

## Coming Events

**August 14** Genesee Ceramic Tile is hosting the Saginaw Valley AIA meeting at their Burton Showroom, 1307 N Belsay Rd. Cocktails will be served at 5:00pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Starting at about 6:30pm Luca Arduini, from Iris US, will present a CEU class titled from "From Nature Back to Nature".

**August 18** AIA Flint Board Meeting  
**August 21** AIA Flint Luncheon  
**September 9** Stair Week Breakfast at Powers High School  
**September 15** AIA Flint Board Meeting  
**September 18** PARKING Day, Flint and  
 AIA Flint Luncheon

## Scholarship Winners Announced

The AIA Flint scholarship fund was established to encourage and assist students graduating from high school, as well as existing college students, in the Flint Chapter region consisting of Genesee, Shiawassee, and Lapeer Counties.

The American Institute of Architects Flint Chapter is pleased to announce three recipients for this year's architecture scholarship:

**D'Morea Mitchell**, a Madison Academy graduate, will be attending Lawrence Technological University as been awarded a scholarship in the amount of **\$1,000.00** (left)

**Kimberly Mitchell**, a Lapeer East High School graduate, will be attending Lawrence Technological University has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of **\$1,000.00** (right)



**Abigail Reimel**, a Goodrich High School graduate, will be attending Michigan State University has been awarded **\$500.00** (not pictured)

## In Memoriam



Randall "Andy" Palmer, a former colleague and friend of AIA Flint has passed away in a tragic accident. Andy was 30 years old

and worked at Masco Cabinetry. Many of us remember him from his time in the offices of Ted Hu and Creekwood.

Andy is survived by his wife and 10 month old son, Lincoln.

Memorial contributions to establish a college fund for Lincoln may be sent to the family, in care of the funeral home at:

Anderson Funeral Home  
 3050 W. Beecher Rd.  
 Adrian, MI 49221

The Flushing High School video production class has completed several video shorts as a compliment to our already popular 'Flint Guide to Architecture'. The project was made possible with a generous grant from the **Michigan Architectural Foundation**.

More videos are underway and will be posted soon!

Go to the You Tube webpage and enter the search terms "American Institute of Architects Flint" or "Flushing Video Production Class" to see the videos the students have completed. Follow the page so you can check back to see additional videos as this year's class completes the project.

AIA's **National Convention in Chicago** was well attended by AIA Flint members. Next year's convention will be in Atlanta.

The **2012 Michigan Building Code** and 2012 Michigan Rehab Code rules were filed with the Secretary of State on June 11, 2014. These rules become effective statewide on October 9, 2014.

## Tidbits

## Member News

**Wesley Kohn**, son of AIA Flint Professional Affiliate member Bill Kohn, has graduated with his Masters in Architecture from Illinois Institute of Technology and is back working for Three Rivers Construction in Midland.



Spicer Group is proud to announce the promotion of **David S. Boersma**, AIA, NCARB to Associate. Boersma came on board with Spicer in 2009 as a Project Architect.

He has both a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University and is a state-registered architect in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Boersma has more than 20 years of architectural experience in

multiple building types including municipal facilities, educational, healthcare, hospitality, retail, industrial, senior care and residential.



## Be a Tourist in Your Own Town

Who says you need to travel miles away to be a tourist this summer? The Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual "Be a Tourist in Your Hometown" event on Saturday July 19, 2014. It attracted hundreds of people to the area and into downtown and the surrounding area. For just \$1, tourists enjoyed a guided tour with stops at 34 businesses and organizations. In its second year the event was bigger and better. Organizers reported that the number of vendors nearly doubled this time around, and AIA Flint was one of them. Our Chapter hosted a walking tour of Saginaw Street 'Bricks, Bridges, and Buildings'; a program developed over the years by Ron Campbell, Freeman Greer, Park Smith and Jackie Hoist and given on different occasions.

The tour highlights many of the buildings from our 'Guide to Flint Architecture' that can be seen from

Saginaw Street. The tours ran throughout the day. Chapter members served as docents conducting the tours and sharing our rich architectural history with the visitors.

The tourists came from Genesee County and beyond to take advantage of the opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the tour. Highlights of tour included a stop in the Mott Foundation Building and a peek of the ornamental gates to the lower level where the vault is located. One late in the day tour group actually had the good fortune to step inside the vault and take a selfie and visit Mr. Mott's former office.



AIA-Flint took this opportunity to unveil the new QR links to video clips produced by Flushing High School students highlighting the buildings from the 'Guide to Flint Architecture.'

The purpose of the event is to remind our own community and others about some of the great amenities that Flint & Genesee has to offer, and to create more informed ambassadors for the region. The tours pointed out the great architecture that has been created in Flint over the years by both local and world renowned architects. Its success can be measured by the comment of one participant and the end of the tour when she said "I have a new and much broader appreciation for architects and what you do. Keeping track of the tiniest detail to the overall building is amazing."



## Stair Week

AIA Flint is participating in **Stair Week** by sponsoring a breakfast event on September 9 at Powers Catholic High School, to highlight the health, green design, and environmental benefits of taking the stairs.

Stair Week scheduled for September 8-14.

In a proclamation from Michigan Governor Rick Snyder announcing Stair Week it states, "Research shows when done on most days of the week, three 10-minute bursts of an activity, like climbing stairs throughout the day, provides as many health benefits as a single 30-minute aerobic workout."

Stair Week is a collaborative effort including AIA Michigan, and state chapters of the U.S. Green Building Council(USGBC), International Interior Design Association(IIDA), United Way and the Michigan Fitness Foundation.

According to national research on health-promoting architecture, six studies evaluated the relationship between people's perception of the environment and physical activity. Overall, the median improvement in some aspect of physical activity was 35 percent given a perceived safer, inviting environment that



encouraged using the stairs rather than an elevator. In active building design research, men who climbed at least 20 floors per week can lower their risk of stroke and death from all causes by 20 percent.

AIA Flint members are invited to attend the breakfast event and reminded to "Take the Stairs!".

## The 2014 Golf Outing

The AIA Flint annual Golf Outing was a great success again this year. Special Thanks to the Golf Committee who put countless hours into organizing the event every year – Chair Dale Suomela, Dave Bennett and Chad Crystal.

The weather was perfect and the golf was good.

First Place went to the Rohmann Iron Works Team of Jeff Quinn, Terry Mayberry, Brad Oskey and Tim Oskey.

The Duro-Last Roofing Team swept several prizes including two for Longest Drive and one Closest to the Pin. The other Closest to the Pin prize went to Team Sedgewick & Ferweda.

Skins were shared by Duro-Last, Gazall Lewis and Asselin.

In addition to 18 holes of great golfing at the Coyote Preserve in Fenton, the teams enjoyed a terrific lunch on the patio, lots of great door prizes, and \$266 in the 50/50 drawing.

President John Costa gave an update on the activities that the Flint Chapter of AIA has been involved in and awarded three Scholarships that were funded by the proceeds from last year's outing.



*Above: Teams relaxing in the Clubhouse*

*Left: John Costa and Amanda Harrell-Seyburn enjoy the day at the Vegas Hole*

*Right: Ray Embach is the proud owner of a new foosball table!*





## 2014 Golf Outing



Dave Bennett, Chad Crystal and Dale Suomela organized a top-notch outing again this year!



Team Gazall Lewis      Team E & L Construction



Team Roth  
Electrical

Team Asselin



Team Wade Trim      Team Trane



Team Rohmann Iron Works  
Team Standard Electric Company



Now that's 'taking one for the Team'!  
Team Allegion



Great form!  
Team H2A

Team  
Weinstein  
Electric Co

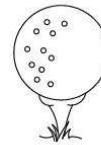
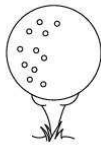


Team Superior Play, Dingens, Crannie  
Not pictured : Team MAF/ Genesee Tile  
Team Crannie/ Calvin, and  
Team Duro-last Roofing

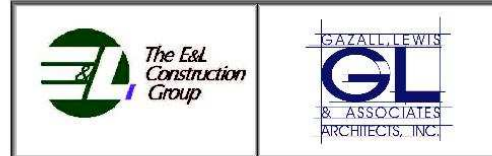
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