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Construction Specifications Institute

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## CSI PITTSBURGH 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA

DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00PM TO 9:00PM

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# President's Message

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by *Bill Vernon*

Happy Holidays!

I hope this season allows you to enjoy company of family and friends. This time of year is one of reflection, of wrapping last-minute gifts, spending time with family and friends, and making resolutions for the year to come.

Please resolve to thank our board members that continue to help make this chapter great. As we make our way through our 57th year as a chapter, we the board are grateful to everyone who has played a part in our chapter's success.



We rely on members to inspire and help us to continue to transform the chapter into thriving network & educational opportunities.

When midnight arrives on December 31st, many will wish each other a very Happy New Year. For some, this event is just a change of day, while for others it begins a better tomorrow. In this spirit, I am wishing all a better tomorrow.

*Ben Franklin said: Be always at war with your voices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better 'person.'*

*-Bill Vernon, President, CSI Pittsburgh*

# Member News

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## December Anniversaries

|      |                     |                                   |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 36th | James Gerard        | Gerard Associates Architects, LLC |
| 28th | Brian Trimble       | Brick Industry Association        |
| 24th | Richard Florida     | Florida Consulting LLC            |
| 23rd | Philip Dorenkott    | Atlas Wholesale Supply            |
| 18th | Matthew Matlak      | VEKA Inc.                         |
| 16th | Bob Schrock         | PPG Industries                    |
| 12th | Chuck Biasucci      | CertainTeed Ceilings              |
| 12th | Harold Ostrander    | TEC Specialty Products, Inc.      |
| 8th  | Dawn Danyo          | Gerard Associates Architects, LLC |
| 8th  | Michaeleen Vargo    | Gerard Associates Architects, LLC |
| 3rd  | Thomas Christiansen | Assa Abloy                        |
| 1st  | Michael Skinner     | Panda Windows & Doors             |

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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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# Member Profile: Kelly Brown

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I am a Principal at Radelet McCarthy Polletta Architects and Interior Designers.

We focus on work with Institutional clients, primarily Healthcare, Senior Living, and Secondary Education.

**What part of your job do you most enjoy?** Finding a great solution for a spatial challenge.

**If you weren't in your current job, what would you be doing?** Being an architect was the right career choice for me. However, if working were optional, I would spend more time with my family, volunteer at my son's school, learn another language, and travel as much as possible.

**What year did you join CSI?** 2014

**What position(s) do you presently hold with CSI?** Director

**What do you see as the value of CSI membership?** The opportunity to develop relationships with a varied group of individuals within the design and construction community.

**What CSI certifications have you earned?** CDT

**What's your favorite city?** I'm a Pittsburgher by choice. This is my favorite city for the easy lifestyle and beautiful terrain. Chicago comes in as a very close second for the lake, the skyline, the magnificent mile, and the museums.

**What's a true sign of success?** Being secure enough to disagree with a client.



# Region Conference

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Plans are underway for the next **Middle Atlantic Region Conference** hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter, **April 30 - May 3, 2015**.

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

If you are interested in becoming active on the Region level contact **Gail Nagie** ([twogreenfrg@yahoo.com](mailto:twogreenfrg@yahoo.com)) for more information.

Pittsburgh will host the **Middle Atlantic Region Conference here in 2017**. We need everyone to get involved! If interested contact Gail.



**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



# Last Month's Meeting

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## November 11, 2014 - Tour of Scott Hall, Carnegie Mellon University



CMU project manager Max Dorosa was the tour guide



very dense reinforcing anticipating a 10" thick concrete slab



Scott Hall will actually squeeze between Wean Hall (right) and Hammerschlag Hall (left)

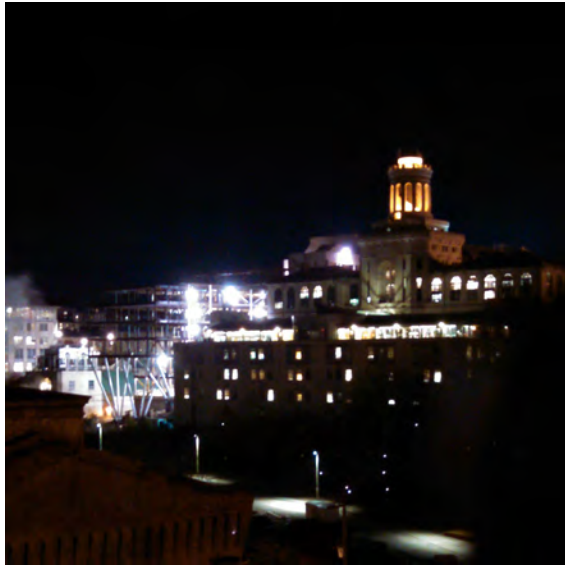


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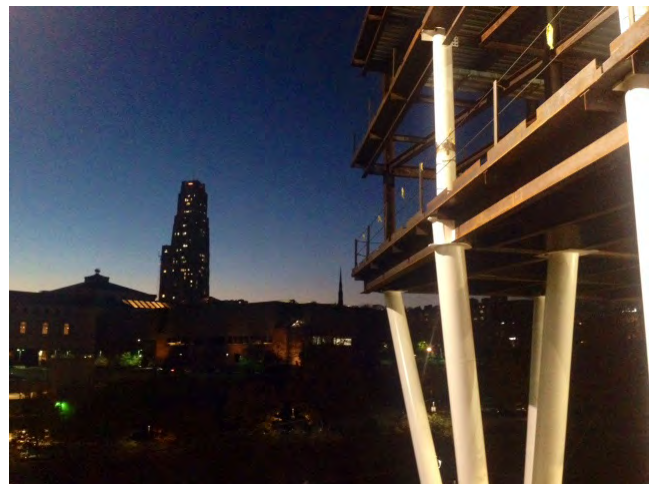
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as seen from the Schenley Bridge



the white coating on the columns  
is intumescent fireproofing



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this level is the floor of the large clean room, that will have a green roof over it





# Upcoming Programs

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**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.**



Aerial view from the south west with new fieldhouse and academic building in the foreground;  
existing historic academic building and auditorium and theatre buildings beyond.



View of new Center Court.

**Tour: 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner following tour at Cefalo's in Carnegie.**

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