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**AIA** West Jersey

**National Constitutional Center Tour**

*October 16, 2010*

## ***A Message from Our President:***

A no-cost seminar for 3LU's at Fessenden Hall in September, a behind the scenes tour of the National Constitution Center and a November presentation on Home Automation and Integration highlight a few of the events held by AIA West Jersey in the fall of 2010. We have plenty of exciting events lined up for 2011. For more information you can visit the website or review the 2011 AIA West Jersey calendar which is now available. Copies are free to members and will be available at every AIA WJ event as long as supplies last.

As I write my final message to our membership I can't help but reflect on the tremendous year we've had and the joy and excitement that my tenure as President has brought me. I can't thank the members and the executive committee enough for all of the hard work they have put into the organization over the past year. I'd like to thank John Glaviano for setting an excellent example for me to follow and being the ultimate resource when I had questions. I'm sure I could have made it through the year without John's help, but it wouldn't have been as fun, informative or successful. The passion for the profession and the spirit that everyone brings to the organization is refreshing and energizing. I have no doubts that this passion will continue into next year and beyond.

We are making the final preparations for the 2011 Inaugural Dinner at The Mansion in Voorhees, NJ on Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup>. This event is one of the highlights of the year. Invitations will be going out shortly. We look forward to seeing many of you at this year's event as Bill Cohen takes over as President for the 2011 year. Bill has been a valuable asset to the organization. One of the new members we will be welcoming to the board will be the addition of Jason Lutz to the executive committee as Secretary. From the short time I have known Jason he has been nothing but a burst of energy and ideas. He has helped to grow and shape the Associates group that Jim Del Grosso and Bob O'Reilly have started. Jason's skill set with computers and technology will be integral to AIA West Jersey achieving some of its long standing goals regarding the website and communications.

I look forward to a fun filled evening on January 29<sup>th</sup> with friends and colleagues as we introduce our new President, Bill Cohen, and the balance of the AIA West Jersey executive board. I hope you will join me.

Sincerely,

**William J Fearon, AIA**

AIA West Jersey President

## **National Constitution Center Tour**

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Almost two dozen AIA West Jersey members, families and friends enjoyed a unique behind the scenes tour of the National Constitution Center, on Saturday October 16th. The tour began with a multi-media presentation, *Freedom Rising*, in the 364 seat theatre in the round, followed by a self guided tour of the core exhibition, "*We the People*." The self guided tour ended in Signers' Hall among 42 life-size bronze statues, 39 of the signers of the Constitution, and 3 dissenters.

The group was then met by our personal tour guide who was a member of the design team from the initiation through completion. The architectural design team for the project included Henry N. Cobb of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners providing full architectural services, Kise Straw & Kolonder, Philadelphia, the Associate Architects, and Ralph Applebaum of Ralph Applebaum Associates, the museum designer who designed the visitor experience and exhibition halls, as well as Olin Partnership and LTD Landscape Architects.

Our guide escorted the group through a very detailed tour of the 280,000 GSF facility which broke ground on September 7, 2000 – 213 years to the day the U.S. Constitution was signed, pointing out along the way the challenges of this unique project. The various spaces that were visited included the 36,000 sq. ft. lobby and public spaces, the 24,000 sq. ft. exhibition space, the 195 seat auditorium, the 3,300 sq. ft. Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, the 1,500 sq. ft. Founders' Room, the 300 seat school lunch area, and the 21,400 sq. ft. administrative offices.

The group was given a free pass for those interested in the current feature exhibition, *Art of the American Soldier*, which depicts American soldiers in the line of duty from World War I – present day through powerful works of art.





**AIA** West Jersey

**2011 PRESIDENTS' INAUGURAL BANQUET**  
honoring the installation of the officers for 2011

**MR. WILLIAM J. COHEN, AIA – PRESIDENT**  
**MR. WILLIAM J. FEARON, AIA – PAST PRESIDENT**

Presentation of the Louis Goettelmann Award to  
**MR. VAN B. BRUNER, JR., FAIA**  
for commitment and exemplary service to the  
profession and the West Jersey Chapter

and the Presentation of the Community Service Award to  
**SAINT JOSEPH'S CARPENTER SOCIETY**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011**

The Mansion on Main Street  
Evesham and Kresson Roads  
Voorhees, New Jersey

6:00 PM Cocktail & Social Hour  
7:00 PM Dinner and Presentations

*Black Tie Optional*

**Join Us at the Inaugural Banquet on January 29, 2011**

AIA West Jersey will be holding it's Presidents' Inaugural Banquet on January 29, 2011 honoring incoming president William J. Cohen, AIA and Past President William J. Fearon, AIA. The banquet will be held at the Mansion on Main Street in Voorhees, New Jersey.

At the banquet, the St. Joseph's Carpenter Society will be awarded the Community Service Award. The Community Service Award is awarded annually to a person or organization that has made a significant contribution to the built community.

AIA West Jersey will be presenting the prestigious Louis Goettelmann Award to Mr. Van B. Bruner, Jr. FAIA, for his commitment and exemplary service to the profession and the West Jersey Chapter of AIA.

Ticket price is \$75 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be in by January 10, 2011. For more information, contact Robert O'Reilly, AIA at (856) 857-9408, or [bob.oreilly@ArchArchitects.com](mailto:bob.oreilly@ArchArchitects.com).

We hope to have you join us for an enjoyable evening and to welcome the new AIA West Jersey officers.



## **AIA West Jersey 2011 Award Recipients**

### **Louis Goettelmann Award**

#### **Mr. Van B. Bruner, Jr., FAIA**

Mr. Van B. Bruner, Jr., FAIA, has been dedicated to serving and enriching the community around him. Born in 1931, in Washington D.C. and spending most of his youth in our nation's capitol, he arrived in New Jersey in 1945 and went on to attend both Haddon Heights and Woodbury High Schools. Since his adolescent years, he has been a leader in his community. Excelling at both the high and low hurdles, he earned a track scholarship in high school to the University of Michigan where he went on to break a 25 year old university indoor track hurdle record. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in Commercial Art, he married his wife Lillian Almond and then made the decision to join the United States Air Force. Demonstrating the courage and bravery of a leader, he trained to fly the propeller driven re-fueling planes and helped keep the American aircraft in the sky around the clock during the Cold War.

After leaving the USAF in 1957, he attended Drexel Institute and began to study architecture. After graduating from Drexel, he was blessed to work with some of the most well known architects in Philadelphia such as Vincent Kling and Louis Goettelmann 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was in 1968 that he started his own practice, The Bruner Firm, while being Department Chairman of the Building Construction Engineering Technology of the Spring Garden Institute of Philadelphia. Mr. Bruner, Jr., FAIA, helped set a precedent when he became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Vice President of the National American Institute of Architects and during his time there he helped to create Community Design Centers throughout the United States, the Minority Disadvantage Scholarship, and recognition of Black Architects within the society. In 1975, he was awarded the Whitney Young Award for his Civil Rights actions during the 1960 -70 and received FAIA while participating in the National AIA. Throughout its years, the Bruner Firm has been a leader in civic design and development completing such projects as CCMUA Building, Gloucester County Superintendent Office Building, Third World Culture Center in Princeton, New Jersey, and the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Burlington, New Jersey.

The Louis Goettelmann Award is presented every year to a person who has dedicated themselves to the practice, the beliefs, and the leadership that exists within the Architectural profession. The AIA West Jersey would like to present Mr. Van B. Bruner, Jr., FAIA, with this award for his leadership and commitment to the profession and his unselfish want to better the built environment.

### **Community Service Award**

#### **St. Joseph's Carpenter Society**

St. Joseph's Carpenter Society is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1985 with the goal of renovating a single house in East Camden. Since then, the organization has created over 875 housing opportunities in Camden, of which 560 are home ownership. Their effort has changed the face of East Camden and has played an important role in the rebirth of Camden, providing safe, healthy and affordable homes and rebuilding the community. They have developed Baldwin's Run, the first new subdivision in Camden in over 30 years, with 516 homes, townhomes and apartments for rent to low and moderate income families and seniors. Since they began their work, the vacancy rate in the target neighborhoods has decreased from 1 of every 6 homes to 1 of every 40 homes today.

In addition to rehabilitating housing, St. Joseph's Carpenter Society conducts a three month Homeowner Academy that teaches basic money management that allows the new homeowner to succeed. The Society is also actively involved with addressing local concerns, providing a community network to help strengthen the neighborhood.



# AIA West Jersey

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New Jersey Chapter and Region

## 2011 Calendar

### January

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29	Sat.	7:00 PM	Inaugural Dinner	The Mansion, Voorhees
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### February

2 to 5	Wed - Sat		Grassroots - Washington, DC	
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### March

29	Tues.	6:00 PM	<b>General Meeting</b> <i>Student Design Competition</i>	Haddon Fortnightly
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### April

9	Sat.	9:00 AM	Community Service Day	TBD
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### May

3	Tues.	6:00 PM	<b>General Meeting</b> <i>Marketing and Planning Strategies in a Difficult Economy</i>	Café Aldo Lamberti
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12-14			AIA National Convention	New Orleans, LA
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### August

10	Weds.		Photos due for Photo Competition	
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TBD		7:00 PM	Night at the Phillies	TBD
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### September

20	Tues.	6:00 PM	<b>General Meeting</b> <i>Public Sector Practice - Project Labor Agreements</i>	Café Aldo Lamberti
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### October

15	Sat.	9:00 AM	Field Trip: TBD	TBD
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### November

15	Tues.	6:00 PM	<b>General Meeting</b> <i>Geothermal Systems &amp; Water Management Solutions</i> Elections	Café Aldo Lamberti Cherry Hill
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### January 2012

28	Sat.	7:00 PM	Inaugural Dinner	TBD
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## 2011 Calendar Available for all AIA West Jersey Members & Affiliates

For the fifth year AIA West Jersey has produced its Calendar featuring photography and imagery from the 2010 AIA West Jersey Photography Competition. The 2011 calendars were distributed by Kimberly L. Bunn, AIA, during our November meeting at Café Aldo Lamberti.

The 2011 cover features a photograph by Peter Kubilus of a church in Ridgewood, NJ, designed by Newman Architects. This image was selected in an online vote by members and the public in the fall of last year as the Best Overall submission. Two other selections were awarded for Best Color Image - *FLW Circle Gallery* by Liesl Oberfield and Best Black & White Image - *Manhattan Skyline is for the Birds* by Ileana LaFontaine.

If you did not receive a copy of the calendar because you were unable to attend the November meeting, calendars will be available at the Inaugural banquet on January 29th, the Student Design Awards on March 29th, and the May 3rd General Member Meeting while supplies last.

It is a beautifully composed calendar with beautiful photography that already contains all AIA West Jersey meetings and events.

***Please pick up your free copy at one of these AIA West Jersey events!***



*Image Courtesy of Peter Kubilis*  
*Church in Ridgewood, New Jersey*  
***Best Overall Submission***

## 2010 – 2011 AIA West Jersey Affiliates

AIA West Jersey is grateful to our 2010 Affiliates and look forward to continuing those affiliations in 2011. Thanks to their generosity and continued support throughout the year, AIA West Jersey is able to provide educational programs to our members and our long standing Scholarship Program for architectural students. We encourage all members to familiarize themselves with our affiliate members and if possible use their products and services whenever possible.

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