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President’s Column

William G. Severino
AIA—President 2005

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Rockleigh, NJ
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First I designed and built an oceanfront vacation getaway because every space identifies privacy, tranquility and openness. I then designed and built the tree and built or refinished all of the furniture. I was involved from inception to completion. This house is a year-round oceanfront vacation getaway.

Tomasz M. Rybak, AIA

The residence is a renovation and addition project in the historic district of Ridgewood. I built the study model because the client was having difficulty with the preliminary drawings. The building turned out not to look like the model.

Gary Kliesch, AIA

We just completed this concert hall with state-of-the-art acoustics for such artists as Itzak Perlman and Zubin Mehta. The concert hall is located on the 19th floor of the Christian Health Care Center building in Florham Park. This was submitted during the original period of request for designs. We were encouraged during the conceptual phase, and were asked to continue with the project of which I am most proud is the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, being designed by Santiago Calatrava, which brings all new challenges, but the highest imaginable level of architectural excitement.

Kevin C. Gorn, AIA

Rockefeller Center Esplanade
New York, NY
We rewaterproofed the Esplanade at Rockefeller Center. All of the pavers were replaced in-kind to maintain the historic integrity of Rockefeller Plaza. The waterproofing system used was Teranap, a product invented by our company.

Patrick Orrico, AIA

The New York State Center (proposed)
New York, NY
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Member News

ALNNJ 2005 Scholarship Awards

At this year’s Awards Dinner two students were given scholarship awards on behalf of the scholarship committee and the members of the Architects League. This year’s jury consisted of William Severino, Scott Lurie, and Frank Cunha. Special thanks to everyone who participated in this year’s golf outing and helped raise money for this year’s awards. Student work was on display as it has in the past and students were available to discuss their project with you and your spouse.

Clarence Tabor Memorial Scholarship Award - $2500

The Clarence Tabor Memorial Scholarship Award is given to undergraduate students entering their fifth and final year of architecture, and is based on scholastic excellence, attitude toward the profession, and probable success as an architect. This year’s recipient is Robert Bruce LoBuono of Paramus who is entering his fifth and final year of Architecture at NJIT. Robert has demonstrated that he is ready to face the challenges of an emerging professional as he completes his final year of Architecture school. Robert boasts a cumulative GPA of 3.52 and his interests include sustainable design and urban redevelopment. He very successfully put together a compelling presentation of his interesting projects.

Architects League Scholastic Achievement Award - $2500

The Architects League Scholastic Achievement Award is given to undergraduate students for scholastic excellence in architectural design. This year’s recipient is Renata Sabine Mayhew of East Rutherford who is entering her second year of Architecture school. She plans to graduate in 2009 and has earned a cumulative GPA of 3.793 during her first two semesters at NJIT. Renata’s Interactive Power Point presentation was impressive and showed much promise. She is very creative and is capable of rendering in different mediums including watercolor.

Submitted by Frank Cunha III

For information on scholarships please visit the website or contact Frank at scholarships@alnnj.org.

Congratulations

In addition to the scholarship awards, the September Meeting also featured a series of annual member awards. The Vegliante Award was given to Fay W. Logan, AIA for his efforts as President, continuing support of the League and contributions to the profession. Trustee Awards were issued to Kevin Gore, AIA, Simone Tsigounis, AIA, and Scott Lurie, AIA for their contributions to the League and profession.

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Romeo Aybar, FAIA
1930 - 2005

Romeo Aybar FAIA, 75 - architect and planner, died September 3, 2005 in Hackensack of lung cancer. He worked all his profession until weeks from his unexpected death.

Romeo was born and raised in Argentina. He received his architectural degree from the University Of Buenos Aires School Of Architecture and Urbanism in 1954. He and his wife Rosi, her mother and two young daughters came to the USA in 1960. By 1969 Romeo founded his own architectural office, the Aybar Partnership in Ridgefield, NJ.

During an approximately 40-year career, he designed more than a dozen public buildings in many northern and southern New Jersey communities. He showed his time and talent to design Ridgefield’s Veteran’s Memorial and the VFW headquarters.

His work and dedication to numerous New Jersey communities were recognized and honored at his funeral by a procession of police cars and motorcycles from the municipalities for which he designed police and fire stations.

Romeo had been a member of the Architects League since 1980. He served as President in 1979 and on our Board of Trustees from 1986 - 1970 and again in 1989 - 1990. He held the position of Regional Director from 1981 – 1983 and was a Fellow of the AIA. His personal passions included his family, painting and fly-fishing.

Romeo is survived by his wife Rosi and three daughters – Patricia Wheler of Fort Lee, Yvonne Pagaczowski of Clifton and Cynthia Gerodas of Oakland.

New Additions

ALNNJ members Gary Klassik, AIA and President Elect Stacey Ruhle Kliesch, AIA are the proud parents of a new daughter, Skylar Joanne Klassik, born Wednesday July 20th. Skylar joins her big sister, two year old Payton Alana.

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Golf Outing
by Kim C. Varnicke, AIA

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We would like to thank everyone who turned out to the event, including the following sponsors, who made it possible. Hope to see you all next year.

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