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The Newsletter of AIA Northeast Illinois

January 2003

Putting the Past Behind Us: An Economic Outlook for 2003

January Chapter Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2003

Our economy has faced a number of challenges in the past year. After showing remarkable resilience in dealing with the terrorist attacks of September 2001, we've been asked to cope with accounting scandals, corporate retrenchment, and the threat of war with Iraq. How will these issues affect our recovery? The latest from Washington and the financial markets will also be discussed. Join us at our annual joint economic forecast meeting with the Fox Valley General Contractors Association (FVGCA). The meeting will take place at Piper's Banquets on Butterfield Road in Aurora on Thursday, January 16, 2003. Carl Tannenbaum will return as our guest speaker to address how these economic conditions will also affect the housing industry in 2003.

Mr. Tannenbaum is the Chief Economist for the LaSalle Bank, a \$55 billion organization centered in Chicago. LaSalle is an affiliate of the ABN AMRO Bank of Holland, one of the world's largest financial institutions.

In this capacity, Carl provides internal and external briefings on business conditions. He publishes weekly, monthly, and quarterly com-



Mr. Carl Tannenbaum, Chief Economist for the LaSalle Bank

mentary for distribution to the bank's customers. He serves as a quote contact for a number of publications and provides commentary on business issues for CNBC, CNN, and other media outlets.

Mr. Tannenbaum is a member of the Blue Chip panel of economic forecasters and is on the Board of the National Association for Business Economics. In addition to his economic duties, Carl is also responsible for measuring the organization's interest rate risk and monitoring its investment portfolio.

Mr. Tannenbaum has been with the organization for nineteen years. He holds an M.B.A. and a B.A. in finance and economics from the University of Chicago.

AIA Northeast Illinois Mission Statement

To celebrate and promote the profession of architecture, provide opportunities for professional growth, and improve the built environment.

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President's Message

Ah yes, I love beginnings. They are so pure, so untarnished, filled with energy and a desire to get something done. Planting seeds in a garden, the first chapter in a book, going on a first date, and even the initial schematic design phase of any good project. This is the fun part. Creative ideas flow and anything is possible. Here we are at the beginning of a new year, a new millenium, filled with this excitement. Our chapter is poised to really make a difference and help lead our profession into the spotlight of the building industry.

After a year of strategic planning, brainstorming, and restructuring of our organizational resources, we are ready to get the ball rolling. Let me give the first push by encouraging you to attend this year's economic forecasting meeting in Aurora. This will be a great way to network with your peers and get some economic insight that may be useful for your annual business planning.

Beginnings are fun but real reward comes with hard work and perseverance. My personal responsibility for this year is to strengthen membership. I will concentrate my efforts both inside and outside the chapter. As the saying goes, many hands make for light work. I predict membership will continue to grow in all categories and invite all existing members to welcome them with a friendly hand. We have begun a formal Peer/Pair program that matches current members with new members to personally welcome them aboard. Including new members in a one-on-one relationship is a simple way that you can contribute to making our chapter as strong as it can be. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to participate in this important program.

Finally, I would like to thank the board members for having the confidence to support me in my role as NEI president this year. It is a great responsibility and opportunity for me and I plan on doing my best in representing the chapter. This looks to be another rewarding year of programs and events. Don't miss out on it!

Daniel Bryan, AIA

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2003 AIA/NEI Student Scholarships

AIA Northeast Illinois is offering student scholarships of up to \$1,000.00. Scholarships are available to those currently enrolled in an accredited architecture program, community college transfer students, or high school seniors.

Recipients must be enrolled, or accepted into an architecture program at one of the following institutions for the fall of 2003: University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois Institute of Technology, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Judson College in Elgin, or any community college within the chapter boundaries that has an architecture program. Applicants shall be permanent residents of

the Chapter's service area. The boundaries of this area are: Cook, DuPage, Kane and Kendall Counties, except that the territory shall not include the area within the city limits of Chicago, or south of Interstate 55, nor east of the Edens Expressway.

To request an application for this scholarship, a student needs to submit his/her name, current mailing address, school, and year in school now to: AIA/NEI, 412 Green Valley Drive, Naperville, IL 60540. Application deadline is March 31, 2003.

Any chapter member interested in being on the Scholarship Committee should contact Dorthea Martin at 630/573-5149 by March 1, 2003.

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Throughout 2002 members were encouraged to visit schools to share with young people various aspects of the construction industry. Architect, Associate and Affiliate members

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Kindergarten class, Elmhurst
Immaculate Conception HS, Elmhurst

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Naerker School, Clarendon Hills

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Parkview Elementary, Carpentersville

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Madison Elementary, Lombard

Douglas Holzrichter

Geneva Community HS, Geneva

James R. Lencioni

St. Francis DeSales HS, Chicago

Heidi Lendi

Glenbard West High, Glen Ellyn

Dorthea Martin

Oak Park-River Forest HS, Oak Park

took the challenge and reported their experiences.

Thanks are extended to those who participated in the school visitation program. Those members who reported their experiences to the chapter office are listed below.

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Winfield Middle School, Winfield

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Do your New Year resolutions include becoming more involved in the community and the profession and you're not sure how?

NEI committees and interest areas are the backbone of the chapter and provide opportunities for members with similar interests to work together. Whether your interests are strictly professional (such as historic preservation, government affairs or the environment) or service oriented (such as scholarship, sponsorship or golf outing) there is a committee or interest area for you. Please review the following descriptions and then step forward, sign up, and become involved! It's easy to do, just call or e-mail the chapter office and let us know your committee or interest area preference. It's your chapter, become active in it!

Feel free to contact any chair, coordinator, or Corda Murphy at the chapter office for more information.

COMMITTEES

CONTINUING ED. PROGRAMS

Dorthea Martin, 630/573-5149

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Responsible for creating, organizing and implementing the opportunities for NEI members to obtain the required CES Learning Units.

GOLF OUTING

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Hosts a yearly event to give members an opportunity to entertain clients, develop relationships, and support the chapter's scholarship fund.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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Serves as a liaison between the architectural community and local, regional, and county government agencies within the chapter area. Key focuses include community planning issues and public private partnering.

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This committee is responsible for the Chapter's biennial honor awards program. The "Celebration of Architecture Program" is designed to honor design excellence, for projects created by chapter members and firms. The committee is responsible for collecting and organizing chapter submissions, as well as jury selection. The committee's work culminates in a "Celebration of Architecture," at the biennial Awards Program.

MEMBERSHIP

Dan Bryan, 630/920-0777

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Seeks to expand AIA membership in all areas relating to the profession. Architects as well as those professions and businesses that architects typically work with have membership possibilities, and we all benefit from a stronger membership base.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Seeks to promote the AIA architect, as well as the profession of architecture, to the public.

SCHOLARSHIP

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Coordinates the chapter efforts, which support architectural education through the granting of designated chapter funds to local area residents pursuing architectural degrees.

SERVICE AWARDS

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Organizes and implements the biennial program to celebrate and recognize outstanding service in the profession and community. Coordinating with the Fellowship Committee and ongoing monitoring of member achievements and activities will also be an activity within this committee.

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Architalk Calendar

January

- 10 *Architalk* deadline
- 16 Joint Economic Forecast Meeting
"Putting the Past Behind Us: An Economic Outlook for 2003"
Carl Tannenbaum, Chief Economist, LaSalle Bank
Co-sponsored by Fox Valley General Contractors and AIA/NEI
Piper's Banquets, 1295 Butterfield Road, Aurora
- 16 Judson College Lecture Series
Brian MacKay-Lyons, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Elgin
- 22 Young Architects Group
PHN Architects, 6:00 pm
- 23 *Basics of Architectural Lighting* *
Multi University Center, Oak Brook; 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- 24 *Building Life Cycle Cost Estimation* *
Multi University Center, Oak Brook; 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- 25-28 *ASHRAE Winter Meeting Chicago 2003* *
Palmer House Hilton and McCormick Place, Chicago
- 28 AIA/NEI Board Meeting
- 30 *How Strategic is Your Planning?* *
Chicago; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

February

- 10 *Architalk* deadline

- 12 Judson College Lecture Series
Sidney K. Robinson, AIA, University of Illinois at Chicago
Elgin
- 13 NEI Chapter Meeting
Architecture and Landscape Architecture: Observation on Its Discourse
Morton Arboretum – Thornhill Education Center, Lisle, 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- 25 AIA/NEI Board Meeting
- 27 *Stein, Ray & Harris Symposium for Design Professionals* *
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March

- 5-8 AIA Grassroots Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 10 *Architalk* deadline
- 10-11 *Mechanical Systems in Existing Buildings* *
Illini Center, Chicago 9:00 am – 8:30 pm (two day course)
- 20 Judson College Lecture Series
Judith Sheine, Professor, California State Polytechnic University
Elgin
- 25 AIA/NEI Board Meeting

* See "AIA Continuing Education Opportunities" on the AIA Northeast Illinois website, www.aianeil.com, for additional information or call the chapter office.

Chapter Meeting Details

LOCATION: Piper's Banquets, 1295 Butterfield Road, Aurora (Plumbers & Pipefitters)

COST: Per Person: \$30.00
Student AIA Members \$10.00
Student Non-members \$15.00

AGENDA:

6:00-7:00 Registration and Social Hour
7:00 -7:15 Announcements
7:15-8:00 Dinner
8:00-9:00 Program

MENU:

Cream of Chicken and Wild Rice Soup, Roast Sirloin of Beef and Chicken Breast Combo and Dessert

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

12 NOON Friday, January 10, 2003

RESERVATION POLICY:

Cancellations must be made no later than noon on the Friday before the chapter meeting to avoid being billed.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-88; exit north on Farnsworth, and then west on Butterfield Road at traffic light.

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Who is a Young Architect?

By Joe Benesh, Chair, Young Architects Group

Over the past few weeks, I have heard a lot of questions asked about what exactly defines a "young architect." The young architect, as defined by the AIA, is an individual who has been practicing ten years or less, regardless of age.

In terms of who is eligible to become involved with the AIA/NEI Young Architects Group, I would like to expand the above definition a bit.

Any person who fits in one or more of the following categories is eligible to attend and participate in any and all functions of the Young Architects Group:

1. Student Members (including high school, community college, and five- or six-year university students)
2. AIAS Members
3. Associate Members
4. Licensed Architect Members who have practiced less than ten years

Creating a diverse body of professional experience levels can only enhance our group's productivity, enthusiasm, and educational value. I hope the above definition demystifies the reach of the group. Next year's programming will be built with the design of many different degrees of instruction, contribution, and distribution of information, affording many opportunities to both lead and follow different discussions on what will hopefully be a variety of subjects.

The first general meeting of the young architect's group will be Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at 6:00 pm at PHN Architects in Wheaton. A schedule of next year's programming will be distributed at this meeting or will be available thereafter. For more information, or to be added to the Young Architects Group electronic mailing list, contact Joe Benesh at joe.b@phnarchitects.com or at 630-665-8400. We hope to see you there.

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CHAPTER NEWS

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ArchVoices is an independent, weekly email newsletter compiled by and for aspiring and young architects. For more information, to subscribe, or to view past issues, please visit <http://www.archvoices.org>.

Everyone planning business or leisure travel may encounter new security procedures at airports. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has instituted standardized screening procedures at all airports and screening of checked luggage as well as carry-on bags. Because of the new procedures, travelers will have to change the way they pack and prepare for their trips. TSA has launched a Web site www.TSATRAVELTips.us that gives tips for packing, checking baggage and getting through airport security in as little time as possible.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members.

Affiliate: **Chris Goodpasture** (Primera Engineers); **Grant Halvorsen** (GLE Group)

Transfer: **Matthew Falco, Associate AIA**, Burnidge Cassell Associates (from Chicago)

MEMBER NEWS

Steve Bilsland, AIA, principal of Oppermann Bilsland Architects has announced the relocation of their office within Naperville.

John Titus, AIA, is now working in Chicago at

M+W Zander.

Ken Kowall, AIA, is now at Carl Walker, Inc. in Glendale Heights.

Under the Best Practices section of the November 27 issue of the electronic newsletter, *AIArchitect This Week*, **Burnidge Cassell Associates** is recognized for their newsletters. For years, BCA published a quarterly newsletter that did little more than tout their latest projects. Then, two years ago, they began sending monthly newsletters with feature articles illustrating their specialized knowledge. In coordination with their other marketing efforts, the new strategy has been very effective. To read the full story go to www.aia.org/aiarchitect/thisweek1127.asp.

PROJECTS

Dahlquist and Lutzow Architects, Ltd., designed a new 25,000 square foot fieldhouse and a new 5,500 square foot addition for the Alfred Campanelli YMCA in Schaumburg. The addition houses the facility's new Senior/Teen Center and renovated locker rooms and the fieldhouse includes a four-lane running track, two full size multi-sport courts, and an expanded fitness center.

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