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HOUSE TOUR—1980

You are invited to share in the welcome of five Grosse Pointe area homes on Sunday, the 28th of September, 1980. Your host is the Detroit Chapter, American Institute of Architects.

This house tour is certain to delight the mind's eye as it includes homes of a quality more unique than most. The Stratten home by the founders of Pewabic Pottery, the Rossetti home by contemporary architect Gino Rossetti, the lakefront home by Charles Mason, a modern house by nationally-known architect Alden Dow, and one of Hugh Keyes' majestic homes.

The tour is from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m. and departs from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 35 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. Shuttle transportation is provided for ticket holders on the tour.

Tickets for the tour are \$8 per person and will be available by mail prior to September 18 by sending a check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Detroit Chapter, AIA, AIA House Tour, 553 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48226. A limited quantity of tickets will also be available on tour day at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Telephone numbers for in-

formation, September 1 thru September 26th are 965-4148 or 965-4149 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

MSA CONVENTION
HYATT REGENCY DEARBORN
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AUCTION OPENS CONVENTION

MSA opening night will unveil a treasure chest of opportunities for you. Do you dream of flying in a private plane, having a party in your honor, spending a day on a yacht? Would a washable tattoo be just the fantasy?

Come to the Auction. The highest bidder for any of these and more gifts will walk away with the prize. MSA will auction off unique services to raise funds for the Beaubien House. As each item is auctioned, during the times that the exhibit floor is open, the tax-deductible proceeds will be turned over to the Michigan Architectural Foundation.

Learn to ski, have your holiday cards designed and contribute to our Beaubien House. The band and buffet will be waiting opening night.

All of this and more at the fabulous MSA Convention at The Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, October 15, 16, 17, 1980.

MSA MEETS WITH CEC

On two occasions this summer the CEC and MSA presidents have met informally to discuss items of mutual interest to both organizations.

Conversation during the meetings centered on such legislative matters as HB 4114, the new law for the Registration of Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors; HB 5541, Retainages for Contractors, and HB 4053, new Lien Law.

More joint meetings have been suggested and the next meeting date for the two full Boards is early in November during a regular MSA Board session.

NEW ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS

James P. Gray has announced the formation of a new architectural practice to be known as J. P. Gray & Associates, Architects.

The new firm will be staffed by three registered architects, a graduate architect and three support persons. The registered personnel are Gray, Dennis Dryer and Donald Koster. The firm will operate from offices at 212 Harbor Drive in Grand Haven.

For the past 10 years, Gray has been a partner with Phillip Lundwall in a firm known as Gray-Lundwall Associates. This firm was dissolved in early June when Lundwall accepted a full-time position with Viking Food Services, Inc., of Muskegon.

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Donald J. Johnson, AIA, has opened an architectural office at 1460 N. Monroe St., the

former location of Dunbar Associates, Architects in Monroe. Johnson has been associated for the past 19 years with architectural firms in Connecticut, Ohio and Michigan.

Most recently, he served seven years with the Toledo-based firm of Samborn, Steketee, Otis and Evans, Inc., and the last three years as manager of the Monroe-based Dunbar firm which has discontinued operations.

WE'VE MOVED

Thomas Strat & Associates, Inc., Architects/Planners, announces its new permanent office headquarters located at 1890 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48064 (between Maple and Big Beaver Roads), (313) 362-5055.

GRAPEVINE

Dave Pyle of WMC participated in the NCARB Registration Examination Design Problem grading held in St. Charles, IL. Forty-eight hundred design problems were graded . . . New WMC associates approved at the board meeting were **Robert D. Buckley** and **Bradley A. Gornick**, both of the **Tower-Pinkster** office . . . **William Everhart** has been appointed chief designer for the architectural department of Hoyer-Basso Associates in Bloomfield Hills . . . **John J. Dziurman** has affiliated his architectural firm with the **Wade Trim Environmental Group Inc.** of Taylor . . . **Gunnar Ejups**, formerly a principal in the firm of **Gunnar Birkerts and Associates** has joined the firm of **M. Yamasaki and Associates** as Senior Associate . . . **Contract Interiors** received a design award from Modern

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DETROIT CHAPTER HOUSE TOUR

Office Procedures magazine in their 1980 executive office design competition for the office of Donald Benyas, president of Penn General Agencies . . . **Gary Karp**, former Student Chapter President from LIT and Student Regional Director for ACSA, is now with the firm of **Johnson-Johnson & Roy** in their new Detroit office . . . **Straub, Van Dine Associates** have received citations for outstanding design from the ESD for the Fire Station #2 for the City of Troy and for the remodeling of a prison facility for the MDC in Kinross . . . **Bill Lyman** will bring his "Furniture Styles" lecture to the October MSA Convention . . . Flash from Lansing tells us that Mayotte, Crouse and D'Haene is now officially **Mayotte-D'Haene, Inc.** . . . The Celebration Exhibit enjoyed a trip to the **Upper Peninsula Chapter** in July and a visit to Kalamazoo in mid-August.

HAPPENINGS AT MACKINAC

The 37th MSA Annual Mid-Summer Conference at the Grand Hotel was another successful conference. The Conference Committee was headed by Dennis Haugen and his wife Pat, with the able assistance of Vice-Chairman Dick Glissman and his wife Jean. A special thanks to them and all their committee members.

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Highlights from the Conference are featured for those who missed the event and we hope after reading this account you'll be on hand for the 38th Conference in 1981.

The Bocci Tournament was chaired by Ray and Mary Lou Williams and their co-chairman Tony Castle. Everyone was assigned times and courts and believe it or not no two teams played on the same court twice — professionalism is the name for this group. Ray was responsible for getting the Bocci Balls to the Island and his back will never be the same. The DiLaura Clan entered four teams — Gene & Judy, Mike & Dave, Ron & Tim, Mary Jane and Susie — it's no wonder they won. Ron & Mike DiLaura won against Bob and Vivian Dezur with runners up Dick May and Carrol Sanchez. Winner Mike DiLaura deserves a special thanks for always being on hand to assist — even getting up for the horseback riding at 7:00 a.m. Even Michigan Representative Rusty Hellman participated in the Bocci Reception sponsored by Detroit Edison and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

Golf ran smoothly under the direction of Vic Specht and Adam DeMartino — of course Rosa and Dorothy were there to assist. SMACNA provided each entrant with golf tees and other goodies. We heard guidance was offered from Ernie Hickson and Raccoon Freddy, fondly known as Jim Mason. John Lesniak had the Low Gross Score and Chuck Walter had the Low Net. A first for the Putting Contest — a husband and wife team, Tony and Diana Castle, each won in their respective divisions.

Tennis — well that's another

story — it rained — just a little and the Tennis People, Ken and Bev Rule and Jack and Doris Feagley, managed just the same. Everyone played . . . they even hiked through the woods past the Fort to keep the tournament on schedule. The winners were Bob Rizzardi and Alise Toonder for mixed doubles, Gerald Crane and Ken Rule for men's doubles and Doris Feagley and Arlene Bowers for women's doubles. The sponsor for this event was Darin & Armstrong.

The Historic Cottage Tour sponsored by Great Lakes Fabricators & Erectors was a new addition to the conference and well received. Rustic was definitely not the term one would associate with these fine summer homes.

Everyone is a winner at Mackinac and the Prize Committee worked especially hard this year. A special thanks to Gene DiLaura, Floyd DeShane, Jim Elkins, Dick Fry, Ernie Hickson, Don Hoey, Ray Williams and Tony Castle. Of course, Haugen and Glissman headed this team and an extra special thanks goes to all the contributors in both the sponsor and prize category who make this conference so much fun.

The Kite Family Affair, sponsored by Professional Underwriters, had everyone participating and for the second year Bob Raisch won — his kite flew beautifully on the first try. Dale Grainger's daughter, Andrea, had a suitable kite in honor of Dad — made from his T-shirt that states: "Architects are the Pits." All the children had super kites and the jurors, Tom Lucas and Harry Van Dine, had an extremely difficult time deciding who the winners were — we heard

someone say that next year everyone would win.

The Moonlight Cruise, sponsored by PHI, was great and a nice end to a perfect day. We even had some Islanders join us in the Celebration.

The MSA FLAG was a new addition to the Conference and was the result of Art Nelson's and Evie Asken's efforts. The specifications were for a LARGE flag to be flown on the Front Porch of the Grand.

Business — John Jickling, MSA President, was elected to serve as Regional Director for the Michigan Region, AIA, beginning in 1981. He will replace Paul Bowers from Grand Rapids. John also announced that the MAF is about to sign the papers to purchase the Beaubien House making all of your pledges of utmost importance. While the members discussed their business affairs, those at the spouse coffee listened to Carol Eberly, author and gourmet. Pat Haugen arranged for Carol's cook books to be sold with the profit of \$42.00 going toward the MAF Purchase Fund. Herman, the Grand Pastry Chef, even baked cookies and breads so everyone could sample the recipes to encourage sales. A nice addition to the conference was Bobby Crim, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, joining us for Breakfast on Saturday. Some familiar faces were Gus and Dolly Langius and Al and Norma Durkee — Al is hale and hearty after his surgery this spring. A missing couple were Lou and Olga Menk — Lou is recovering from surgery.

We look forward to seeing you next year when the Conference will be chaired by Dick and Jean Glissman.

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Rooms have been reserved at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Fairlane Town Center. The Detroit telephone number is (313) 593-1234; toll free number is 800-228-9000. Reservations should be directly to the hotel and please state that you are with the Society.

The 65th Annual Michigan Society of Architects Convention

October 15, 16, 17, 1980  Hyatt Regency/Dearborn Michigan

Wednesday/October 15, 1980

- 10-12 Noon **MSA Board of Directors**
12 Noon-2 **SMACNA/MSA Awards Luncheon**
4:30-5:30 **MSA Annual Business Meeting**
6:00-10:00 **GROUND BREAKER**
*Exhibitors
Music
Architectural Auction
Natural Foods
Cocktails
Dinner
Fun*

Thursday/October 16, 1980

- 9-12 Noon **Can You Start Your Own Firm in the '80s?**
Moderator: *Charles McCafferty, AIA*
Panelists: *James Cardoza, AIA
Charles Merz, AIA
James Ryan, AIA
Dennis DeWulff, AIA*
Interiors—By Architects? By Interior Designers?
Moderator: *Bill Kessler, FAIA*
Panelists: *Fred Sargent, Ford & Earl
Keith Sipperley, AIA
George Zonars, AIA*
11-12 Noon **Masonry Institute: Passive Solar Masonry Walls**
12 Noon-2 **Exhibitors' Buffet Luncheon**
Spouse Luncheon, Fairlane
2-5 **Earth Structures**
*Speaker from the underground Space Center/
University of Minnesota
Harry Van Dine, FAIA
Gerald Yurk, AIA*
2-3 **Second Masonry Seminar:**
Movement Control in Walls
3-4 **How to Make Better Architectural Photographs**
Tim Hursely, Korab Ltd.
4-5 **Photographs & Interiors**
Diane Brian, Meteor Photos
6:30 **Night on the Town**

Friday/October 17, 1980

- 9-12 Noon **Student Seminar:**
Where Is Architecture/Education Going?
Dissection of MSA 1980 Honor Awards
Moderator: *John Haro, FAIA*
Panelists:
Designers from the Honor Awards Recipients
9-10:30 **A Survey of the Period Styles of Furniture**
William Lyman, FAIA
Computer Energy Analysis
*Hugh T. Sharp,
Cost Information System Div. McGraw Hill*
10-11 **Construction & The Law**
10:30-12 Noon **Positive Personnel Planning Produces Profit**
*Bill Fleming
Rachel Trombley*
12 Noon-2 **Exhibitors' Buffet Luncheon**
2-5 **Design Build — Joint Seminar with AIA and AGC**
Moderator: *Phil Nicholas, AIA, R. E. Dailey*
Panelists:
*Tom Brady, Barton-Malow Construction Co.
Joe Derkowski,
Ford Motor Land Development Corp.
Sanford Rossen, AIA, Rossen/Neumann
Robert Fearon, AIA, Michigan Bell
Wayne Bredvick, AIA,
Manufacturers National Bank*
Art in Architecture
*Louis Redstone, FAIA
Thomas Holleman, JJ&R
Ed Francis, FAIA
Almon Durkee, FAIA
Maurice Allen, AIA*
2-3 **Rendering**
Dick Rochon
3:30-5 **Discussion with**
Paul Gapp, Chicago Tribune
7-8:30 **MSA Honor Awards Event**
President's Reception and Gala Dinner Party
Paul Gapp, Architectural Critic, Chicago Tribune



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WHAT IS THE PLUMBING AND HEATING INDUSTRY DOING BESIDES PLUMBING AND HEATING?

Stirring up A Pot (pourri)

About Guarantys, Warrantys and Risks — Our topic for this month was to have been about guarantys and warrantys in general. However, in attempting to uncover and analyze some of the problems encountered by design professionals, the several contractors and the equipment suppliers, we soon discovered that guarantys and warrantys are the biggest can of worms in town! While the subject is familiar to a vast number of design professionals and contractors, it appears to be understood by few and discussed by none!

In fact, we have been led to believe that the majority of discussions about and clarifications of guarantys and warrantys occur **post facto**, after something has failed and owner, designer, contractor and supplier are attempting to pinpoint responsibility. Needless to say, this type problem is, at best, difficult to resolve even when materials, equipment and workmanship are covered within the one-year guaranty and warranty period.

Of late, the problem of protecting the owner of a newly-installed mechanical system (and other building systems, too) by specifying guaranty/warranty coverage extending beyond the normal one-year period following start up or acceptance has compounded the bidding problem for mechanical contractors. Of all the equipment making up a HVAC system, extended or delayed warranty coverage is available on large compressors at established prices. The re-

maining equipment components are covered under the individual manufacturer's one-year warranty.

The extended warranty coverage in the bidding document requires the piping contractor to provide full breakdown insurance coverage well beyond the customary one-year warranty or correction period on a system for which:

1. The design has yet to be proven, and
2. The quality of maintenance is unknown for the length of coverage demanded.

In effect, the contractor is asked to establish an insurance reserve for a system of components that does not yet exist, thereby making him an insurance carrier with an extraordinarily high degree of financial risk, especially if the bid does not include a guaranteed maintenance contract for the warranty coverage demanded. Under no circumstances should the contractor be required to warrant a piece of equipment for a period longer than the manufacturer himself offers.

Based on the age old principle of insurance that a high risk demands a high premium, the bids for initial installation and extended warranty coverage are probably more costly than they have to be.

We would like to suggest a better way. Rather than attempt to price high-risk coverage prior to initial installation, we should eliminate extended coverage and advise the owner to invest his funds. Then, during the one-year warranty/correction period, the owner should arrange for a full maintenance contract with annual

breakdown insurance coverage beginning with the second year of operation. By that time the system is proven, the risks of breakdown can be much better evaluated, and a realistic premium can be established based on the quality of system performance and maintenance procedures, insuring against equipment damage and labor costs. On a new system, the risks are minimal, and so are the premiums.

This type system breakdown insurance has been available to owners and contractors for over 15 years.

The risk principle can be applied to another problem — HVAC system components purchased directly from the supplier by the owner and installed by the contractor. Who is responsible for equipment performance, or failure, during the warranty period? And, has the owner negotiated with the supplier to begin the one-year warranty coverage from the date of start-up or acceptance rather than from the date of shipment?

We are convinced, for a number of reasons, that the initial "savings" really amount to zilch. Somebody — the owner or the supplier — is doing the work ordinarily performed by the contractor, and it's costing somebody something. Further, if contractors are required to be responsible for the function and performance (during the warranty period) of equipment over which they have no control, the degree of risk is increased. Considering the characteristics of human nature in dealing with unknown or high risks, the cost (premium) probably is as much or more than it might

be when the risk can be measured.

Remember TSR? **Total System Responsibility?** It is designed to supply the optimum system at the minimum cost. Nothing more. Nothing less. And nothing else. Minimizing risks minimizes costs.

Specifications and conditions that increase the degree of risk in this inherently risky business in turn increase the cost. And we suggest that design professionals and owners who feel that minimizing their risks by increasing the degree of contractor risk are kidding only themselves!

With great justification, which bidder who is aware of the risk involved will, most likely, qualify his bid to eliminate extended warranty coverage. The bidder who gambles likely will bid as specified with, hopefully, an adequate reserve. Unfortunately, only a mechanical disaster might prove the adequacy of the reserve. Which is a risk of another kind.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 Builders Exchange of Detroit and Michigan, Weekend Golf Outing, Ramada Inn, London, Ontario.
- 8-10 Mid-American Solar Energy Complex, Mid-America Solar Update '80, Radisson Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 9 Detroit Chapter, CSI monthly meeting. Details to be announced.
- 12-14 Upper Peninsula Energy Exposition, "Energy Through Conservation and Alternative Resources," Lakeview Arena, Menominee.
- 15-19 AIA/American Consulting Engineers Council, Value Engineering and Life-Cycle Costing Workshop, Hyatt Lincolnwood, Chicago.
- 16 WAL Membership Tea, Myrna Liepins home.
- 18 Third Thursday, Beaubien House Bocci Tournament and Picnic.
- 18-20 Society of Military Engineers, Regional Conference, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn.
- 19-21 Northern Michigan Energy Exposition, Traverse City.

- 24-28 National Organization of Minority Architects Annual Meeting, Detroit. Host firm: Roger Margerum and Associates, Architects.
- 28 Detroit Chapter, AIA House Tour.
- 30 WAL Board meeting, Aileen Pfaendtner home.

OCTOBER

- 2-4 Historical Society of Michigan 106th Annual Meeting, Marshall.
- 2-5 Eastern Michigan Energy Exposition, IMA Sports Arena, Flint.
- 3-5 WAL Trip, Carol Titran.
- 7 Builders Exchange of Detroit and Michigan Old Timers Golf Outing, Dearborn Golf and Country Club.
- 8-10 Michigan Municipal League convention, Kalamazoo Civic Center.
- 14 Detroit Chapter, CSI monthly meeting. Details to be announced.
- 15-17 **MSA 65th Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn.**
- 18-20 Society of Military Engineers, Regional Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn.

- 22 Mid-Michigan Chapter, AIA, meeting and elections.
- 23-26 Western Michigan Energy Exposition, Convention and Entertainment Center, Grand Rapids.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Detroit Chapter, AIA Annual Business Meeting, Danish Club of Detroit.
- 11 Detroit Chapter, CSI Monthly Meeting. Details to be announced.
- 19 Detroit Chapter, CSI, 25th Birthday Celebration Luncheon. Details to be announced.
- 20 Third Thursday, Beaubien House.

DECEMBER

- 1-5 National AIA Board and Commission Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 12 Detroit Chapter Awards Banquet.
- 16 Detroit Chapter Board Luncheon.

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