
26 th	Kristin Kennedy	Florida Consulting LLC
17 th	John Cleary	MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni, Inc.
9 th	Christina Szejc	Perkins Eastman Architects
6 th	Mark Womer	Assa Abloy
2 nd	Joe Corson	The Blue Book Building & Construction Network

New Members:

Jeffrey Peskowitz	SYNTHEON Inc.
Philip Long	Sealo Solar
Chloe Meadows	ClarkDietrich Building Systems
Tony Emanuele	Construction Specialties

Our Apologies

Last month in "Highlights from the Board" we used the term "cart girls" in connection with the possible provision of a beverage cart at future Chapter golf outings. We offer our sincere apologies to anyone who was offended by this unfortunate choice of terminology. By way of explanation, we point to the event back in 1998 in which the late Ken Nagie, a long-time member of the Chapter and the first member of the Chapter to be elevated to Fellow of the Institute, appeared in drag to drive the beverage cart. This has been a joke within the Chapter for many years and the intent was all in fun and not meant to offend anyone associated with our organization.



Upcoming Programs

September 2014

October 14, 2014

Business Development for Construction Industry Professionals

Whether you are a design professional, a construction professional, or a building products professional, you will benefit from hearing proven strategies by an accomplished business development leader.

Presented by Robin Zoufalik, President of RZ-tek Solutions llc

Location: Cefalo's, Carnegie, PA

5:00 Social, 5:30 Board Mtg, 6:15 Dinner, 7:00 Presentation

Cost \$35

Reservations: MAZell@NationalGypsum.com (412) 951-8715

November 11, 2014

Tour of Scott Hall at Carnegie Mellon University

The Sherman and Joyce Bowie Scott Hall will be the newest addition to the Carnegie Mellon University Campus. The 100K SF building will house wet and dry laboratories, collaborative and office spaces, a cafe, and a 10K SF cleanroom facility.

THIS WILL BE A HARDHAT TOUR.

Presented by Bob Reppe, Director of Design for CMU

5:00-6:00 Tour

Dinner to follow at location TBD



CONSTRUCT 2014

September 2014



CONSTRUCT 2014 CSJ

BUILT WITH YOUR FUTURE IN MIND

BALTIMORE
EDUCATION: SEPTEMBER 9-12 | EXHIBITS: SEPTEMBER 10-11
BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER | MARYLAND

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SHOW DATES

Education: September 9-12, 2014
Exhibits: September 10-11, 2014

LOCATION

Baltimore Convention Center.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday, September 11, 6:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday, September 12, 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

CONFERENCE

Tuesday, September 9, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, September 10, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Thursday, September 11, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Friday, September 12, 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION/KEYNOTE

Wednesday, September 10, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

EXHIBIT HALL

Wednesday, September 10, 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday, September 11, 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM



Fall Golf Outing

September 2014



Thursday, October 9th

Cranberry Highlands Golf Course

9:30am Registration

10:00am Tee Time

\$75.00/person or \$280.00/foursome

\$50 per hole sponsor

Payable by check or credit card at course

Scramble Format

Hot dog and drink at the turn

Snacks and prizes to follow

RSVP and checks to:

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BLOOD DRIVE

On behalf of

KAYLA NEWCOMER

Kayla is the 31 year old, sister of past Chapter President, Miki Vargo, and has recently been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). AML is a form of blood cancer which causes bone marrow cells to mature improperly, resulting in abnormalities in the white, red and platelet making blood cells. In general, cancer patients may require up to 4 pints of blood every day for 2-4 weeks in order to tolerate some treatments. Since being diagnosed in May, Kayla has spent the majority of her time at UPMC Shadyside Hospital receiving chemotherapy and roughly two dozen blood and platelet transfusions. These transfusions were made possible by the blood products donated by strangers through the Central Blood Bank. When not in the hospital, Kayla is at home in Windber, PA, where she cherishes spending time with her 3 young boys and family; the driving forces behind her strength to fight and beat this cancer.

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*This blood drive is a "Replenishment Blood Drive." All blood types are welcomed and blood donated will be used to help replace blood used by Kayla and others. There are no specific times, dates or locations for the drive; just contact the Central Blood Bank to schedule an appointment at a location, date and time most convenient for you. Please make sure to use Kayla's identification number: **Z-0020877**.*



- All Blood Types are welcomed and needed, especially 0 negative.
- 1 Single donation can save up to 3 people.
- A person is able to donate blood every 56 days; and platelets every 14 days.
- The shelf life of Red Blood Cells is 42 days; Platelets only 5 days; & Plasma may be frozen for up to 1 year.

The Holiday Challenge

The person who donates the most number of times up until December 9, 2014, will receive free admittance to the CSI Pittsburgh Holiday Gala (compliments of Gail Nagie)



1-866-DONORS1
1-866-366-6771

www.centralbloodbank.org

*See also attached list of location to donate

LOCATIONS TO DONATE

DONATE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES.

KAYLA NEWCOMER Z-0020877**Armstrong County Memorial Hospital***One Nolte Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201*
Second Monday of every month: 12-7**Beaver***Beaver United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall*
345 College Avenue, Beaver, PA 15009M: closed T: 12-7 W: closed TH: closed F: closed S: closed SU: closed
Parking available behind church**Butler***Morgan II Building, Suite 206*
127 Oneida Valley Road, Butler, PA 16003

M: 12-7 T: closed W: 12-7 TH: 12-7 F: 7:30-2:30 S: 7:30-2:30 SU: closed

Cranberry*Butler Centre, 2nd Floor*
20421 Route 19, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

M: closed T: 12-7 W: 12-7 TH: 12-7 F: closed S: 7:30-2:30 SU: 7:30-2:30

Crawford County*The Community Center of Crawford County*
1034 Park Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335

M: 2-6 T: closed W: closed TH: closed F: closed S: closed SU: 1-3

Downtown Pittsburgh*Law and Finance Building*
429 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219M: closed T: 12-7 W: 7:30-2:30 TH: 12-7 F: closed S: 7:30-2:30 SU: closed
Parking validated in donor center for Macy's garage**Franklin***Knights of Columbus #1020*
1436 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA 16323

First Thursday of every month: 3-7

Green Tree*Five Parkway Center*
875 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

M: closed T: 7:30-2:30 W: 12-7 TH: 12-7 F: closed S: 7:30-2:30 SU: closed

Greensburg*Greengate Commons*
6044 Route 30, Suite 300, Greensburg, PA 15601

M: closed T: 12-7 W: closed TH: 7-2 F: closed S: 7:30-2:30 SU: closed

Greenville*Greenville Plaza West*
100 Hadley Road (Route 358), Suite #2, Greenville, PA 16125

M: closed T: closed W: 12-7 TH: closed F: closed S: 7-2 SU: closed

Grove City*Pine Grove Village Shopping Center*
12 Pine Grove Village Drive, Grove City, PA 16127

M: closed T: 12-7 W: closed TH: 12-7 F: closed S: closed SU: closed

Harmar/Fox Chapel Area*Harmar/Fox Chapel Area Office Center*
2585 Freeport Road, Suite 207, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

M: closed T: 12-7 W: closed TH: closed F: 7:30-2:30 S: 7:30-2:30 SU: 7:30-2:30

Jameson*Jameson Health System South Campus*
1000 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101

M: closed T: 3-7 W: closed TH: closed F: closed S: closed SU: closed

Kittanning*West Kittanning Fire Department*
401 Arthur Street, Kittanning, PA 16201
Fourth Monday of every month: 12-7**Monroeville***Behind Miracle Mile Shopping Center*
4075 Monroeville Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146

M: closed T: 12-7 W: 12-7 TH: 12-7 F: 7:30-2:30 S: 7:30-2:30 SU: 7:30-2:30

Moon Township*Edgetowne Square*
1005 Beaver Grade Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108

M: 12-7 T: 12-7 W: 12-7 TH: 12-7 F: closed S: 7:30-2:30 SU: closed

Natrona Heights*Heights Plaza*
1703 Union Avenue, Natrona Heights, PA 15065

M: closed T: 12-7 W: closed TH: 12-7 F: closed S: closed SU: closed

North Hills*McKnight North Professional Center, Suite 600*
9365 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

M: 12-7 T: 12-7 W: 12-7 TH: 12-7 F: 7:30-2:30 S: 7:30-2:30 SU: closed

Oil City*Elks Lodge, Dining Hall*
111 Sycamore Street, Oil City, PA 16301

Second Thursday of every month: 3-7

Peters Township*Center Presbyterian Church*
255 Center Church Road, McMurray, PA 15317

M: closed T: closed W: closed TH: 1-7:30 F: closed S: 7:30-2:30 SU: closed

South Hills*The Manor Building*
4701 Baptist Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

M: 12-7 T: 12-7 W: closed TH: 12-7 F: 7:30-2:30 S: 7:30-2:30 SU: 7:30-2:30

St. Clair Hospital*1000 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243 (conference center)*M: closed T: closed W: closed TH: closed F: closed S: 7:30-2:30 SU: 7:30-2:30
Parking tokens are available**Washington***Jefferson Court Plaza*
124 West Chestnut Street, Washington, PA 15301

M: closed T: 12-7 W: 9-4 TH: 12-7 F: closed S: 7:30-2:30 SU: closed

Weirton*St. Thomas Episcopal Church*
300 Three Springs Drive, Weirton, WV 26062First Monday of every month: 12:30-5:30
Every other Monday of every month: 1-6:15
Parking available in lot behind building**Wheeling***Wheeling Hospital Clinic, Second Floor*
58 16th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003Second and fourth Tuesday of every month: 2-6
Parking available in lot behind building

All location days and hours are subject to change.