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**THE PUNCHLIST**

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The newsletter is going electronic! To get on the list to receive your Punchlist in PDF format please email [csi.allentown@verizon.net](mailto:csi.allentown@verizon.net). We will continue to provide a printed newsletter for those without email access. And don't forget to check out the new website at [www.csiallentown.org](http://www.csiallentown.org)



## This Month's Meeting

### **SOLID PLASTIC PRODUCTS** by Kevin Prendergast of Comtec Industries

Learn about the benefits of using Solid Plastic products in schools, factories, hospitals, fitness centers, etc. See the latest products such as Toilet & Shower compartments, vanities, lockers and benches.

### *Wednesday, November 19th, 2003*

<b>Ambassador Restaurant</b>	<b>Allentown, PA</b>
<b>5:00PM: Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00PM: Fellowship</b>
<b>6:45PM: Dinner</b>	<b>7:45PM: Program</b>
<b>\$18.00 per person</b>	<b>Menu: Pork Loin</b>
<b>RSVP by Nov. 18th to Dave Hausman (484) 223-1761</b>	
<b>or email: <a href="mailto:dhausman@libertyengr.com">dhausman@libertyengr.com</a></b>	

*Dress for this event is business casual.*

### **Allentown Chapter CSI—Mission Statement**

The Allentown chapter of CSI strives to provide opportunities for education, and the exchange of knowledge and information for its members and the construction community by using the available resources through its diverse membership and relationships.

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#### NEXT MONTH

December 3rd, 2003  
Holiday Gala  
at  
*The King George Inn*  
Hamilton and Cedar Crest Blvds.

#### FOLLOWING MONTH

January 21st, 2003  
Eldorado Stone  
With Ryan Drawbaugh

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Friday After Chapter Meeting

# The President's Message

President's Message for November

I know, I know, some of you are wondering "What happened to our President ? He's missed the last two meetings." I apologize for not being there. September meeting was personal business and October meeting was personal pleasure.

Having returned from the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference (MARC) in Norfolk, VA (and some R & R in Colonial Williamsburg) I'm ready to get back to business.

The MARC was a good meeting, mixing Region business with some Norfolk sightseeing. I heard some comments from other Chapter President's, at the Board meeting, which I will share at our upcoming Long Range Planning committee meeting. A highlight of the conference was a tour of the Norfolk Naval Base, home of the Atlantic Fleet. We were fortunate to see three (3) aircraft carriers in dock and actually were able to board and tour the USS Theodore Roosevelt, what an experience !! We also were able to board the USS Wisconsin, which is "drydocked" in Norfolk Harbor. (An extra treat was seeing a Carnival Cruise ship, next door, being prepared for a cruise). Next years conference will be in Harrisburg, PA (Central Pa. Chapter), hope we can have a good attendance.

Look for details in this Punchlist for our annual Holiday Gala, this year at the King George Inn. Hope to see you there.

By the way, have you checked out the new website? [www.csiallentown.org](http://www.csiallentown.org). What do you think? Give us your feedback.

David C. Hausman, CSI  
President

# From The Editors Desk

I'm back! Please forgive my long absence. I have neglected many things over the past few months, but with my health returning, I sincerely hope to get back on track quickly!

My sincerest thanks to Brad and the rest of the folks that worked so hard to pick up the pieces and to make a go of the newsletter. I hope that I can return the favor. As Brad mentioned last month, we are finally up and running with our electronic version of the Punchlist. Come to our next meeting and tell us what you think.

Thank you again to everyone that pitched in. It meant a lot, and it kept things moving along. See you at the next meeting!

Sincerely,  
Micah J. Hessinger, CSI, CDT

# Newsworthy

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**MEMBERS IN THE NEWS** ... Mitch Miller, ARA, CCS of Allentown has joined the architectural firm of USA Architects as Chief Specification Writer. Mr. Miller is a registered architect and certified construction specifier with over 25 years of diverse experience in the industry. Mr. Miller will work from the Easton Pennsylvania office, and will oversee the production of construction specifications for the entire company, headquartered in Somerville, NJ. USA Architects offers a diverse portfolio including commercial, justice, educational, corporate and governmental sectors.

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**EXPO 2004** ... Please mark your calendars for the next EXPO meeting. We need help and ideas, so my challenge to each one of you is to bring a buddy. They do not need to be a member of CSI. They just need to come with ideas and hopefully will be able to help. Our focus this year is Hands on. The theme is going to be something like "Problem Solving" or "Solutions to modern day problems." Hope this gives everyone some ideas for the show. Hope to see every one on October 22 and don't forget to bring a buddy.

When: Thursday, November 20, 2003 @ 6:00 P.M.

Where: Starlite Diner in Fogelsville on Route 100

RSVP: by Wednesday, November 19 to Roxanne E. Verrastro, CCCA, at (610) 434-7236 or email: [haberle.roxanne@verizon.net](mailto:haberle.roxanne@verizon.net)

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**LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING** ... The next meeting is scheduled for November 5th, 2003 at 6:30 P.M., Spillman Farmer Conference Room, Bethlehem, PA. Everyone is invited. Please contact Roxanne Verrastro if interested in attending. (610) 434-7236 or email: [haberle.roxanne@verizon.net](mailto:haberle.roxanne@verizon.net)

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## **NEW MEMBERS TO ALLENTOWN CHAPTER OF CSI—WELCOME!**

Wilfredo Rosado, CSI

Diane M. Vaessen, CSI – Robin and Haas Company

David S. Wrigley, CSI – Lehigh Valley Hospital

## **CSI ANNIVERSARIES—CONGRATULATIONS!**

October 2003

Richard H. Krieg, CSI – retired – 39 years

Damon Royal Kane, CSI, CCS – DWKCB Inc. Architects – 14 years

A. E. Engelman, CSI – Engelman Construction, Inc.— 13 years

Jeffrey S. Surovi, CSI, CDT – Reeb Millwork Corporation – 13 years

Barry D. Miller, CSI – Miller, Miller & McLachlan Construction, Inc. – 9 years

Philip W. Kresge, CSI – PA Concrete Promotion Council – 8 years

Micah J. Hessinger – Hollenbach Construction, Inc. – 7 years

Harold H. Newton, Jr., PE, CSI – The Newton Engineering Group P.C. 6 years

November 2003

Houstin L. Lichtenwalner, CSI – Pennsylvania Power & Light Company – 21 years

Salvatore B. Verrastro, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA – Spillman Farmer Architects – 20 years

Jan Olinick, CSI – Jan L. Olinick, Architect LLC – 19 years

Robert G. Bauer, CSI – Base Engineering, Inc. – 18 years

Dick Bus, CSI – ATAS International, Inc. – 16 years

Christopher Blechschmidt, CSI –Liberty Engineers – 6 years

Raymond C. Chadwick, CSI, AHC – 4 years

Arif M. Fazil, CSI, CCS – 4 years

Phil Neff, CSI – Manning Materials Corporation – 3 year

Raymond J. Picone, CSI – Eastern Exterior Wall Systems, Inc. – 3 year

Jeff Goodman, CSI –Warren Lumber & Millwork – 1 year

Matthew E. London, CSI – National Gypsum Company – 1 year

Rick Malkemes, CSI – 1 year

# Newsworthy (Continued)

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## CSI MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS—THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

James E. Akins, CSI  
John K. Baer, CSI, CDT – Alvin H. Butz, inc.  
Chuck Bleakley, CSI, CDT – ICI Paints  
Yasmin Bugaighis, CSI – Moravian College  
Dick Bus, CSI – ATAS International, Inc.  
John E. Cannon, CSI  
Douglas J. Derkacs, CSI – The Sherwin Williams Co.  
Michel B. deTurck, CSI, AIA – Olsen/deTurck Architects  
A.E. Engelman – Engelman Construction Inc.  
Arif M. Fazil, CSI, CCS, CCCA  
Micah J. Hessinger, CSI, CDT  
Kathy Kurtas, CSI  
Frank Lennox, CSI  
Paul Mesko, CSI – Pella Window & Door Company  
Phil Neff, CSI – Manning Materials Corporation  
Harold H. Nweton, Jr., PE, CSI  
Anthony D. Scarcia, CSI – Allied Building Corporation  
Earle Shoemaker, CSI, CCS – STV Architects  
Salvatore B. Verrastro, FCSI, CCS – Spillman Farmer Architects

## Institute News

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*TSJ Holiday Dinner*  
*Wednesday December 3, 2003*

*King George Inn*  
*Hamilton & Cedar Crest Bkds.*  
*Allentown, PA 18103*

*Cocktail hour from 6 pm to 7 pm with Hors D'oeuvres*  
*Dinner at 7:00 pm.*

*Dinner selections are as follows but you do not need to*  
*pre-order.*

*\*Chicken Breast with Mushroom, Artichoke, Asparagus, and*  
*Sundried Tomato in Marsala Wine Buerre Blanc*

*\*Angus N.Y. Strip Steak with Maitre d' Butter*

*\*Crusted Salmon Fillet with Horseradish Dijon Cream Sauce*  
*Dessert and Coffee included.*

*\$38.00 per person*

*Please RSVP by November 26th*

*Tina Eichlin \* eichlin@netcarrier.com*

*610-965-3068 or 484-695-8923*



# Allentown Chapter C.S.I.

## October 15, 2003 Workshop

There were not enough members present at the Ambassador Restaurant to have a quorum. President-Elect Roxanne Verrastro conducted the workshop in the absence of the President.

### Committee Reports:

**Program: Jeff Surovi** submitted the following report:

**October 2003.** Presentation by Jim Bush of ATAS. Transpire Solar Collector & Fresh Air Heating Systems. More information is forthcoming from ATAS for publication.

**November 2003.** Presentation by Kevin Prendergast of COMTEC Industries on Solid Plastic Products.

**December 2003.** Holiday Gala. TBA.

January 2004. Tentatively scheduled for this month program is a presentation on Eldorado Stone products by Ryan Drawbaugh. Still waiting to confirm.

Currently working on filling the spots for February and March. Received two leads from Matt Baker and Mitch Miller for programs. I will be following up on these opportunities. *Could one of the board members emails information on the current contacts for the EPAIA. I want to schedule our annual joint meeting but I am uncertain who to contact.*

***If any board or chapter member has an idea(s) for upcoming meeting presentations please do not hesitate to contact me.***

**Hospitality: Tina Eichlin** submitted the following report:

We have reserved the King George Inn for this years holiday dinner. The date is Wednesday, December 3, 2003. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 6 to 7, and dinner at 7 pm. I will have the flyer complete this week with prices and additional details and will forward to Brad Teeters. I talked with Roxanne and she stated that we should try to get sponsors for the cocktail hour so I need to put out a request for that. On 10-7-03 I sent a request to Mark Nattress to send a \$50.00 deposit to King George.

Modernfold was suggested a sponsor for the cocktail hour.

Any questions please let me know. It has been difficult for me to attend meetings due to my mother-in-laws illness and taking her back and forth for opportunities, but please do not hesitate to call me anytime at 610-695-3068, or cell #4848-695-8923.

**Technical: Chuck Bleakley** submitted the following report:

Draft 4 (detailed publication) came on line September 2, 2003 and the commentary Part of the web site will be shut down November 7, 2003. This will be your last chance to voice your opinion. Get your comments in early, remember this is your organization and it can only be as good as the membership pushing forward. The final manuscript is scheduled for publication on December 19, 2003. The final expanded MasterFormat is scheduled to be on sale September-December 2004.

Visit [www.csinet.org/technic/mfrevision.htm#draft4](http://www.csinet.org/technic/mfrevision.htm#draft4) to review the documents.

Are there any members that would be interested in on-site Audio Exchange Seminars to earn CEU's?

Library

I have almost completed the CSI inventory. There are many items that need to be given to the chapter historian. I will also be doing an inventory of some of the technical library from ABC, and also including them into the electronic document for the web site.

What electronic format does this need to be in for inclusion on the web site?

### **Web Site**

Would it be possible to include some links to other web sites that would provide technical guidance to our membership such as [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org) or [www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org) to name a few.

Also, I would like to extend an invitation to the entire chapter membership to contribute to the technical pages of our chapter web site. Please send any suggestions to me @ [chuck\\_bleakly@ici.com](mailto:chuck_bleakly@ici.com) and please put CSI technical in the subject line.

John Sweigart advised that at the recent Region Conference, MasterFormat was discussed. It was stressed that CSI needs to confer/invite the U.S. agencies for input. The Navy is a especially a large user of specifications that CSI has produced in the past. It was suggested that the website [ryanlinks.com](http://ryanlinks.com) is very good.

### **Education: Bruno Bianchini** submitted the following report:

The second recipient, Bradley R. Myers received a \$500 credit in his account at Drexel University. No other activity this month.

### **Certification: John Sweigart** gave the following report:

Early Bird registration deadline to save \$55.00 on the Exam application of your choice is December 1, 2003.

The CDT, CCS, CCCA and CCPR exam date nationwide is on Saturday, March 27, 2004.

The Chapter is planning on having tutorial/study sessions in the spring of 2004.

### **Planning: Carson Moyer**

No report.

### **Awards: Mitch Miller**

No report.

### **Membership: Steve Moyer** gave the following report:

New members this month 3; new members fiscal YTD 9; rolling 12 month retention rate total members 90.8%; Total members 153; Total home Chapter members 140; all as of September 30, 2003.

### **Punchlist: Micah Hessinger** submitted the following report:

I am finally back in the saddle! Unfortunately after spending the better part of two weeks flat on my back, playing catch up with home and office is overwhelming! But here is my report regardless:

My sincerest appreciation and thanks to everyone for pulling together and lending a hand while I was out of commission. The Punchlist looked excellent this month. It appears to be running via the internet as well as hard copy. I will be coordinating with Brad on future issues of the newsletter and I will be resuming my duties beginning the month of November. Thanks again to everyone. Roxanne thanked Brad for his interim help.

Several members stated that the download of the Punchlist off the website was extremely slow, and almost impossible.

### **Academic Affairs:**

No report.

### **Publicity: Tina Montone** submitted the following report:

Items for review:

Press Releases:

- Website press release will be emailed to board on Wednesday morning to be reviewed before meeting. Please provide comments if necessary at meeting.

- Tina to collect information from Mark on the Regional Conference and golf outing. (Should these type of press releases go out BEFORE the event?) This will be a follow up press release.
- Press releases on concept and date of Expo 2004. Send additional follow up press releases out in December, February, and beginning of April.
- Press release on CSI in general. Concept: Who is CSI: Understanding the built Environment in the LHV and beyond. Educating and producing: Designing and Building a stronger and more intelligent community.

Those present advised that the press releases should be on website, and/or links to the advertisements. Also, via mass email.

**Long Range Planning: Roxanne Verrastro** submitted the following report:

Meeting scheduled for meeting November 5, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. place to be announced. Board members are highly encouraged to attend. We need to focus on **meetings** – programs, announcements and getting new members involved!!! If you want to attend, please contact Roxanne @ 610-4334-7236.

**Expo 2004: Roxanne Verrastro** submitted the following report:

The Show will be located at the Days Inn Conference Center at the intersection of Route 309 and 22 on **Wednesday, April 14, 2004**. Next meeting is set for October 22, 2003 at the Verrastro's Residence at 6:00 P.M. **Our focus is hands-on**. If anyone has any ideas for the show or is interested in helping, please email Roxanne at [Haberle.Roxanne@verizon.net](mailto:Haberle.Roxanne@verizon.net).

**Electronic Communications: Brad Teeters**

Brad asked about money in the budget for mailings to members? It was stated that the budget may allow for 2 postcards mailings to notify members to check out the website.

From a discussion it was felt that "Punchlist" distribution was vital so that members would know ahead of time the scheduled programs.

**Old Business**

**7.01** Need a list of current committee chairs, officers, and directors. The existing leaders roster will be updated. *Updated September 24, 2003*. A new list was circulated at this meeting for updating any additional changes by those in attendance. *Workshop Update October 15, 2003*. Progress is being made to publish the updated list.

**8.02** Starting with the September issue the Punchlist will be on the website. There will be a transition period extending to December 31, 2003 for all members to update their email addresses.

**9.01** Committee chairs and others that have not submitted the outstanding Chapter Commendation Reports were urged to get the reports to Roxanne. *Workshop Update October 15, 2003*. The deadline is November 17<sup>th</sup> for submission to Roxanne Verrastro.

Mitch Miller distributed a list to those present at the workshop about future CSI Audio Exchange Programs.

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Workshop notes by John D. Sweigart, Secretary

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## **About CSI**

CSI is an individual membership technical society with nearly 18,000 members, including architects, specifiers, engineers, contractors, product representatives, building owners, and facility managers. The Institute's goal is to enhance communication in the construction industry through products that organize and standardize construction documents, and services that keep industry professionals current in their fields. Founded in 1948, CSI is headquartered in Alexandria, Va., and has 143 local chapters nationwide. For more information about CSI, call 800-689-2900 or visit [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org).

***(for the rest of this article please visit the press room at CSI.net.)***

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## Classifieds

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Customer Service Representative needed for local manufacturer located in Mt. Bethel, PA. Full-time position with excellent benefits, including 401(k). Applicants must be able to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, and must have some computer experience with Microsoft Office. Prior customer service experience is preferred. Experience with CADD and/or the construction industry is a plus. Please send resume to: Attn: LAS, PO Box 188, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343.

United Panel is a manufacturer of architectural composite wall panels and systems. We are expanding our customer service department and would love to find someone who can not only service our customers (mostly over the phone, as we work with people from all over the US and Canada), but who could also do some take-offs from blueprints and project estimating.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	Election Day 4	5	6	7	8
9	Veteran's Day 10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	CSI Meeting 19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	Thanksgiving 27	28	29
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## 2003

### NOVEMBER 2003

- 11/4/03—Election Day
- 11/5/03—Long Range Planning Meeting
- 11/11/03—Veterans' Day
- 11/19/03—CSI Meeting
- 11/27/03—Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER 2003

- Holiday Gala—To Be Announced
- 12/19/03—Hanukkah Begins
- 12/22/03—Winter Begins
- 12/25/03—Christmas

### JANUARY 2004

- 1/1/04—New Year's Day
- 1/19/04—Martin Luther King Jr. Day