

April 2013

THE PUNCHLIST

UPCOMING CSI EVENTS!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Meeting Dates:

Allentown Chapter 35th Annual Product EXPO and Seminars

Wednesday, April 17th, 2013

Holiday Inn Conference Center, Fogelsville, PA

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MARC 2013

Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

May 2 – 5, 2013, Gettysburg, PA “Your Gettysburg Address” Wyndham

Gettysburg Hotel

95 Presidential Circle

Tour and Dinner at Hausenhal, The design studios of Ruhmel Construction.

May 15th 2013 -- Their building is an eco-friendly and energy efficient structure located in New Smithville, PA. Off PA Rt. 78 (West)

Awards & Member Appreciation Night, 50th Anniversary

June 19th, 2013

Family Picnic

July - date TBD

Iron Pigs Game - Networking Mixer with other industry organizations.

August 1st, 2013

CONSTRUCT National Convention – Nashville, TN

Sept 25 – 27, 2013

“Grill the Specifier”

Lone Lane Park Pavilion, Allentown

September 18th, 2013

50th Anniversary Gala at Lehigh Country Club.

October 26th, 2013

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ALLENTOWN CHAPTER CSI - MISSION STATEMENT

The Allentown chapter of CSI strives to provide opportunities for education, and the exchange of knowledge and information for its members and the construction community by using the available resources through its diverse membership and relationships.

ADVERTISING

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NEW MEMBERS :

Welcome to the Allentown Chapter !

Please join together and give a warm welcome to the 12 NEW MEMBERS joining our CSI Allentown Chapter:

David Miorelli - Joseph Miorelli & Co., Inc

Joe Ryglicki

Mark Hagopian - Sherwin Williams

Robert LaBarre - Chameleon Ways, Inc.

Micahel Krahling - ATAS International, Inc.

Cynthia Motaka - Lutron Electronics

Mark Sidlar - Laminators Inc.

Jason Bauknecht - Laminators Inc.

Shawn Crouthamel - Laminators Inc.

Kevin McKee - Laminators Inc.

Rocco Trigiani - Artefact, Inc.

Constance Hasara - Mohawk



Welcome

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings CSI friends in the Allentown Chapter & beyond!

This is an incredibly exciting year for our chapter. It was founded in 1963, and here we are in 2013 celebrating 50 incredible years of CSI Allentown!! How amazing and exciting is this!? As if that isn't awesome enough, we are also having our 35th Annual Product Show and Seminars! Which sold out in record time! To commemorate this year, we had a competition amongst our members to design a logo. The winner of the contest, which was chosen at our holiday gala in December 2012 was Tim Sisock. What a great design!

And now we are knee deep in 2013, and full throttle into spring. This is the season our industry yearns for, because things begin to hum once again as construction typically picks up across the board. Hopefully many of you are feeling that business, and the "bounce back" has begun from the recession. The word around town is that many offices, product reps, etc are in fact getting busier. Excitement has certainly picked up within our chapter, and our monthly attendance has seen a strong showing. We have felt a great deal of excitement in our Chapter meetings. With attendance being up, it leads to great networking for everyone. Our programs have been stellar, and let me tell you, there are a lot more wonderful things to come. You truly won't want to miss out on what's in store for you as our member!

April 17th, 2013 --35th Annual Product Show and Seminars, Holiday Inn, Fogelsville -- a spectacular show!!!

May 15th 2013 -- Tour and Dinner at Hausenhal, The design studios of Ruhmel Construction. Their building/"home studio" is an eco-friendly and energy efficient structure located in New Smithville, PA. Off PA Rt. 78 (West)

June 19th 2013 -- Awards & Member Appreciation Night, 50th Anniversary -- A ceremony like you've never seen before here at CSI.

July -- Family Picnic

August 1st, 2013 -- Iron Pigs Game, Networking Mixer with other industry organizations.

September 18th, 2013 -- "Grill the Specifier" -- to be held at Lone Lane Park Pavilion, Allentown. A fun, casual and interactive program which allows you to "grill" specifiers from our chapter with need-to-know answers to the toughest questions you can come up with!

October 26th, 2013 -- 50th Anniversary Gala at Lehigh Country Club.

This is going to be a very memorable year for our chapter with the different type of programs we have going on, and the exciting undertone of the momentous milestone we are celebrating the whole year! You don't want to miss it!

I also want to share with all that I attended the Regional Leadership Orientation Seminar, LOS, it is always an excellent event which allows me to meet and learn from the leaders in our region, as well as other key players in the industry. I have attended LOS a number of times in the past, but this was the first year as President of the Allentown Chapter. Learning from this perspective, was significantly different, than from that of a committee member, or different member of the board. During every program, I listened and looked for opportunities to better the Allentown Chapter from many angles. There was not a sole focus, or specific area to improve or work on. Instead it was to see how members in our chapter can benefit, learn and enjoy their experience on many levels. This was exciting, exhausting, and fulfilling at the same time. We have many dedicated and talented members on our board, and I look forward to sharing with them the ideas and thoughts I gathered at LOS.

I am extremely proud to be a part of the Allentown Chapter, as we have an excellent reputation in the region for having a successful product show, strong membership and dedicated/talented board and committee members. For this I am proud, thankful and humbled to be a part of this as a leader. Charlie Beaudy even joked during the LRP program that in the future they would like to see the Allentown Chapter revoked, so that our members would have to join Central PA Chapter. Good Luck Charlie.



Tina Montone, CSI

MEET YOUR EDITOR...

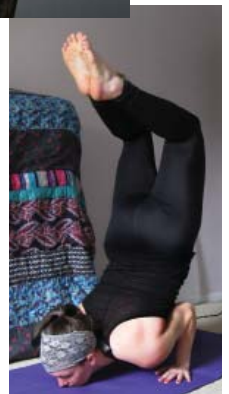
Hi, my name is **Mary Ellen**, but most people know me as **Mel**. I am a relatively new member of CSI, and I am very delighted to introduce myself as **YOUR new editor!** I found my way back home to the Lehigh Valley after spending the past seven years living and working in Philadelphia. After earning my Bachelors of Architecture degree from Philadelphia University I worked for a design/build firm where I jumped at every opportunity to use a power tool and do all the physical labor I could handle on the job site!

Finding balance with my time, I am so happy to have gotten involved with the local CSI chapter - I am loving it! I have a passion for being on construction sites and I love to learn about the built environment. **For me it has been an opportunity outside the office to learn more about specialties in the industry and learn from people who are extremely passionate about their chosen realms of work.** As I start attending more board meetings, I'm excited to get more involved and learn more about the workings of the CSI Allentown Chapter specifically!

Aside from buildings, construction, and everything to do with architecture, I enjoy spending my time outside, traveling every opportunity I can, and doing just about anything to keep myself active. Over the past few years my favorite hobbies include practicing yoga, hiking, and snowboarding. Below are some personal images from recent years that show me living life and my true side! When you see me at the next meeting please don't be shy – I love to meet new people and if I didn't stress this above - love this industry and anyone who has a passion for how t h e y participate !

Best Regards,

Mel Doyle, CSI



INSIGHTS

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Micah J. Hessinger CSI, CDT, ASPE

Owner, Estimating Systems, LLC

CHAPTER NEWS

Monterre Vineyards, Orefield PA



CSI Annual HOLIDAY GALA

Jon Lattin, CSI, CCPR
Hospitality Co-Chair

On Wednesday, December 12, 2012, over 50 members and their guests of the Allentown CSI Chapter enjoyed a holiday gathering at Monterre Vineyards. The special evening was full of camaraderie and networking as friends and colleagues mingled over fine beverages and outstanding food.

Highlights of the evening included a rousing rendition of the "12 days of CSI" (<http://youtu.be/0P0HQsn9sT0>) and a contest to see which infamous holiday songs could be identified from pictures. In addition, Dave Wrigley was recognized for his dedication to the chapter and received a meaningful Beatles painting.

All participants walked away with a custom bottle of wine and a greater appreciation for the outstanding chapter they are a part of. Everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly and are looking forward to the next great CSI event!



CHAPTER NEWS

Emmaus, PA



CSI “Field Trip” : American Millwork Factory Tour

Mel Doyle, CSI

On Wednesday evening, October 17th, CSI took our meeting out of the Holiday Inn Fogelsville and into some more exciting hands-on action where we got an in-depth tour of how work gets done at American Millwork and Cabinetry.

American Millwork and Cabinetry has been located in downtown Emmaus since 2006. We toured their 51,000 sq. ft. facility where we saw the various high-tech machinery used on the floor, some neat projects in construction, and their workers stayed after hours to walk us all the way through their production - all the way down to how they set up to get ready to go out for installation on project sites. It was a very well organized process, and really nice to see how things actually come together.

After the tour the main presentation of the evening was from a man named “Woody” Vaughn. Mr. Vaughn provided all the attendees the new edition of Architectural Woodworks Standards and as many updates and adjustments were made from the last addition, Mr. Vaughn, being an absolute expert in his

field did a great job of walking us through how we could have this edition helps us in our professions. He had a lot of wisdom to share with the group.

It was a nice turn out for this local trip CSI arranged outside the regular Holiday Inn meetings, and I personally can not wait for the next “field trip” we take!



NATIONAL NEWS

Who is taking the Greenest perSPECTive these days??

Mel Doyle, CSI

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD:

Dekker/Perich/Sabatini, Albuquerque, NM

This award is presented to an individual, chapter, region, or group for demonstrating environmental stewardship by promoting environmental awareness in the construction industry, practicing sustainable design, or educating others in the advantages of designing for sustainability.

Dekker/Perich/Sabatini : statements on Sustainability:

Sustainable Design = Responsible Design. Part of creating great places in the communities where we work is being committed to creating healthier indoor environments, conserving resources, meeting budgets and lowering operating costs for our clients. We apply sustainable design principles to all of our projects, and have extensive experience with designing projects to achieve LEED certification. **We are so committed to LEED that we designed our own office building to achieve a double LEED gold certification, and we have trained over 100 staff members in both the fundamentals of LEED and our own method for successfully managing LEED projects.**

We have created energy efficient projects for our climate by using common sense approaches to building siting, solar orientation, appropriate use of windows, building mass, and efficient mechanical systems. Our staff has experience with both traditional and innovative sustainable technologies, ranging from passive solar design to underfloor air systems, and from water capture systems to advanced plumbing fixtures. We are pioneering certification approaches on the latest LEED rating systems, and at any given time we are helping at least a dozen of our clients take their projects through the LEED certification process. However, it is the long-term impact of this approach that is most important to us – better buildings, happier people, and a healthier planet.



UNMHSC Domenici Center, LEED NC Gold

This 2-story, 53,000sf addition to the Domenici Center provides opportunities for hands-on learning to students in the College of Medicine, College of Nursing and College of Pharmacy at UNM. The first floor Clinical Performance Center is a suite of spaces for teaching students how to interact with patients through the use of standardized patients, interactive and non-interactive mannequin simulations, in-patient environments and simulated lab space. The second floor houses a Human Anatomy Laboratory. Features include ultra-low flow plumbing fixtures, low water use landscaping, efficient building envelope, low-emitting, recycled and regional materials and **sustainable housekeeping program.** This building uses 24% less energy and 42% less water than a typical building of this type.



INSTITUTE NEWS

CSI : THE NEW LOGO :

CSI is revitalizing its brand as part of its continued pursuit of its mission: improving facility performance through better communication in the commercial-level construction industry.

CSI is focusing on creating a strong, consistent brand experience for its diverse membership with training for its leadership, new programs and products, and a new look in its logo and tagline.

“CSI is recognized as the only community where you can network and collaborate with building experts across the design, building materials and construction disciplines,” CSI Brand Revitalization Task Team Chair Ronald L. Geren, CSI, CCS, CCCA, said. **“We connect all members of the building team to the information they need to effectively communicate and improve project delivery.”**

As part of the revitalization project, CSI has introduced a new logo and tagline, which were developed to reflect CSI’s continuing evolution to meet the needs of a changing building design and construction industry. The new logo and tagline, “Building Knowledge, Improving Project Delivery,” was developed by CSI’s Brand Revitalization Task Team, a group of members and external constituents who reflect CSI’s diverse membership.

CSI’s brand is also based on the core values – the paths CSI uses to execute its mission:

- A diversified membership base of allied professionals involved in the creation and management of the built environment
- Continuous development and transformation of standards and formats
- Education and certification of professionals to improve project delivery processes
- Creation of practice tools to assist users throughout the facility life-cycle

“Our new logo and tagline are a very visible step in an ongoing revitalization process,” CSI President Gregory J. Markling, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, said. “We’re offering a variety of new and updated programs and initiatives, such as our growing certification program, updated standards and formats, online practice groups, and the CSI Academies, to help industry professionals stay on top of emerging trends and best practices.”



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- Sizes M/L/XL/XXL



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