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TOUR UNIVERSITY OF OREGON'S NEW PORTLAND CAMPUS AT THE RENOVATED WHITE STAG BLOCK

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Meet in the Lobby 4:30 PM
70 NW Couch Street



Photo: Sally Painter

**Dinner and Presentations at the Princeton Ballroom
Governor Hotel, 614 SW 11th Avenue**

The Portland Chapter of CSI is kicking off the new 2008-2009 program season with a tour of the University of Oregon White Stag building. One of CSI's goals is to educate and promote sustainable practices for our membership. We believe this program is a great place to start. The building has been awarded LEED Gold by US Green Building Council. Nothing is truly more sustainable than "reusing" an existing building. In this case, two buildings!

Join us for a tour of the recently renovated White Stag Block. Meet representatives from the Project Team: Tenant, University of Oregon, Developer: Venerable Properties, Architect: Fletcher Farr Ayotte, Contractor: Bremik Construction, along with consultants, subcontractors and product suppliers.

The White Stag Block project merged three buildings into one via connected floor plates, shared seismic upgrades, and building infrastructure. The project was made possible by Venerable's creative approach to funding sources. The building has been awarded LEED Gold by US Green Building Council. Our tour promises to be interesting and exciting.

**Tour Starts at 4:30 PM in the Lobby – 70 NW Couch
Followed by Dinner and Presentations by Project Team – Princeton Ballroom**

Cost: \$40 per person with pre-paid reservations by September 5
Sponsor a table for 8 for just \$310
Late reservations and walk-ins: \$50.

Register at www.portlandcsi.org
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Russ Pitkin, CSI, AIA



June brought us another interesting and exciting construction tour followed by dinner and annual awards ceremony, after which our chapter president, Doug Allen, handed over his gavel to me as a ceremonial gesture of the passing of the presidency.

June also marked my first presidential duties; conducting the annual planning meeting. We had a great planning session which has planted seeds for change and for the first time in a long time we had an August Board of Director's meeting and published an August edition of *The Predicator*, albeit a very light version, but the main objective was to communicate up coming events.

In keeping with that communication theme, I want to tell you that we are certainly guaranteed to see changes this year. As I took the presidency, in June, so too have I been joined by a great group of enthusiastic and energetic board members who feel ready to facilitate change. I am confident we can make a very positive difference with this group, but we can always use additional help from anyone who is willing to volunteer a few hours a month. Please give me a call or email me if there is something you would like to be involved with. We have many areas where we could use just a couple more hours of help.

Speaking of change, to start, our monthly meetings will be back at the Governor Hotel in the Princeton Ballroom with a great new year of programs that promise to entertain and educate. We will also revive our greeters and have a couple people stationed at the door to welcome you and assist with any questions you may have.

Our chapter's orientation program but will be back on track with the help of Cherie McNabb and Jody Moore. This hour long orientation will take place 2-3 times a year beginning in October. The number of times will be need based. Thanks to Cherie and Jody for taking this on. I'm sure they could use some help, not much, just a little.

Our chapter by laws will require modification to be in alignment with the Institute's new governance model. Chris Irwin volunteered to take this on; thank you Chris. Chris is also on the NW Region Operating Guide Update Task Team whose charge it is to prepare a recommendation for a new region governance model in alignment with the Institute's new governance model. A draft document is currently under review and will be voted on at the 2008 NW Region Conference in September. This year the Puget Sound Chapter will be hosting the region conference in Seattle, in this their fiftieth year. Congratulations to the Puget Sound Chapter! This promises to be a great conference.

This is the third year that I have been listening to inadequacy comments about our Portland Products and Services Conference. These comments are not wasted. We are exploring a couple of ideas. Since this is our largest fund raiser of the fiscal year, we are taking this very seriously, and we are also being cautious. There are a number of things to be considered when making a change with this amount at risk. The next board meeting will have a special hour long session committed to this topic; stay tuned.

Your Help is needed for our 50th Anniversary Party

It is time to start thinking about Portland Chapter CSI's 50th Anniversary. We have pictures of the presidents, Lowell Anderson - 1959 to Dale Kuykendall - 1997. Perky Kilbourn is tracking down pictures of those people who were president from 1997 to 2009.

PERKY'S NOTES

By: Perky Kilbourn, CSI



First Note This is a review of an editorial "A myth about an assumption about a lie" by Dale Dauten which appeared in March 2008, CAP Today. His statement was that the baby boomers were trying to redefine the culture in their way. Dauten cited results from a survey by Atlantic Associates about which generation groups were the "most difficult to manage."

Millennials/Generation Y (ages 18-31) 53%
Generation X (ages 32-42) 17%
Baby boomers (ages 43-61) 14%
Not sure 16%

Among other things, employers are looking for a person who has been around, who doesn't get rattled, who has fewer distractions in life and who is open-minded. The myth of "the gray blanket" is a cousin of "the glass ceiling" and neither exists any more. Employers no longer choose the 25-year-old job applicant over the 50-year-old ones. Quoting Dauten's last sentence *Unless you're a professional athlete, 50 is the new 25.*

Second Note "To reply or delete: That is the question" A conversation with Marsha Egan from 03-24 08 issue of Washington Technology interested me. Egan felt e-mail is here to stay but needs to be used effectively. For example, only check it five times a day, e-mail is not a dialogue, it is good for sharing factual information, sort e-mails like you sort your US postal service mail, and know your priorities.

Third Note Have you been listening to the radio or watching television lately? I have noted reports that the mix of bioethanol in fuel is less than mandated by popular vote. There seems to be a saturation in the market of bioethanol manufacturing. Experimentation continues as to what is the best "blend" of diesel and biodiesel. "*Biofuel Analysis Instruments Enjoy Steady Growth*" by Bernard Tulsı appeared in the March 2008 issue of *Laboratory Equipment*.

Fourth Note Since winning the 2007 Nobel Prize, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is going to evaluate information from peer reviewed journals. Among many of its goals, the IPCC hopes to help in understanding changes in temperature, rainfall, hurricanes and other extreme events (page 1457 March 14, 2008 issue of *Science*).

Fifth Note *Creating Musical Variation* by Diana S. Dabby on pages 62-63 of April 4, 2008 issue of *Science* discusses the inspiration of musical composition. This inspiration may come from natural sounds, chance and methods based on chaos theory (pure mathematics).

CSI Member Referral Program:

Spread the wealth and invite more people to enjoy the benefits of being a CSI member! Between **July 1, 2008** and **April 30, 2009** CSI members who refer new members will be entered in a sweepstakes drawing. The **prize is a one-year, CSI national membership** (chapter membership dues not included) -- a \$220 value! Make sure the members you recruit put your member number in the appropriate space when completing CSI's online or paper application forms. For each new member you recruit, you'll get one sweepstakes entry. The more you bring in, the more chances to win!

MY EXPERIENCE IN ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CSI CONVENTION

By: Robin Forrer, Student

My intentions to learn more about Sustainability in the Construction Industry was surpassed in my first time attendance of this convention. There were booths set up specifically for Green Building products and education, sessions you could attend to learn more about LEED standards and practices, and general industry information abound.

I arrived Tuesday, June 3rd and settled into my hotel. I awoke early Wednesday to go to my first orientation at the convention site. I walked into the room for the Student Orientation and was greeted warmly by CSI staff. We introduced ourselves and were asked to talk briefly about our school and what we were studying for. The majority of the persons were from the Eastern and Southern United States regions and the audience was split half of engineers/architect majors to half construction project majors.

They offered a tour of a building to be held the next day, but I declined as I had registered for several sessions then. I told them that my Sustainability Class had taken field trips and also my local CSI chapter had also held meetings at several LEED certified projects. The mentor I had been assigned agreed that the sessions would be more useful in my case.

I thanked everyone and went on to the General Session held at the Renaissance Hotel Ballroom. I was greeted by a former CSI President, Jane Baker, who is currently a Spec Writer. She introduced me to the next President, Gilman K. M. Hu, FCSI, AIA. He resides in Hawaii, and has been a CSI member for many years.

The General Session main Speaker was Danny Forster, host of Discovery Channels, "Build it Bigger". He mentioned that he came upon that job via a Craig's Listing. He was part comedian, part architect. He talked about the biggest buildings he had visited all over the world, including the Shanghai World Center. He said it has 97 elevators and has the largest core ever built. As he showed us a slide of him near the top of this building, he mentioned the rope holding him to the building, and that there wasn't an OSHA team in China obviously.

He talked about unusual designs such as the Hancock in Boston with its mirrored façade to reflect back the historical district building that it was built next to. It helped bring old architecture into the new. He mentioned that every 16th floor had a refuge area held with diagonal bracing in case the building was penetrated like in 911 or a fire erupted, etc.

His longest presentation was about the University of Phoenix Stadium. He showed slides of traditional stadium construction, basically, a big bowl. The architecture of this site however, resembles a large snake coiled around itself. The area this building is located, the desert, prompted this design. Mr. Forster showed the retractable playing field that was built on 16 railroad tracks to take it in and out of the stadium. This allowed the playing field to be exposed to completely natural sunlight independent of the interior of the stadium where it would get the 100% light. This was their main outstanding contribution to sustainability in this structure.

(to be continued next month)

NW REGION CONFERENCE

By: Brian Keil

Join us in Seattle, but first...

There are 10 things you should learn about Seattle before you come to the Northwest Region Conference.

1. You can spot a real Seattleite by his webbed feet and the moss behind his ears. (and his Starbucks, and Birkenstocks, and)
2. Muscles are only strong (tasting). A little cocktail sauce helps.
3. There are no sun tanned people in Seattle. If they look tan, it's really only rust. Green or Orange hair is also common in certain districts but don't worry; it's not the water that causes it, although they are testing some of the local Micro Brew formulas.
4. Gas Works Park does not acknowledge its namesake to be from the flatulent sounds of its resident ducks. Just the same, look where you step.
5. Even though Seattle is at the opposite end of the country from the Big Apple, we do not subscribe to the notion that we be nick-named the Wet Apple.
6. Native Northwest people invented weather forecasting. Its accuracy is based on those in sight of the big mountain, Mt Rainier. It follows: "If you can see the big mountain, it's going to rain". "If you can't see the big mountain, it's raining".
7. An Oyster Shooter is not a Seattle marksman. Although oysters are cheap and plentiful here, they do not use them in place of clay pigeons at the rifle range. You drink and chew Oyster Shooters. It's a real Seattle treat. Ask for one at most of our water front eating and drinking establishments.
8. The Lusty Lady is not a satellite affiliate of the Seattle Art Museum. Sorry, that excuse won't work in your itinerary.
9. The Geo Duck, pronounced (Gooley duck) has no feathers and is not our State Bird. Nor would I recommend that you bring one home for your kids to take to show-n-tell.
10. Coffee is now less expensive than gas in Seattle, which leads one to wonder, since Seattle has an espresso stand on every corner, maybe the fuel crisis was really conspired and instigated by our own Northwest coffee-fueled bicyclists. Hmmm.

These and many more exciting education revelations will be revealed at "Tomorrows Yesterdays" the Northwest Region Conference, hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter CSI, September 25-27, 2008 at the Mayflower Park Hotel in Seattle. Learn more, from there.

Call the Puget Sound Chapter CSI Office at 800-426-5100 or visit www.pscsi.org for more information and registration.

CSI HONORS GARY BETTS WITH DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

CSI Press Release

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (August 21, 2008) – The Construction Specification Institute (CSI) Board of Directors has unanimously voted to honor former CSI President Gary Betts, FCSI, CCS, of Chicago, with [Distinguished Membership](#). Distinguished Membership recognizes CSI members who have performed notable services to the design and construction industry in activities related to the purposes of the Institute. It is the highest honor CSI bestows. Fewer than 50 people have received this honor in CSI's 60-year history.



Gary Betts

After joining CSI in 1984, Betts, a member of CSI's Chicago Chapter, continually advanced the mission of CSI by focusing his efforts on improving the proficiency of the specifier and bringing an increased value to the organization's diverse membership. In addition to serving as CSI President, he was a Chapter Officer; Committee Chair at both the national and regional level; Institute Director, Vice-President and Secretary; Vice-Chancellor of the College of Fellows; and Chairman of the CSI Foundation.

After completing his term as president of the Institute in 2005, Betts continued to guide CSI, most notably by chairing two successive governance task teams for which he was honored with CSI's [Distinguished Service Award](#) in June 2008. He greatly contributed to the development and implementation of changes that will help CSI meet future challenges.

During his 24 years of service with CSI, Betts demonstrated extraordinary commitment and integrity for the construction industry. Among his many contributions were:

- Forming the Specifiers' Roundtable in Chicago
- Providing consistency and clarity in the standards and formats CSI develops – such as MasterFormat – through his creative applications
- Contributing to the development of CSI's first strategic plan
- Developing a six-week preparatory course for the certification exam in his chapter
- Creating new membership benefits and programs

Betts, who passed away Sunday, August 17, 2008, will be honored posthumously at the CSI Honors & Awards Gala, Friday, June 19, 2009, during [The CSI Annual Convention](#) in Indianapolis, Indiana.

“We are deeply saddened that we have lost such a wonderful friend and dedicated member,” said CSI Executive Director and CEO Walter T. Marlowe, P.E., CSI, CAE. “Gary's service to our organization over the course of his life was incredible and his legacy will certainly live on. We're proud to include him on the elite list of Distinguished Members.”

Postscript from Lee Kilbourn, copied from www.csinet.org: Distinguished Membership and Honorary Membership are the most prestigious honors of CSI. They are conferred on individuals who have performed distinguished services to the construction industry in fields of activity related to the purposes of the Institute.

Membership in the Institute is a requirement for Distinguished Membership and is not required for Honorary Membership. The category of Distinguished Membership was created in July 2007. All CSI members elevated to Honorary Membership before July 1, 2007 are now designated Distinguished Members in accordance with the new criteria for each honor.

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September 2008

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- 9/3 CSI Board Meeting, 11:30, RiverEast
- 9/8 CSI Membership committee, noon Macadam's Bar & Grill
- 9/9 CSI Chapter Meeting - Project Tour, White Stag U of O Building**
- 9/11 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, Noon, ZGF
- 9/22 Program committee, 7:30 am, Nancy's Kitchen—16th & Glisan
- 9/25 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, Noon, ZGF
- 9/25-27 NW Region Conference, Seattle WA

October 2008

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- 10/7 CSI Board Meeting, Noon, RiversEast Conference Room
- 10/9 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, Noon, ZGF
- 10/13 CSI Membership committee, noon Macadam's Bar & Grill
- 10/14 CSI Chapter Meeting - Metro Recycling, Princeton Ballroom**
- 10/23 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, Noon, ZGF
- 10/28 Program committee, 7:30 am, Nancy's Kitchen—16th & Glisan

November 2008

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- 11/4 CSI Board Meeting, Noon, RiverEast
- 11/10 CSI Membership committee, noon Macadam's Bar & Grill
- 11/11 CSI Chapter Meeting - Sustainable Products, Princeton Ballroom**
- 11/13 CSI Specifiers Share Group Meeting, Noon, ZGF
- 11/25 Program committee, 7:30 am, Nancy's Kitchen—16th & Glisan
- 11/27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WANTED: The CSI Education Committee is looking for assistance. We need you experienced members to help outreach to the new up and coming people in the Building Industry. Please volunteer one hour a month and join the Education Committee. If interested please contact Steve Gray at (503) 572-8200 or e-mail sgray@roddapaint.com.