

THE ADDENDUM

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Meeting Information

2009

WEDNESDAY December 9, 2009

Holiday Party
at
Annie Moore's Restaurant
50 East 43rd St
New York, NY

Starting at 6:00 PM

Wednesday January 13, 2010

How to Sell When No Body is Buying

Annie Moore's Restaurant
50 East 43rd Street
New York, NY

ANNUAL Holiday Party

The Metropolitan New York Chapter celebrates with our annual Holiday Party. Join us for music, food, and drink. We'll start with some great hors d'oeuvres, which you can wash down with your included bar drink. We'll have dinner a la carte, followed by dessert. This year we are keeping the price low (\$30 per person), so that members and friends will feel free to come and bring their spouses and significant others for a great time in the City! In addition we will have a Holiday Gift Exchange...with a Twist! Please bring one wrapped gift valued around \$20. When you arrive we will explain the rules, but it is guaranteed fun.

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President's Message

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Last month we had a great presentation on Using BIM to Meet Sustainability Goals. BIM is not a fad, nor is it the latest gee-whiz gadget. It has become a well-established tool in the design-construction-facility management community, offering real monetary savings as well as environmental savings to all the parties. While there are legitimate questions about how much money does it cost to get on board the BIM train, the message from our speakers was, "You can't afford to miss the train."



Once in a while we have to put business aside and just have a good time. Our annual Holiday Party is such an occasion, and this year we wanted to make it more accessible for all our members and friends by keeping the price low. For the usual \$30.00 you will get hors d'oeuvres, one bar drink, dinner a la carte, and dessert. In addition we will have a Holiday Gift Exchange... With a Twist! Please bring one wrapped gift valued around \$20. When you arrive we will explain the rules, but it is guaranteed fun.

The Chapter's program year resumes in January, with a panel presentation on How to Sell When No One's Buying. Following that in February we will get a lesson on How to Make a Presentation from Toastmasters International.

At last month's Board meeting we adopted a policy on membership privacy and mailing lists for the Chapter. Your Chapter respects your

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privacy and pledges that your e-mail address and other personal information will not be sold or otherwise given to outside organizations, and will not be used by the Chapter except for Chapter business.

Toward implementing our plan to take our message “on the road” to some places where we have not gone before, we are actively discussing a relationship with Pratt Institute’s Construction Management program in their Architecture Department. Our thinking is that by concentrating on one school we can make a bigger impact with the resources we have. Also, in Pratt’s case the students represent the same range of interests as the members of Metro New York CSI—architecture, construction, manufacturing, and facilities management. Two of our Chapter members, Robert Schwartz and Steven Danielpour, are already contributing to Pratt through their involvement on the faculty there.

Our plan (pending whatever agreement the school and the Chapter develop) is not to invite the students to join CSI as much as to take CSI directly to the students. One possibility is to offer our annual CDT courses through—or at least at—Pratt’s Manhattan campus. If you have some ideas on ways to accomplish this, please let us know and get involved.

I hope that you and your family have a great holiday! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Joyous Kwanzaa!

Linton D. Stables, III, CSI, CCS, LEED® AP
Chapter President

Online CDT Prep Course – Now Available!

The CDT was developed for architects/engineers (A/Es), owners and contractors whose work is directly affected by construction documentation, and for product representatives who, although not named in the contract, provide all the material necessary for creating the built environment. The CDT Prep Course lays the groundwork for understanding the development of facilities and the ins and outs of the process and, most important, prepares you for taking the CDT exam – a respected credential in the construction industry.

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[Learn more, or register now!](#) Not registered for the CDT?

Registration is now open for the spring CDT and advanced certification exams (CCS, CCCA, CCPR) March 29-April 3, 2010. The early registration deadline is January 29, 2010 and the final registration deadline is February 26, 2010. [Learn more, or register now.](#)

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2009 Annual Holiday Celebration

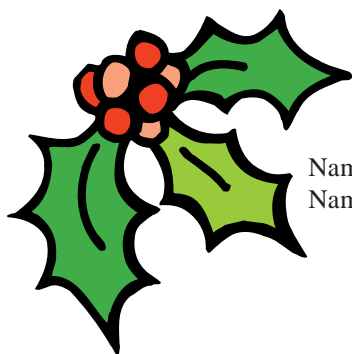
There will be holiday music for your listening and dancing pleasure .
We will gather at 5:00 PM and depart at 10:00 PM
Cost: \$30.00 per person for members and guests

Name: _____ Name: _____
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Dinner Cost: \$30.00 x _____ = _____ Total cost for reservation
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LIKE IT IS-WAS

By S. STEVE BLUMENTHAL, FCSI
FORMER INSTITUTE PRESIDENT

Recently attended an Institute telecom which brought my colleagues and I current. With that in mind I would like to share a few items with the Chapter.

Like the Chapter the Institute has a standing scholarship award. It is in the name of Dale Moll, FCSI. Dale was a former Institute Treasurer. Upon completing his term as Chapter President Minneapolis-St Paul he set out to serve the students in his area. He was very successful and established a line of communication between several schools and local chapters in his Region still in operation. The scholarship is awarded annually, the selection made by the Institute awards committee. In order for the Committee to have qualified candidates they must be nominated by the membership throughout the nation. Qualifications and procedure are in the Institute awards guide. The award is presented to a worthy student at the National Convention. Recently the award was transferred to the INSTITUTE FOUNDATION for proper administration and a guarantee of funds. Now is the time to seek a worthy Student in the Metropolitan Area and submit his or her name for consideration. We are fortunate to have Scott Tobias a member of the Institute Board and current Chapter Awards Chairman and Academic Liaison Chairman in our Chapter.

Another other item was the pending Institute By Laws Change. As I understand it the change will eliminate the Professional – Industry member classifications thus we will all be “Members”. I don’t know when this will be presented but would guess before the convention.

You may recall last year I mentioned Don Van Court as chairman of the MNY delegation at the Convention in Phoenix he caucused with the MNY Industry group which led to a motion. The motion essentially said the

By-laws should be amended to permit an Industry member to use the letters CSI after their name. After debate and amendments it passed and went to the general membership for ratification which was approved. Prior to the Van Court motion an Industry member if they wanted had to use “Member of the Construction Specifications Institute” under their name on a business card. The following year the Industry member was permitted to use the letters CSI

after their name. If the pending By-law change is approved there will no longer be a distinction.

Thought you might want to get a head start on the Convention. It will be in Philadelphia on May 13th.

Now back to the Chapter, It is interesting to note the type of programs the Chapter is presenting as they say in retailing,” we have something for everyone”. From what I am told they have been accepted by all. That’s a tribute to the Program Committee who present generic programs for all disciplines. Tally Love our first Industry Chapter President often said how do I present a program without suggesting a specific product. He went out of his way to have presenters who complied with the Chapters requirement of no product identification during a presentation the “approved equal” was the name for everything. Yes literature was on tables after the presentation but they were there with the competitors. By the way Tally was the local Architectural person for Benjamin Moore.

I realize Chapter meetings and programs are announced via E-Mail, The Addendum, taxiing and the phone but has anyone on any Committee thought of communicating with the “at Large member” who are active Professionals who may not live in the metropolitan area but in the surrounding areas and based on a program will come to a meeting.

Well my colleagues that’s it for the year, having said that please accept my sincere Holiday greetings and best wishes for a busy and successful year no matter your classification. That’null it now you tell it like it is..



Is Your Car Ready for Winter

Most men aren't mechanics, and some men could care less about their car as long as it looks good and drives well. But a responsible driver should always take five minutes every other week or so to check the essential parts of his car. If you pay proper attention to your car's maintenance needs, you will save a lot of time, money and aggravation by avoiding some expensive repairs. Here are some things that you can do yourself:

Check the battery

Many batteries are so advanced they no longer require much maintenance. To be on the safe side, however, you should know where your car battery is located and check it periodically to make sure it is not leaking acid and has adequate water. Most batteries have a condition indicator that displays different colors to indicate how it's functioning: blue means it's OK, red means add distilled water, and white means charging is necessary.

Check the motor oil

For an accurate reading, check the oil dipstick while the car is turned off and parked on a horizontal plane. If the oil on the dipstick is black or deep red, have the oil changed by a professional or change it yourself if you're feeling confident. To check the oil level, pull the dipstick out and wipe it clean with a rag, then plunge it back into place. Pull the dipstick out again and hold it horizontally for an accurate reading. Be sure the oil on the stick is just under or right at the correct oil-level line or indicator hole; it should never be over. Putting excess strain on your hard-working car by not changing its oil will lead to trouble. An engine repair will have you dipping into your savings and leave you without car for as long as it takes for the proper repairs to be made.

Refill the antifreeze

Antifreeze keeps engine temperatures stable in all climate extremes and driving conditions. Always be sure you have the right level of antifreeze because fooling around with the cooling of your car's complex mechanical parts is an unnecessary risk. Invest a few dollars in a bottle and keep it handy in your trunk. Antifreeze

should be added when the engine is cool. Use a funnel as you would when adding motor oil to avoid splashing this greenish, toxic chemical on other parts of the car.

Align the tires

To receive an accurate assessment of your tire alignment, bring your car to a professional and have it put on a computerized tester. Having this test done every few weeks, however, is not cost-efficient in the least. Instead, test the alignment yourself on a flat street. Drive the speed limit and leave a hand on the wheel for safety, but don't actually steer the car for a few seconds. If the car veers in one direction and you need to manually keep your car driving straight, make an alignment appointment with a mechanic.

Check for optimized tire pressure as well. Thirty-two psi to 36 psi on a gauge is about average for a midsized sedan, but check your owners manual.

Winter is Coming

Have you winterized your car yet?

Don't get caught in the cold with a dead car.



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Slightly deflated or unbalanced tires will not only cause shakiness when you drive at highway speeds, but will eventually warp the tires and reduce your gas mileage. Always buy new tires in pairs so you can put the new ones on the front and move the old front ones to the back; this lets you get more use out of them and avoid blowing a bundle on four new tires — unless a professional tells you it's absolutely necessary, of course.

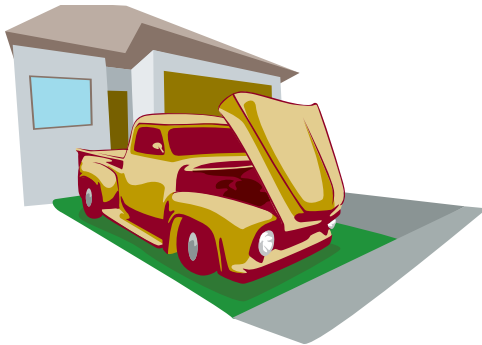
Replace the air filter

The air filter is on the engine air intake and prevents dust and dirt from entering the engine. So, take care of your engine by replacing your air filter when necessary.

Checking the air filter only takes a few minutes. It is usually hidden under a plastic casing under the hood of your car and you have to unsnap the case to switch out the filter. Refer to your operating manual for precise instructions to avoid injury to yourself or harm to your vehicle. As a rule of thumb, make sure your car engine is off before lifting the hood to replace the air filter.

Car care

When it comes time to sell your car or make repairs, having maintained some of these basic areas will really pay off. Negligence is the most common and costly way to see your money go down the drain on repairs that could have easily been avoided.



Membership News

The Metropolitan New York Chapter CSI would like to welcome our seven new members;

- Martin Biscup
- Joshua Diamond
- Catherine Hagan
- Kevin McLee
- Alice Oviatt-Lawrence
- Jeffrey Weiss
- Morris Yarjovski

Thank you to the twenty-six members that renewed their membership in September and October.

- Abe Barnett
- Paul Buccellato
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Credibility = CSI Credentials

NEW Exam based on Master Format 04

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Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) program: For the Architect or Engineer to improve document organization, document preparation and contractual relationships.

Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) program: For the Contract Administrator to understand the facets of the construction process from pre-construction procedures, construction phase activities and the project closeout process.

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February 10, 2010 - How to Make a Presentation - Annie Moore's Restaurant
March 10, 2010 - Using Innovative 3D/4D Tools for Construction Planning - Annie Moore's Restaurant
April 14, 2010 - New York City Code Changes; Greening the Code - Annie Moore's Restaurant
May 19, 2010 - Site Tour with LI and NJ Chapters
June 9, 2010 - Awards Dinner - Annie Moore's Restaurant

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from the Board of the
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