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President's Message – The Changing Face of Our Profession

By James R. Thompson, AIA

We the People...the theme for the 2008 AIA National Convention in Boston, emphasized the essential nature of the profession to the health, safety and welfare of society. The AIA designed the convention program with the premise that Architects can shape policies, as well as our environment. Two of three Theme Speakers, Millard Fuller (founder of Habitat for Humanity International) and Ambassador Andrew Young (founder of GoodWorks International) offered calls to service from outside of the profession; that Architects can be central to the resolution of critical issues of our times.

Ambassador Young captivated me with his story of shaping policy to incubate diverse business interest while Mayor of Atlanta. He implored the audience to confront discriminatory intolerance rather than politely smile in silence.

Millard Fuller told of his life-mission; hundreds of thousands of affordable homes. He urged us to pick up a hammer and find our own life-mission.

I attended a seminar on generational shifts in our profession. It reminded me that we shape and cultivate the profession; nurturing young leaders, celebrating successes, incubating complementary business interests but weeding-out intolerance. The Millennial Generation attendees represented total racial, ethnic and gender diversity; a huge shift from mostly white-male Baby-boomers in this seminar. This revealed to me that everyone in society will one day be able to see themselves in the faces of the coming leadership of our profession.

The year two thousand nine marks the Centennial of AIA Central Pennsylvania Chapter. As we begin our second century, we have done little to preserve the memory of the Architects, Associates and Affiliates that shaped the first century of our Chapter. I urge you to preserve the memory of their practice or service that made a difference in the community, or simply in the life of another person. We will archive these memories with our Chapter records for the benefit of future members. Email me at jrthompson@hayeslarge.com to share your stories. □



James R. Thompson



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Hershey Story Museum Construction Tour

By Seth H. Wentz, Assoc. AIA

2008 AIA Central PA Calendar

October 10

Design Awards Banquet, Lancaster

October 13

Office Closed – Columbus Day

October 16

Board Meeting at 4:30 pm

November 13

Fall Lecture

November 18-19

Pennsylvania Architects Day, Harrisburg

November 27-28

Office Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

December 13

Board Planning Meeting

December 24-25

Office Closed – Christmas Holidays



Recently the Central PA Associates were invited to participate in a construction tour of the Hershey Story Museum which is currently under construction in Hershey, PA. The Hershey Story Museum is being built to commemorate the founder of the Hershey Corporation, Milton Hershey. The museum will tell the story of Milton Hershey as well as serve as a cafe with outdoor seating, a souvenir shop for visitors,

and a chocolate lab. The chocolate lab will have stations where visitors will be able to make chocolate with a live instructor in the room. The museum is scheduled to be completed at the end of 08'. The tour was led by Craig Campbell, Assoc. AIA, a project manager for LSC Design. A follow up tour of the Hershey Story Museum will be held on October 30, 2008 just before substantial completion. If you missed the first tour, be sure to mark this date in your calendar.

The Central, PA associates have also been invited to tour the CODO project in York, PA by Murphy & Dittenhafer. This is a mixed residential/commercial project located next to the new Sovereign Bank Stadium, home of the York Revolution. This tour will happen over the summer, so keep your eyes open for the invitation. A follow up tour will be held in late 08' or early 09' when the project is nearing substantial completion. □

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Central PA AIA 2008 Lecture Series

Lecture Series Update

Fall Lecture – Toshiko Mori, FAIA is scheduled to make a presentation on Thursday November 13th at 7pm at the **Armstrong Corporate Campus** in Lancaster. Toshiko is wrapping up 9 years as chair of the Department of Architecture at Harvard's Graduate School of Design. We are thrilled to be able to have an opportunity to hear Toshiko Mori present the work of her firm and appreciate Armstrong's graciously hosting the Fall Lecture again this year.

Spring Lecture - Tina Manis presented a lecture entitled "**4 Questions**" on June 5th in York at the Thos. Somerville Building which was built in 1925 by the P.A. & S. Small Co. as a plumbing, heating, & industrial supply warehouse. Tina began her practice TINA MANIS associates in 2000 and has been featured in Architectural Record in an arch2 article focusing on her balance of professional rigor and family commitments. She has an expressed desire to work with marginalized and nonprofit clients as well as finding beauty in things that seemingly have no value. Tina has bold aspirations of creating architecture that tells us something new about ourselves.

Tina touched on her experiences with Richard Rogers – notion of democracy & treating everyone equally – and Rem Koolhaas – idea of fighting for the impossible & then embracing the actual outcome. Her work included creative explorations of public versus private space even in residential work and embodied an authentic joy in practicing architecture. It was an inspiring presentation in an inspiring space that generated rich conversations during the social hour & well in to the night.

Many thanks to **lsc design** for underwriting this year's Lecture Series. □



2007 Excellence In Design Awards Gala – Merit Awards



**Swatara Township Fire
Company Station No. 1**

The 2007 Excellence In Design Awards Gala offered a view of some of the best work by area architects completed in recent years. Architectural practices from throughout the region, including Harrisburg, Camp Hill, Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, Lancaster, Lebanon and York, showcased their work at the event providing opportunities for idea sharing, social interaction, and collective appreciation of the disciplines that create our built landscape.



**Middletown Township
Middle School**

This year's distinguished jury included members of the AIA North Carolina Triangle Chapter. The peer group of architects chose two projects to receive the Merit Award of Excellence both by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates. As Merit Award recipients, each project demonstrated a high level of design sensitivity, execution and care in achieving project expectations.

Swatara Township Fire Company Station No. 1

Constructed for Swatara Township, the new construction of Fire Company Station No. 1 included the following design team members and engineering consultant specialists:

Architect:

Tom Crabtree:
Principal-in-charge
R. Jeffery Straub:
Designer
Tom Frantz, AIA:
Project Architect
David N. McNay, AIA:
Project Architect
Ning Lu,
Jared Brackbill,
Tim Mitchell,
Ryan Petyak,
Tracy Rohrbaugh,
Greg Grissinger:
Design Team

Consultants:

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Construction Manager:

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The peer jury offered the following comments:

"This building accommodates the Township's first professional fire company through the merger of two volunteer companies. The completed station includes the renovation of an existing building, the addition of a new pre-engineered building, a new pedestrian entry, and a new brick house drying and training tower. The completed culturally responsive complex doubled the size of the existing building. It is a beautifully detailed and very utilitarian public building that mostly avoids current clichés and demonstrates civic responsibility."





Middletown Township Middle School

At over 170,000 square feet, the new Middletown Township Middle School by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates demonstrates the team's creative approach to campus planning. The architects' team included the following members and consulting engineers:

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Comments by the jury included:

"An excellent example of a very good building that was created on a reasonably tight budget within all of the constraints presented by this most challenging building type. The three-story block of repetitive classrooms is sited to form a courtyard with the single-story collective spaces that are very nicely handled. The interiors of this project are especially strong with smaller elements and interesting details used to bring the scale of the larger spaces down. It is refreshing to see some carefully controlled interiors in which everything is not covered up. This is an architecture that was created out of the necessities of making a building." □



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30,000 cans of food were donated to Project S.H.A.R.E. who distributed them to 188 pantries located in Dauphin, Cumberland, Lancaster, York and Lycoming Counties who report serving an average of 3,000+ households per month. An additional \$13,000 was distributed to the food banks.

Sixteen (16) Central PA architects, engineers, contractors including two student programs comprised the ten (10) competing teams who designed and built structures made entirely from full cans of food, design and structural ingenuity. These colorful and creative structures included the Capitol building, a suspension bridge, a hot air balloon, an American flag, a covered bridge, an ice cream sundae, Bart Simpson, sheep in a barnyard, a Hershey kiss and bowling pins.

A team of **expert professionals in their industries judged and presented awards** for the best and brightest design structures at the Canstruction® Competition Awards presentation at the C. Ted Lick Wildwood Conference Center on the HACC Campus.

Structure Awards included:

Best Meal:

"Ewe Can Help Stop Hunger–Hunger is Baad!", Lancaster Country Day School & Studio 5 Architects, LLC

Best Use of Labels:

"A Capitol CANtribution", RETTEW

Structural Ingenuity:

"Suspension of Hunger", Central PA ACE Mentoring Program

Juror's Favorite:

"Strikes Against Hunger", Buchart Horn/BASCO Associates

Honorable Mentions:

"Bridge over "CANdied" Waters", Larson Design Group; and "Americana", First Capital Engineering, Inc.

Those participating in the design/build competition included *ACE Mentoring Program (York County), Alexander Building Construction (Harrisburg), AUM Architecture (Harrisburg), American Society of Highway Engineers Harrisburg Section, J. Michael Brill & Associates (Mechanicsburg), Buchart Horn/BASCO Associates (York), C.S. Davidson, Inc. (York), Carlisle High School (Carlisle), Cumberland Geoscience (Carlisle), First Capital Engineering (York), K&W Engineers and Consultants (Harrisburg), Larson Design Group (Williamsport), Murray Associates Architects (Harrisburg), Lancaster Country Day School (Lancaster), Studio 5 Architects (Lancaster), and RETTEW (Lancaster).*

The winner of the **People's Choice award** was also presented to **RETTEW for "A Capitol CANtribution"** at a recent SMPS Central PA Healthcare Industry Design Trends Seminar held at the Bent Creek Country Club, Lititz, PA. This award was selected by public ballots from over 35,000 community visitors who attended the recent PA Home Show.

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AIA Central PA Architects Expo 2008



Architects Expo 2008: The 1st Annual AIA Central PA Architect's Expo was held at the Harrisburg-Hershey Sheraton on April 18, 2008. The final assessment is in; the format was excellent, the affiliates and vendors did an outstanding job, and we are already planning next year's event. First and foremost, on behalf of the Chapter, I would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the various vendors and especially NRB for their sponsorship of the Social Hour.

The morning was kicked off by Elmer B. Burger, II, AIA, president of AIA Pennsylvania. Elmer provided an insightful presentation on the process of assembling and managing the team of professionals that are necessary for completing a certified sustainable project. The presentation referenced numerous projects completed under Elmer's guidance and high-lighted PNC Firstside in Pittsburgh.

The lunch and expo provided an excellent opportunity for interaction with the vendors/ affiliate members. The ballroom was setup with a central dining area with the vendor booths around the perimeter. This setting allowed for both professional and casual interaction among all participants.



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The morning and afternoon sessions provided multiple CEU opportunities on a wide variety of subjects. Affiliate and vendor participants included CS Davidson, Conestoga Tile and Florida Tile, Diversified Lighting, Hafele, Glen-Gery, Modernfold, New Holland Church Furniture, NRB (USA) Inc, PCMA, SMPS, and Synergis.

The day was closed out with a social hour (plus) that was sponsored by NRB (USA). It was a great way to wrap-up both the event and the week.

At this time we are scheduling the 2nd Annual AIA Central PA Architect's Expo. We are looking for anyone who is interested in participating in the planning, sponsoring, and/or providing CEU presentations. We are also looking for comments and suggestions for improving member participation. Everyone one was pleased with the format, especially the flexibility that it allowed. Attendees had the opportunity to stop in at anytime during the activities, return to work and then come back for the free social hour, or they could participate in the full day event. We look forward to next year's event and we are planning on seeing you there. □

ACE Mentoring Program – Scholarship News

The ACE (Architecture, Engineering & Construction) Mentoring Programs of York and Dauphin County continue to provide significant opportunities for high school students interested in pursuing higher education in related fields. In 2008 4 of the 12 architectural participants from York & 4 of the 6 from Dauphin County received scholarship and each will enter accredited architecture programs at Penn State, Philadelphia University, Virginia Tech, Drexel, & Temple. This is almost half of the total number of students in the program this past year!

The following high school graduates will enter architectural programs in the coming year. Congratulations to all!

Eric Blosser	Architecture	Central Dauphin	Drexel
Jessie Harder	Architecture	Central Dauphin	Temple
Andrew Robinson	Architecture	Lower Dauphin	Penn State
Brandon Tezak	Architecture	Hershey	Temple

The following students received scholarship awards at the Fundraising Breakfast on May 13th. □

Brian Borrer – Dover Area HS – Penn Tech College, Drafting Program

Laura Royer – Susquehannock HS – Philadelphia University, Architecture

Collin Mickey – Susquehannock HS – Virginia Tech, Architecture

Taylor Derr – Red Lion Area HS – Drexel University, Architectural Engineering

Spencer Hullmann – Central York HS – Philadelphia University, Architecture

Alan Kocher – York Catholic HS – Philadelphia University, Architecture



Dining by Design

By Josh Millman, AIA



In 2003 the local Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the AIA established a Central Pennsylvania's Architects Foundation. The Architect's Foundation was established to provide scholarships for students in Central Pennsylvania pursuing post high school education in architecture at accredited colleges. The Foundation's steering committee consists of all the active past chapter presidents interested in participating, and is chaired by the immediate past president of the Central PA Chapter.

In March the Foundation had its first fundraising event, a dinner ("Dining for Design") in York whose proceeds will be used for scholarships. The first event of its kind for the Chapter and the Foundation raised almost \$1,000 to assist area students in their pursuit of degree programs in architecture.

Thank you to all the participants and their support of the program! □

Immediate Past President's Message

By D. Hunter Johnson, AIA

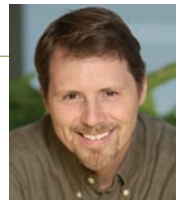
Although the leaves have not yet turned, I know autumn is virtually here. The first sign is certainly the stir-crazy behavior of my two young sons as they long to see their friends and begin fall activities at the neighborhood elementary school. As we like to say: "it's the storm before the calm". The second indication of fall comes when our personal schedules become saturated with countless extra-curricular activities, Board meetings and other special events.

Needless to say, I feel your pain.

With all the running around, I want to encourage you to reserve a few precious hours during the next several months to broaden your own horizons. The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the AIA continues to offer programs and events specifically designed to provide professional development opportunities, social encounters with your peer community, and some fun while you're at it.

In early October, we hold our annual Excellence In Design Awards Banquet where the Chapter and its members honor and recognize the notable work of the local design community. If you have interest in submitting your most recently completed work, this is an opportunity to showcase your talent and efforts. Or if you prefer, simply attend the Gala on October 10th in Lancaster at the recently expanded

Lancaster Quilt Museum for an evening of fine food, music, conversation and camaraderie.



Hunter Johnson

On November 13th, our Chapter's Lecture Series continues also in Lancaster on the campus of Armstrong World Industries. Toshiko Mori, FAIA will present her fascinating accomplishments during recent years. As the Department Chairperson for the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, her lecture is a unique opportunity to engage an inspired mind.

Also in November, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the AIA holds its annual Leadership Conference from the 18th through the 19th in Harrisburg. The special mid-week event includes Architect's Day at the Capitol along with the Pennsylvania Architectural Excellence Awards Program. Spotighting work from around the Commonwealth, this event culminates in a reception under the dome in the State Capitol building.

Please join me and your fellow members of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at one or all of the events we have planned for the fall of 2008. Remember to place these dates in your Outlook calendar or PDA before the recitals, school activities, Board meetings and ball games take their place. □

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