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"Shanghai Lily", an extraordinary restaurant at the Mandalay Bay Resort is just one of the exquisitely designed international projects by renowned designer, Tony Chi. He will discuss this project and his many other award-winning restaurants at the February Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 16th, at UNLV.

AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ERIC D. STRAIN, AIA
PRESIDENT, AIA LAS VEGAS



Over the last few years I've had the opportunity to discuss the progress being made in the IDP Program with several local interns. This past weekend was not different except for one item. Each of the interns are promising young individuals with what I hope is a promising future. I had hoped that future would be in Las Vegas.

They each expressed the same concerns that several other interns have voiced -- as you become more proficient on the computer, they became more valuable to the firm. A double-edged blade, which makes it harder for them to be moved around in the office to gain experience in all the IDP required disciplines.

The discussions inevitably come around to "what does the profession owe interns?" There have been several studies done on what the schools need to do to better prepare students for the profession. But only a few on what the profession does for interns. There is, of course, the description of the study groups offered through AIA chapters or the firms that take interns to the site on Saturday mornings. We discuss approaching their respective firms about exchanging time during the day reviewing budgets or visiting the site with extra house after normal business. Many have taken the advice and been successful but they always need outside opportunities to discuss building design. Where do they participate in the discussion of design? Many are participating on juries at UNLV or even teaching, but they still seek more. Is it the professional's responsibility to provide this service?

While I was in school a fellow classmate had the opportunity to spend the summer in New York with a big name star. He was particularly excited to go that summer as there were several architectural exhibitions and lectures planned. I was disheartened to talk with him over the summer and learn he was not able to take advantage of the opportunities as the attitude in the office was "you get enough architecture with a capital "A" without looking elsewhere."

While I do not see this altitude as common throughout the profession, similar attitudes exist. I feel the profession does owe our interns opportunities within the office and outside. Furthering these careers can only benefit the profession.

Our local chapter is initiating two opportunities for enrichment. We will be taking a bus down to Phoenix over the February 19-20 weekend. We will have the opportunity to see several structures by Wright, Predock, Williams, Jones Studio and Bruder. It will be an opportunity to not only explore the buildings but also to discuss and socialize. We will also offer for the first time a design competition for interns. The winning entry will receive a "traveling fellowship."

We are providing the water, now we need to get them there to drink. I'm asking all the profession to encourage interns and young architects to participate in these events. I believe it is vital to keep our young talent in Las Vegas. In order to do this, I believe we must create opportunities outside our offices to provide enrichment.

The AIA will provide these events...now it's time for our interns to participate. We have provided the events...our architects are going to encourage you to participate. Now it's up to you to become involved. I don't want to see either of these opportunities canceled due to lack of participation. So I'm asking everyone to become involved.



NEW MEMBERS:

We are very pleased to welcome these new members to AIA Las Vegas.

Architects:

- Hal Dean, AIA
JMA Architecture Studios
- Richard Kraly, AIA
Kraly Consulting, Inc.
- Angela Kleiman-Gardner, AIA
Bergman, Walls & Youngblood, AIA, Ltd.
- David Loge, AIA
City of Las Vegas, Dept. of Public Works
- Patrice Sowers, AIA
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- Barry Thalden, AIA
Thalden Entertainment Architecture

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- David Alvarez, Assoc. AIA
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- Luis Roa, Assoc. AIA
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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ANGELA BIGOTTI, AIA
PRESIDENT, AIA NEVADA

grassroots – 1. The groundwork or source of something. 2. Emerging from people at a distance from a major political center.

Ever wonder what the AIA Boards of Directors provides the membership? In addition to the myriad tasks required to facilitate and organize events throughout the year to keep the membership active, the Board of Directors is responsible for contributing to effective legislation to benefit our profession. Each year AIA members are represented by the President and President-Elects of the state and local AIA Chapters at the AIA Grassroots conference in Washington D.C. While visiting our Nation's Capitol we gain valuable leadership insights through seminars and meetings with other Chapter representatives from across America. By the time you are reading this message your Chapter representatives will have succeeded in visiting Capitol Hill to meet personally with the State of Nevada Senators, Richard Bryan and Harry Reid, as well as our State Representatives Jim Gibbons and Shelley Berkley. On behalf of AIA, we are promoting the support of key political issues that directly affect the architectural profession. To keep you aware of our positions I'm including the following briefs of the four issues we represent at Grassroots 2000.

1. **School Construction and Modernization.**
A large number of schools are in serious disrepair or are suffering from extreme overcrowding. The AIA urges Congress to pass legislation that will provide tax credit bonds for school modernization and renovation. Such improvements could inspire increased development and community revitalization.
2. **Clarifying the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).**
The ADA is designed to facilitate the accessibility of public spaces for physically challenged individuals. Unfortunately, the law lacks certainty and clarity and the non-compliance can result in liability that can severely undermine the intent of law. This year, AIA is taking steps to clear up uncertainties in the disabilities act and lay groundwork for legally binding building codes.
3. **"Brownfields"**
Typically describe abandoned or underutilized properties – often former industrial facilities – where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. There are between 450,000-600,000 sites in the U.S. that are considered brownfields. The reuse aspects will increase the local tax base, create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods and extend environmental protection for all citizens.

4. **Livable Communities.**

The AIA wants to work with all involved to be part of the solution to provide America with a better built environment. There is an urgent need to provide the best information as communities struggle with growth decisions. There is a need for a federal government role to support states and citizens in developing a central resource of information on fundamental steps of revitalization and growth. We support these efforts to create effective visions and implementation strategies at state and local levels to assist community leaders in the planning and design process.

We will be bringing you the viewpoints of our Senators and Representatives in the next newsletter. If you have any questions or comments regarding these issues please contact me or Ed Vance. Following our Grassroots efforts we are encouraging members to share their viewpoints in order for us to be an effective conduit in future support of these issues.

JEREMY FREY

We are happy to report that a donor has been located and Jeremy Frey is scheduled for a kidney replacement surgery in March. He is back at work on a limited basis at Pierce Design Group, and still requires dialysis three times a week, but he is doing well. Way to hang in there Jeremy.

LOWDOWN ON LORA

Lora Peluso, Allied Member and Vice President of American Insurance and Investment underwent hip replacement surgery on January 10th. In typical "Lora fashion" is recovering well and has been released from Valley Hospital. She is recovering at home and will be undergoing rehabilitation therapy for the next few weeks, but we expect to see her back at meetings soon. Good luck, Lora, and hurry back.

IN MEMORY

On Friday, January 14, 2000 Michael Martin, Michael T. Martin General Contractors passed away. Michael was President of the Las Vegas Association of General Contractors (AGC) throughout 1999, and was a very active and respected member of the architectural community. He will be missed by all his friends and associates. Donations in his memory are being accepted at the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City; Primary Children's Foundation, P.O. Box 58249, Salt Lake City, UT 84158-0249

SHARE YOUR NEWS

We want to know what's going on with you. If you or your firm are involved in something new, exciting, different or if you know of something that would be of interest to our members...let us know. Call me....or send your news item to the AIA office - Phone 895-0936 or Fax 895-4417....or email rlavigne@aianevada.org.



MEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

In February, the Klai::Juba Lecture Series will present noted restaurant designer, Tony Chi as guest speaker for our meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, at the UNLV School of Architecture with reception at 6PM and Program at 7PM. Mark your calendar and don't forget to RSVP.

BUS TRIP TO PHOENIX - "Case Studies for a City" is the second part of a three-part program on the "Development of the City of Las Vegas". This bus trip to Phoenix will allow us to explore some of that city's new projects and talk with Ex-Mayor Terry Goddard about how that city managed to revitalize their downtown area. The trip is scheduled for Feb. 19020, Use the registration form included in this newsletter to sign-up for the trip.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

"Sustainability in Design" will be the topic of the March Meeting with another Klai::Juba Lecture speaker - Johnpaul Jones. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th, at the UNLV School of Architecture. Reception at 6PM, Program at 7PM.

DESIGN CHARETTE - "Solutions for a City" is the third part of this series. For all those members who would like to participate we will hold a Charette on Wednesday, March 22nd to provide options and solutions for some of the cities development objectives. Watch for additional details.

SPRING PUTTING TOURNAMENT:

Dust off your putter, it will soon be time for the AIA Spring Putting Tournament. Friday, April 7th at Angel Park Golf Course. Get your team together and use the registration form in this newsletter to get registered.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The AIA High School Design Awards Program will be held a little early this year (April 26th) in order to be sure that the high school students, their parents and instructors have an opportunity to visit with the students and faculty of the School of Architecture and to tour the facility while the spring semester is still in session. In addition, we're adding an "Intern Design Program" that will recognize and salute the design talents of our Intern members. Watch your fax for details of this program. The High School and Intern Design Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, April 26th, at the UNLV School of Architecture. with the reception starting at 6PM and the program at 7PM This is always an exciting and interesting meeting so make your plans to attend.

TONY CHI - NEW MODERNIST

Tony Chi is one of the most prominent designers in the United States and his work is recognized both nationally and internationally, particularly, within the Pacific Rim. He founded, Tony Chi & Associates in 1984 after studying Interior Design at the Fashion Institute of Technology and after pursuing his interests in spatial composition at the University of New York.

Chi's interests are diverse but center on the conscious exploration of cutting-edge restaurant design and the creation of both passive and active environments. In this sense, each project undertaken by Chi is met by a commitment to thoughtful and thought-provoking design; Chi is not only interested in the innovative possibilities of materials, lighting and spatial composition but also ultimately tied to the experience of people within the design. As someone who calls himself "new modernist" -- someone interested in reflecting upon our past in relation to contemporary experiences, Chi views his work with an intensity of design without becoming a formalist; good food and stylish design, for Chi, are not rigid academic categories.

Tony Chi has been invited to speak around the world and has also won numerous awards including Best Hotel Restaurant Design for the Cecconi Crown Casino Hotel, in Melbourne, the Paper Moon in Istanbul, the Zen Palate II and III in New York City as well as awards for Best Club Design for LeBar Bat in Hong Kong.

Chi and Associates has recently completed work in Las Vegas with restaurants in Mandalay Bay Resort (Shanghai Lily) and in the Bellagio Casino Hotel (both Noodle and Aqua). Other recent projects include work in New York City, Hong Kong, Taipei, Los Angeles, Osaka and Jakarta. Currently, Chi and Associates are working on projects for the Park Hyatt in Sydney, the London Hilton and the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Miami.

Meet Tony Chi at the AIA February Membership Meeting on February 16th, at the UNLV School of Architecture. Reception at 6PM, Program at 7PM. Don't forget to RSVP -



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TONY CHI - INTERNATIONAL DESIGNER



Tony Chi is a man with a passion for good food and stylish design. The success of his design is principally attributed to his consideration of the masses. His role of designer is based upon people, experience and the intensity of thought that goes into a project. Chi has stated, "Get these right and you have a quality result for the rest of the world to share!"

Recently completed projects include the Shanghai Lily at the Mandalay Bay Resort, (left) and the Scalinis La Piccola Italian, in Kuala Lumpur (below), and the following:

New York City	Lilis Restaurant 111 Street Japanese Sushi Bar Haru Japanese Restaurant Zen Palate Vegetarian Restaurant Paper Moon Milano Restaurant Brio Barking Dog Luncheonette Cafe Society
Las Vegas	Noodle - Bellagio Casino Hotel Aqua - Bellagio Casino Hotel
Los Angeles	Mi Piacce
Biloxi	Noodle, Beau Rivage Hotel
Taiwan	Grand Cafe - Grand Hyatt Taipei
Hong Kong	Ye Shanghai La Cite Cafe Bistro Cafe Des Artists Tokio Joe Indonchine 1929



PHOENIX-THE BUS TOUR

"Case Studies for a City"

In our continuing effort to explore ideas for the development of downtown Las Vegas, we need to look at cities that have instituted successful programs in the past. These "case studies" can provide a stimulus for the kinds of things we can do in Las Vegas to build a more livable city.

Our nearest neighbor is Phoenix, where Ex-Mayor Terry Goddard led the redevelopment effort and incorporated the participation of architects, artists, community leaders and government officials in their redevelopment plans. The result is a beautiful and very livable city with some of the most impressive architecture in the United States.

As part two of our series "Case Studies for a City" will be an overnight bus tour to Phoenix on the weekend of February 19-20. We'll get an early start on Saturday, with the bus leaving from the UNLV School of Architecture Parking lot at 5:30AM. On arrival in Phoenix the tour will begin with a visit to the WMR Design Award winning Science Center by Antoine Predock; then, the Phoenix City Library designed by Will Bruder, where we will receive a behind-the-scenes tour led by Director Rosemary Nieson; the award-winning Fine Arts Complex by design team Williams & Tsien will be the next stop and the afternoon will be completed by watching the sunset at Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin.

Overnight accommodations have been arranged at the Day's Inn near the ASU campus. The evening is free for exploring Phoenix on your own or with your own group.

On Sunday morning the tour will continue at 9:AM with a visit to Predock's Fine Arts Complex at ASU, and then a stop at the APS House designed by Jones Studio. After lunch on your own, we'll reboard the bus for a visit to a fabulous Phoenix residence by a top designer (to be announced). As we leave Phoenix, we will make a stop at Will Bruder's Deer Valley Rock Art Center. We will arrive back in Las Vegas around 9:30 on Sunday evening.

The cost for the tour will be \$80.00, which covers transportation and hotel accommodations (double occupancy). Snacks and drinks will be provided on the bus. Admission fees and meals will be paid individually.

The tour provides a wonderful opportunity to experience exceptional architecture and have lively discussions with your friends and associates. There are only 40 spaces available on the bus, so hurry. Make your reservation right away. Use the order form included in this newsletter, or call Randy or Kelly at 895-0936.



"CITIES BACK FROM THE EDGE"

For those of us who are interested in the growth and development of Las Vegas, which specifically includes the AIA Growth Committee, as well as all AIA members, a new book entitled "Cities Back From the Edge" contains some very valuable insights. The following is taken directly from the information provided by the publisher.

Is downtown dead? Can it live again? According to Roberta Brandes Gratz and Norman Mintz in "Cities Back From The Edge: New Life for Downtown", now in paperback, positive change and sustainable growth are already occurring in many downtowns, neighborhoods commercial streets, Main Streets land big city business districts. "From New York's SoHo, to Denver's LoDo, to California's Pasadena, and beyond, rebirth is clear," says the authors. So why aren't the successes of these cities better publicized and emulated? Why are so many cities still relying on costly gimmicks like shopping malls, sports stadiums, and casinos to revitalize their dying downtowns?

Everyday in newspapers across America there are stories about the places, trends and phenomenon that are defined in "Cities Back From The Edge". Urban revitalization and the consequences of urban sprawl are among the most pressing subjects of our times. A deeper understanding of the vital components that create an economically healthy city presents a new perspective of the times we live in. As Tony Mancini wrote: "I read the newspapers differently everyday now since I read this book."

"Cities Back From The Edge" tackles the issue that is the focus of most "quality of life" discussions these days. President Clinton, Vice President Gore and everyone else is talking about urban sprawl...and the solutions for it. Everyone understand it differently and too many people turn to simplistic solutions. Gratz and Mintz clearly define sprawl and all its components and illustrate the broad spectrum of solutions, some already occurring. Reviving downtown districts, not building big stadiums; reweaving residential density into the urban mix; valuing public transit, not turning more land over to the car; investing in the local economy, not building big boxes; reactivating public spaces, not fencing them in; integrating new modest buildings and rehabilitated old ones...these are the steps that make downtown rebirth happen as Gratz and Mintz demonstrate.

In "Cities Back From The Edge", Gratz and Mintz illustrate the difference between what they call Project Planning and Urban Husbandry. Cities that have been rebuilt according to headline-grabbing mega-civic projects, always require huge capital investments that cost tax payers dearly and detract attention from the complicated, fundamental difficulties that cities in decline face. Urban Husbandry is about enduring, positive change that is brought about through the catalytic efforts of creative citizens. "Innovation is the common thread," stress Gratz and Mintz, who provide specific examples that include downtown development solutions, transportation solutions, innovative programs that encourage entrepreneurs, innovative uses of existing resources, and innovative corporations enhancing a downtown effort.

AIA office has ordered a copy of the book, and we'll share with anyone who is interested. Or check Borders for your own copy.

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UNLV UPDATE

By Michael Alcorn, AIA
Director, UNLV School of Architecture

As part of the Architecture Week 2000, the UNLV School of Architecture is planning an exhibit of First Generation Nevada Architects. Tentatively planned are exhibits of local work produced by Nevada firms which practiced before 1970. We are planning photographic exhibits as well as video interviews of those architects who are still with us. The passing of Jack Miller last March made many of us sadly aware that our local architectural heritage has not been properly documented. Not only have many of the persons and buildings been lost but also an awareness of the daunting, and probably discouraging, challenge that starting a practice in Nevada at mid-century must have presented. We ask your help identifying persons, buildings, issues, events and any dirty gossip that should be a part of the exhibit. We also will need help locating photographs that we can copy and developing interviews for our distinguished emeriti from knowledgeable people. If you have something you can contribute to the exhibit, please call me at 895-3031 or email me at alcorn@nevada.edu. The exhibit materials and videos will be housed in the Architecture Library following the exhibit.



The School has convened its spring semester. David Frommer, Brandon Sprague, Sean Coulter, Louis De Santis, Ray Lucchesi, Jim Veltman, Sam Tolman, Jack Zunino, Richard Marriotti, Dan Hill, Brad Bouch, Steve Van Gorp and the multi-talented Eric Anderson are among the local professionals teaching in the program this semester. The School is dependent upon professionals to teach in its programs. Nearly two-thirds of the course instruction is taught by local professionals. If you would be interested in teaching in the program or serving on juries, please contact the School.

Kevin Kemner will be exhibiting a collection of photographs that he has taken throughout Nevada and the Southwest in the Architecture Studies Library. The as yet untitled exhibit will run the month of February.

AIA PLAYING HOST TO THE TOP TIER

The AIA hosted the Democratic National Committee (DNC) leadership at its headquarters in Washington, DC on Friday, December 17. On the agenda was planning for the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles. Joe Andrew, national chairman of the DNC, thanked the AIA for the use of a grate space. As far as predictions for the year 2000, he pledged that the democrats would take back the House.

The AIA was also well represented and recognized at the Democratic National Committee meetings in early December. When asked about school construction funding, Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence H. Summers made reference to the AIA's "Good Enough for Congress" book depicting the former high schools of select congressional members. Secretary Summers called it one of the most effective and innovative advocacy pieces he had seen. Numerous democratic leaders were in attendance, including President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

By partnering with groups at the forefront of political decisions, the AIA is positioning itself to be an influence on matters of interest. We keep working on both sides of the political aisle to ensure that AIA information and expertise is at the fingertips of all political leaders. The AIA has also partnered with the Republican National Committee (RNC) and will provide updates on similar RNC activities as they occur.

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AIA Las Vegas

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February Membership Meeting**

**TONY CHI
“Hospitality Design: Current Work”**

The Klai::Juba Lecture Series provides an exceptional opportunity to meet Tony Chi, one of the most prominent designers in the US. His work is recognized both nationally and internationally, particularly within the Pacific Rim. As President of Tony Chi and Associates, and is known as a “new modernist” and has been invited to speak around the world. The firm has won numerous awards including Best Hotel Restaurant Design for the Cecconi Crown Casino Hotel, in Melbourne, the Paper Moon in Istanbul, the Zen Palate II and III in New York City, as well as awards for Best Club Design for Le Bar Bat in Hong Kong. Chi and Associates has recently completed work in Las Vegas with restaurants in Mandalay Bay Resort (Shanghia Lily) and in the Bellagio Casino Hotel (both Noodle and Aqua).

WHEN: 6:00PM, Wednesday, February 16, 2000

WHERE: UNLV School of Architecture
Reception: 6:00PM
Program: 7:00PM

WE NEED SPONSORS FOR THIS MEETING.

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PHOENIX - The Bus Tour

“CASE STUDIES FOR A CITY”

Saturday & Sunday - February 19 & 20, 2000

As a part of our continuing efforts to explore ideas for the development of downtown Las Vegas, this tour will provide an opportunity to see first-hand the design solutions employed by the City of Phoenix in their development process. In addition, we will visit some of the most interesting architectural structures in the United States.

\$80.00 Per Person

Includes: transportation, hotel accommodations (**double occupancy- bring a friend**), soft drinks and snacks on bus. (Each person will be responsible for their own admission fees and meals.)

Saturday, February 19

5:30AM Leave Las Vegas – UNLV School of Architecture Parking Lot
 Noon - 1:PM Arrive Phoenix
 Antoine Predock Science Center
Lunch on your own at the Science Center
 2:00PM Phoenix City Library designed by Will Bruder
 for a “behind-the-scenes” tour – by Rosemary Nieson
 3:30 The Fine Arts Complex designed by Williams & Tsien
 5:30 Taliesen at Sunset
 7:00PM Check-in Days Inn, ASU Location
Dinner on your own at one of the many locations on University Row.

Sunday, February 20

8:00AM Breakfast – on your own or Free continental breakfast offered at Days Inn.
 9:00AM Board the Bus
 Predock’s Fine Arts Complex at Arizona State University
 11:00AM The APS House by Jones Studio
 Noon *Lunch on your own*
 1:30PM Back on the Bus
 2:00PM A Private Home (location and designer to be announced)
 3:00PM As we leave Phoenix we will stop at Bruder’s Deer Valley Rock Art Center
 9:00-11PM Arrive Las Vegas

Yes, I want to go to Phoenix. Please reserve a place for me on the tour.

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AIA Las Vegas

2000 GOLF & PUTTING TOURNAMENT

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AIA Las Vegas

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7th Annual (Spring) AIA Las Vegas Putting Tournament

Date: Friday, April 7, 2000
Shotgun Start: 6:30PM (Team captains report by 6:15PM)
Location: Angel Park Golf Club Putting Course
Fee: **\$35.00 per player** (\$210.00 per 6 person team)
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IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

Instead of the usual office party and gift exchange this past Christmas, the staff at Carpenter Sellers Associates decided to use their money and time to play Santa Claus for the less fortunate. With the help of the Clark County School District's Community Partnership Program, Carpenter Sellers contacted a local elementary school principal to help identify a couple of families in need. Eager to help, the principal did some research and came back a few days later with the names of two families. One was a family of five whose father had been killed in an auto accident earlier in the year; the second was a family of six whose mother has terminal cancer. Through the generosity of the principals and staff of Carpenter Sellers Associate, both families were provided with full Christmas dinners and lots of gifts.

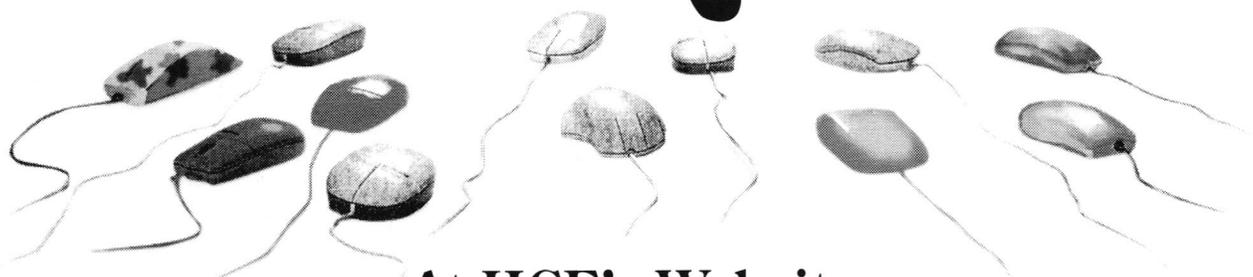
Carpenter Sellers Associates would like to thank the administrators of the Clark County School District's Partnership Program and Jacqueline Locks, principal of Elaine Wynn Elementary School for their assistance in brightening the lives of families in need.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the true meaning of the Christmas season. AIA Las Vegas would like to salute Carpenter Sellers Associates for their generous spirit and for bringing love and joy to those in need at a very special time of year.



Steve Carpenter, Rick Sellers and the whole Carpenter-Sellers staff help to make a special and cheerful holiday season for two Las Vegas families.

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AIA LV needs sponsors for two very important Chapter activities. So, if you are looking for a good way to communicate with the AIA architects and design professionals....consider these great opportunities, which will benefit your company and the AIA Chapter as well. If more information contact the appropriate Chair person....or call Randy at the AIA office - 895-0936.

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And mark these dates on your calendar - AIA Spring Putting Tournament - Friday, April 7th — The 27th Annual AIA Golf Tournament - Friday, June 2nd — AIA Fall Putting Tournament - Friday, September 17th — This is an excellent opportunity for vendors, consultants and representatives in related fields to network and socialize with members of the architectural community for a good cause. Use the form in this newsletter to select your sponsorship level or contact Carol Coleman, Co-Chair Golf/Putting Tournaments.

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The tour includes Luis Barragan's recently restored Tucubaya Home, Garden & Studio; Conveto las Capuchinas; Pedregal de San Angel; Satellite Towers and Los Arboledos; Outstanding private homes and public buildings designed and established as well as newly emerging architects including Enrique Norten, Agustin Hernandez, Carlos Mijares, and Jose Luis Esquerria.

The tour includes three nights at the Camino Real Hotel designed by Ricardo Legorreta, and will be led by Anibal Figueroa, Professor of Architecture, University Autonoma Metropolitana, Mexico City; and Max Underwood, Professor of Architecture, Arizona Sate University, Tempe, Arizona..

The cost is \$925.00 per person, based on double occupancy. Single supplement: \$190.00. For more information contact Painted Desert Tours at 480-991-1442 or on the internet at lizards@painteddesert.com



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GROWTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Michael L. Crowe, AIA
Co-Chair, Growth Committee

The AIA Growth Committee is an active player in forming a sustainable Unified Valley-Wide Growth and Development Master Plan. One of our priorities is to help coordinate planning activities between the City of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Clark County. Toward this goal our members are actively involved with many related organizations with influence in the community. We are involved with the planning efforts of Clark County, Henderson, and the Cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas. Our Sub-Committees have been actively working to improve the future quality of life in our valley. The following examples reflect the dedication of our members.

Gary Congdon has positively influenced and helped simplify the new Commercial Design Guidelines adopted by North Las Vegas. He is also working with city staff on their Industrial Design Guidelines.

Jim Veltman has been working with all agencies and has influenced parks and recreation planning and coordination efforts

Caron Richardson, Lowell Shelton, Chuck Kubat and others have been very involved in monitoring and explaining the many efforts to improve, and expand public and private transportation systems in the valley. Efforts to add light rail have also been closely monitored.

Tom Schoeman is actively involved as a member of the City Center Development Corporation.

Dale Scheideman has advised us of the plans and problems faced by the CCSD and has acted as an advocate for public development.

Michael Crowe is an active member of the City of Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan Advisory Board. We have had a positive influence on the plan.

Without the efforts of the previously mentioned individuals our coordinated efforts would have not been successful. The CLV plan includes three town centers, Summerlin, the Downtown Core, and a new Town Center in the Northwest area of the city. These are to be employment areas with increased densities. The Downtown is designated as a redevelopment area. The plan positively addresses transportation issues, population density issues, and sustainability. CLV staff has been very concerned with the CLV boundaries with Clark County and North Las Vegas. They support the notion that a Unified Valley Development Master Plan should be adopted and supported with local and state legislation. The draft of the CLV 2020 Master Plan is almost complete. When it is published it will be available for review at the UNLV AIA offices. Specific areas of our valley outside of the CLV require revitalization. A second goal of the Growth Committee is to encourage and perhaps cause coordinated revitalization in the valley. Toward this end:

John LaSpaluto, Casey Jones, Tom Schoeman, and Pat Deputy have been working to identify the most significant area within Clark County, which require revitalization.

In order to qualify, the selected area must meet specific criteria previously set forth by Growth Committee. These include close proximity to employment centers and access to existing and planned public transportation. Additionally, area revitalization should encourage or cause increased density development and sustainable infrastructure management and maintenance. An area has been preliminarily identified and accepted by the members of the committee. Following acceptance by the AIA board, the site will be presented to the AIA membership.

As activities concerning the CLV 2020 Master Plan are winding down Michael Crowe will become an active member of the Revitalization Sub Committee. We intend to fully develop a workable solution for the area. Stay tuned, we are moving to meet our defined objectives. Soon it will be time to support the committee's findings and conclusions. The Legislative Sub-Committee currently consisting of **Gary Congdon, Pat Deputy, and Gary Guy Wilson** will be charged with monitoring and instigating legislation to encourage the implementation of a Unified Valley Development Plan.

Should any member of the AIA wish to join the Growth Committee please notify Michael Crowe, Tom Schoeman, or Randy Lavigne.

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SOCIETY OF DESIGN ADMINISTRATION

by Maggie Allred, President

Your Firms' Big Ticket Item

Wages and employee benefits constitute the largest financial outlay of any business and deserve the scrutiny and careful evaluation given any important investment. Ineffective employees can reduce your profitability while outstanding employees can make your business grow. Now is a good time to take stock of your office staff and objectively evaluate a person's performance and contribution to the firm's efficiency.

1. The right person for the job

An obvious, but common scenario is trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. We see it over and over; an employee is hired to fill a position, and for one reason or another turns out to be ill suited for the task. Rather than step back and re-evaluate the employee in relationship to the firm, we try to get them to perform in ways for which they are simply incapable. Everyone ends up frustrated. Productivity not only suffers, but other employees get aggravated and frustrated as well. It's so important to understand an employee's strength and weaknesses and assign the work accordingly.

So if an employee does not have good human relationship skills, don't send them out to meet with clients and subs and then complain when the results are dismal. Step into your office as if someone else owned it and look at the employees and what they are doing. Is there a better way? What changes would you recommend?

2. Delegating

This is a bit tougher since we are so sure the way we do something is the best method. But surely there are tasks that can be delegated and accomplished successfully with proper instructions. The rule of thumb here is to delegate tasks to the most junior person able to do the job. Don't just look for the nearest warm body. This plan not only maximizes the employees' workday, but it frees up other employees to perform more profitable tasks.

3. Training

If an employee is taking the long way around a problem, money is being wasted. Give people the tools and training needed to be efficient and your profit margins will reflect the investment. This includes the proper software, an organized work area and equipment that works! If employees perceive that they are contributing to the solutions, they will seek out better ways to make things happen and participate in cranking out more work. Everyone wins with this one.

Spend a little time checking your crew and this may be the year your ship comes in!!!



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AIA CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

FROM THE GROUND UP

The Las Vegas Chapter of CSI (Construction Specifications Institute) and Compass Flooring Systems have partnered to present a day of education on Friday, March 31st. "From the Ground Up" will provide six seminars in a day long program that will provide a total of **8 AIA CE Credits and 2 HSW Hours**.

Beginning at 8AM the seminars include: "Soils" presented by Dr. Dale Devitt, Professor of Geology at UNLV; "Vapor Barriers" by Ray Thompson-Consultant for National Floor Covering Institute; "Concrete" by Ed Bove, Consultant for American Concrete Institute; "Moisture Control" by George Donnelly Inspections; "Safety Flooring" by Michael Fincham, CEO of Altro Safety Flooring; and "Linoleum" by Bob Fritz, Forbo Industries.

"From the Ground Up" will be held at Palace Station Casino, 8AM-4PM on Friday, March 31st. To register contact Jamie or Sunny Brown at 702-897-8393. Registration fee is \$50.00 prior to March 15th, and \$75.00 after March 15th. Your registration includes continental breakfast and a buffet lunch. This is a great AIA CE opportunity so register today!!

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS COURSE

The Las Vegas Chapter of the Construction specifications Institute (CSI), in cooperation with the Contracts and Construction Management Division of the Clark County School District, will conduct an eight-week Construction Documents course.

Attendees will learn the proper organization of construction documents and how those documents interface with each other. The course is open to anybody who is interested in the subject matter but it is structured specifically to help prepare applicants for the CSI Construction Document Technologist (CDT) exam. There will be a ninth class of a final review prior to the CDT exam.

Classes will be conducted Saturday mornings at the CCSD Contracts and Construction Management large conference room located at 4828 South Pearl Street, Las Vegas, NV. Class hours will be from 9:00AM until Noon. The first class is scheduled for January 15, 2000.

The instructor for these classes will be Mr. Joe Bonebrake. Joe is the instructor at CCSN where he teaches construction management courses in the Building Technology program.

The fee for this course is \$25.00, which includes one free admission to a regular meeting (with dinner) of the CSI Las Vegas Chapter. Prompt registration is encouraged because there are a limited number of seats available. Please send payment for the course to: CSI/LV Chapter, P.O. Box 26111, Las Vegas, NV 89128. Please call Ray Long at 263-2953 for further details regarding this course. Registration for the CDT exam is through CSI Member/Customer Service at 800-689-2900.

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We are planning an educational and fun-filled day with over 60 manufacturers on hand to display their latest lighting products and services. The show will be catered with complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 5 - 7 pm and a cash beverage service throughout the day. Several prizes will be raffled off throughout, including our grand prize drawing at 6pm.

Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2000
 TIME: 3 - 8 PM
 WHERE: THE ORLEANS HOTEL & CASINO
 ESPLANADE ROOM
 FOOD: CATERED HORS D'OEUVRES
 5 - 7 PM
 DRINK: CASH BAR
 PRIZES: THROUGHOUT THE DAY
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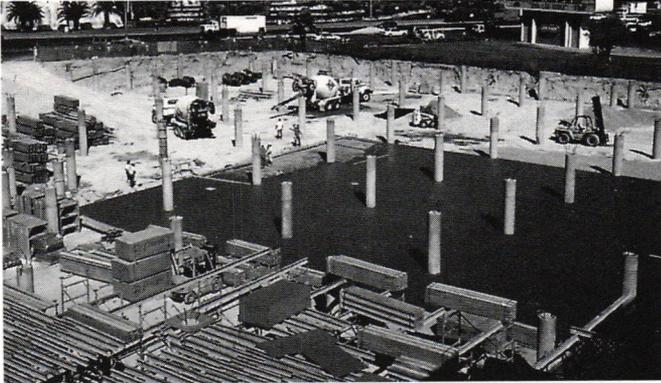
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- 8 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30 A - School of Architecture
- 19-20 Phoenix - The Bus Tour
"Case Studies for a City"
Board Bus at UNLV School of Architecture
\$80.00 Per Person - See Flyer for details
- 16 AIA Membership Meeting
6:00PM - UNLV School Auditorium/Library
Tony Chi, NY - "Restaurant Design"
- 17 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture

MARCH

- 14 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 15 AIA Membership Meeting
"John Paul Jones - Sustainability in Design"
6:00PM - UNLV School of Architecture
- 16 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 22 Charette - "Solutions for a City"
Location and details to be announced

APRIL

- 7 AIA Spring Putting Tournament
6:30PM Angel Park Golf Course
- 11 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 20 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 26 AIA Membership Meeting
6:00P UNLV School of Architecture
"AIA High School Design Awards &
Intern Design Program"

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