Fay W. Logan, AIA

Adventure Traveling

“We go around once in this life — do what you can, when you can!”

Steve Zmuda, AIA

“I’ll never grow up as long as I keep building miniature garages for classic model cars. I also find inspiration in preserving vintage radios.”

Ralph Rosenberg, AIA

Urban Sketching
The League's 4Q issue is traditionally dedicated to a celebration of the League’s members. Past issues have featured looks at some of your best photos, and this issue takes things a step further by looking past your work to see what else you’re all about. It seems only fitting that an all volunteer organization like this takes time to focus on its members, since you are this organization, without you there would be no Architects League or AIA.

You may recall receiving an email or two this past September asking you to participate in a member survey. This survey was designed to get a reading of where members’ thoughts are regarding a series of questions related to programs and services offered by your Architects League. It’s always interesting to hear from members and, just as we thought, we all have pretty strong opinions about what the Architects League is and what the Architects League can be. Some of the comments were expected and others will hopefully be the start of a deeper conversation about what we can be going forward. If you took the time to complete the survey, you should understand and be confident in the fact that we have taken the time to read all of your comments and will take into account all of your thoughts and all of your ideas. This is your organization and we do everything we can at all times to be what you need it to be, and we are doing everything we can now and in the future to make it what you want it to be.

As 2018 ALNNJ President, I have a window into the organization that few are lucky enough to see. First hand I get to see every single day how local volunteers just like you are working hard by creating programs and addressing member issues and doing all of the behind the scenes work that it takes to keep all of this running smoothly. As 2018 ALNNJ President, I also represent you at the state level at AIA New Jersey, doing whatever I can to make sure your voice and your interests are heard on a state level. While AIA New Jersey often has a low profile compared to the on the ground contact you get with your Architects League, you should know that it is also working hard on your behalf on all sorts of important issues. As 2018 ALNNJ President, I also represent you at a national level. I get to see how initiatives and plans and policies meant to lift and promote our entire profession develop and then are translated into action at all levels of the AIA. But most importantly, as 2018 ALNNJ President, I am also a member. Just like you I pay dues, I sign up for LUs every chance I get, I deal with annoying work deadlines, I read Leagueline, and I do what I can between work and an all too busy life to try and carve out enough time to attend League events and meetings whenever I can. And just like you, I’m always thinking of ways to make our Architects League even better.

Even if you did not have a chance to fill out the member survey, that doesn’t mean you don’t have ideas about how to improve our Architects League, and it certainly doesn’t mean that your voice can not still be heard. Come to a meeting, hunt me down and tell me what you think. I’m easy enough to find there since I’m usually the one with the microphone uncomfortably introducing the speaker, or you can just look at the little tiny picture of me on this very page to help recognize and find me. If you can’t make it to a meeting, send me an email with your ideas. My personal contact information is right on the homepage of www.alnnj.org. Or try contacting us through any of our social media pages—although if you really want to specifically reach me, I would recommend trying Instagram (@alnnj) first. You know you have ideas and there is no reason not to let us know about them. Your voice and your thoughts are what will shape all of this in the future: our voice, our profession, our Architects League.

It’s Fall already, and there are all sorts of great events in the planning stages for the rest of the year. Here at the Architects League, we have two more member meetings left in 2018. October is Emerging Professionals Month and to celebrate, our October meeting will be held at the Porcelanosa Showroom in Paramus and will feature speakers from DesignMorphine. Per tradition, if you know or work with any non-ALNNJ members who are emerging professionals (defined as unlicensed or licensed ten years or less), please let them know about the meeting since it is free for them to attend as long as they RSVP first.

Joe D. David, AIA
ALNNJ President 2018

In November, our last meeting of 2018 will be held at the Conference Center at Montclair State University, just over the line in the Passaic County section of the campus (we checked that first). The November meeting features our annual Arthur Davis Lecture, which this year is David Benjamin of The Living. If you haven’t heard of David Benjamin yet, there’s a good chance you will in the future. Check your email for details and more information.

And this year has seen its share of ALNNJ Special Events. The hard hat tour of the abandoned hospital on Ellis Island, Hudson Valley Day at Manhattan, Dia: Beacon and Boscobel, the tour at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir and Princeton with AIA Central New Jersey, and Grace Farms and the Glass House up in New Canaan. Our last ALNNJ Special Event this year is scheduled for Saturday November 3rd and is something that I personally know a little about. Since 2007, I have been researching and leading the ALNNJ Ted Kessler Tours with new routes premièring every fall. The 12th annual tour will be held in Long Island City and Hunters Point, Queens, an area that architecture critic James Russell called “thrilling and appallingly in equal measure.” It’s one of the fastest changing areas in the region and it’s a really interesting time to see it. As always, I hope you can join us. Look for email announcements about tickets sometime in October.

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LeagueLine 4Q 2018
The Quarterly Newsletter of the Architects League of Northern New Jersey
This 2018 L4Q we have “changed-it-up” a bit. Every few years the Leagueline features “What We Do”… a glimpse of our members’ current architectural work. This year we asked our members to share whatever ELSE they do/love/excel at other than their architectural labors – what fills the minute/hours, few or many, in which we express ourselves in other forms of creativity. There is creativity in most human activities when done with enthusiastic intent.

Sincere thanks to our members who did take some of that truly precious time to consider and send us some graphic documentation of these things. We know that you all have “stuff” you love to do... next time. As you will see in this issue, we draw, paint, build, cook, collect, serve our communities, travel to see places and things, find ways to express ourselves and just have fun.

Fay W. Logan, AIA Leagueline 4Q Editor

Anna Chang, AIA
I do some sketches during my free time — without thinking anything, but just for fun.

Ruth A. Bussacco, AIA
A few years ago I joined a group of women in my community who create crocheted and knitted goods for donation to local charities and hospitals. We call ourselves The Skyline Lakes Hookers! For those unfamiliar, ‘hooking’ is a crochet term, and those who crochet are referred to as hookers.

Stacey Kliesch, AIA
When I’m not working, I can usually be found in, on or around water! I love scuba diving, swimming, sailing, boating...or reading on the beach!

Paul Bryan, AIA
The ol’ drafting board doesn’t get much use for manual drafting… so what else do I do? I use it as an easel, although not often enough.

Joseph Bianco, AIA
Closter Borough Planning Board member, 7 years
Zoning Board member 25 years
Also served as Councilman for 5 years, elected Mayor as an Independent (against a Democrat and Republican), appointed as a Legislative Aide to the New Jersey General Assembly.
...Involved in politics since 1977 (41 years)
Delly D. Yaker, AIA

I draw, paint and work on collages in my spare time. I’m fascinated with Gustave Klimpt’s usage of geometric forms. I also admire the artistic works of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Margaret Macdonald.

Malka van Bemmelen, AIA

Baking Challah

Louis DiGeronimo, AIA

When not doing architecture, I make toys for the children in the community of Radburn. They call me the Gueppetto of Radburn.

Anthony Iovino, AIA

I have been taking classes in painting and ceramics at the Art School at the Old Church in Demarest. I enjoy the creativity and challenges that these outlets bring.

Joel Ives, AIA

I’ve been involved in genealogical research since before Alex Haley came on the scene. My training as an architect prepared me for this passion in my life. Just as every building design is unique, so is each quest to discover people on your family tree and travel further into the past. Years ago, I started by hand drafting ancestry charts and decorating them with sketches of buildings in Europe where my family had once lived. I now have more than 5000 people on my family tree going back to the 1700’s. I am in contact with people around the world as my family tree keeps expanding.
Grace Friedhoff, AIA
I strive to use my voice and passion to push for a better future. I regularly participate in events to raise awareness for issues surrounding women’s rights, climate justice, and the rights of other under represented people in our community.

Todd M. Hause, AIA
Taste, aroma, color and texture. I find joy in trying new dishes and ingredients as well as returning to and trying to improve on previous meals. A perfect way to spend time with someone you care for.

Steve Lazarus, AIA
My first tattoo was in 1992 of Raphael Angels in memory of my son. From there, I decided I enjoyed body art. I felt the art told a story and evoked memories. I enjoy the Japanese tattoos, dragons, snakes and koi fish. I feel tattoos are an expression of your thoughts and expressions. Presently I have two sleeves and a back piece, one sleeve has dragons and koi fish and the other sleeve has a snake and an oni mask. This is one of the things I do.

Joe David, AIA
Travel. It is pretty damn near impossible to truly understand a place, or a city, or a building, until you have been there yourself.

Helen M. Logan, AIA
As a young girl I was taught to sew by my Aunt Ruth who was a couture dress designer and seamstress. I would visit her each summer when we returned to the USA from living in Europe. As a new wife and mother I made most of my and our children’s clothes for years. My aunt and I continued to sew together until her death. Since then I have spent much of my free time planning and sewing pieced quilts.
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Observations from the AIA Conference in our backyard.

- TWA Flight Center/Hotel
- Javits Center
- Roof Top from 57th Street Super Block
- BIG’s VIA looking into the internal courtyard – West Side
Milestones...

The Architects League would like to congratulate the following who are celebrating AIA membership anniversaries this year.

10 years
- Jason Ballinger, AIA
- Timothy Sullivan, AIA
- Oliver Young, AIA

20 years
- Michael Bet, AIA
- Robert Puzio, AIA
- Carmelito Tarife, AIA
- Delly Yaker, AIA

30 years
- Vincent Antonacci Jr, AIA
- Richard Basta, AIA
- Peter Grieco, AIA
- Helen Logan, AIA
- Kenneth Mihalik, AIA
- James Vasta, AIA
- Adam Weiner, AIA

40 years
- Thomas Cohen, AIA
- Charles Coughlin, AIA
- Suzanne DiGeronimo, FAIA
- Carmine Di Tomasso, AIA

50 years
- Joseph Cecco, AIA
- Thomas Geffert, AIA

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ALNNJ Golf Outing

Our sincerest thanks for your attendance and assistance at this year’s 19th Annual Golf Outing. Though it was an overwhelmingly hot day it was fantastic to see smiles on everyone’s faces at every hole... no matter where your ball ended up. To all of those who spent countless hours behind the scenes preparing for the event, your help does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Please know that thanks to your sponsorship, we are able to deliver multiple scholarships every year to truly deserving students and create the foundations for future architects. This year we are attempting even more as we aim to promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) initiatives and other educational events that promote collaboration and creative thinking, the very basics of the architectural profession. We thank you for your support and generosity.

We are looking forward to a bigger and better outing next year as we celebrate its 20th anniversary. Hope to see you there.

Hudson Valley Day

On Saturday, July 14, League members headed up the Hudson River Valley. The first stop was Manitoga, the rural retreat of designer Russel Wright, who designed not just the buildings, but the entire landscape around them. Next stop was Dia: Beacon where, after lunch, members had a guided tour of the museum. Lastly, members went to the historic house, Boscobel, had a picnic on the grounds overlooking the river and saw "The Taming of the Shrew" by the Mid-Hudson Players.

ALNNJ Special Event:
BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir and Princeton Walking Tour

On Saturday August 11th, the Architects League and AIA Central New Jersey held a special joint event to visit two sites. The day started at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Robbinsville where our group received a private tour, was able to witness a ceremony in the Mandir, enjoyed some tasty snacks and also saw a presentation about the ongoing construction. The Mandir is amazing, with 13,499 individual and unique hand carved pieces of marble that have taken over 4 million work hours to carve and assemble. Following the Mandir, we headed to Princeton for a private walking tour led by the Historical Society of Princeton, a tour that took us around the town and around the campus and into some really interesting buildings. The Architects League would like to thank Sean Cuddahy and AIA Central New Jersey as well as Shaun Barot and all of our friends at the Mandir for a terrific event.

GEORGE JOHNS, AIA EMERITUS

George Johns, AIA Emeritus, age 94, of Morristown, formerly of Alpine, passed away in June 2018 with his family by his side. He graduated from Tenafly High School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a B.A. in Architecture. His studies were interrupted by WWII and later the Korean War where he was a fighter pilot for the Marine Corps. He earned five distinguished Flying Crosses. Following his discharge in the rank of Captain, he went on to develop his architectural firm, Harsen & Johns, which spanned more than five decades. George specialized in designing schools, homes and houses of worship. He was awarded the John H. Tower Award for his distinguished military service in 2000. In 2016, he was honored with the ALNNJ Lifetime Achievement Award.

NEAL M. TANIS, AIA EMERITUS

Neal M. Tanis, AIA Emeritus, age 85, of Wayne passed away on Tuesday June 26, 2018. He was born and raised in Prospect Park and graduated from Passaic County Technical and Vocational High School. Neal served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea in the early 1950s, post conflict, after which he achieved his Architectural degree from the Institute of Design and Construction in Brooklyn, New York and became licensed. His practice was located in Clifton for over 50 years. Neal was an AIA member since 1970 and is survived by eighteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

CHARLES RAY KEOWN, AIA EMERITUS

Charles Ray Keown, AIA Emeritus of Mt. Arlington, N.J., passed away quietly at home on Friday, March 16, 2018, at the age of 93. Ray graduated high school in Belleview, N.J. then joined the Army and was deployed to England to prepare for and participate in the D-Day landing on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. After his discharge from the Army, he attended Georgia Tech studying architecture and engineering. He became a registered architect in several states and a professional engineer in New Jersey and had his own practice for many years. He was active in the New Jersey Society of Architects, served on the Little Falls school board and Shade Tree Commission, was chairman of the Cub Scouts and was active in the Boy Scouts and Little League. He spent his last years near the shores of Lake Hopatcong where he enjoyed fishing and boating.
Archtober - NYC’s architecture and design month features hundreds of events, tours, and exhibitions organized by more than 60 partners across the five boroughs of New York City.

**New Members**

ALNNJ is pleased to welcome the following New Members:

- Bryan Couchenour, AIA
- Shawn Oelstel, Jr., AIA
- Bryan DeBarbieri, AIA
- Ahmed Emara, AIA
- Yakup Hasirci, Assoc. AIA
- Nadia Islam, Assoc. AIA
- Sanketa Kadam, Assoc. AIA
- Deborah Laurel, AIA
- Enkela Malellari, AIA
- Joel Nunez, Assoc. AIA
- Martina Ondkova, Assoc. AIA
- Adam Rapciewicz, Assoc. AIA
- Eduardo Rodriguez, Assoc. AIA
- Adriana Segura, Assoc. AIA
- Allison Smka, AIA
- Nicholas Tsepatsidis, AIA
- Gisbel Videla, Assoc. AIA
- Jacob Weiss, Assoc. AIA
- Kyung Won, AIA
- James Winters, AIA
- Jingyuan Yang, Assoc. AIA

Welcome.

ALNNJ also welcomes the following New Allied Members:

- Evan Levy, MaGrann Associates
- Kimberly Little, Sub-Zero Group East

The Architects League looks forward to your involvement and participation.

**Recommendation**

*Chippendale’s Director: The Design and Legacy of a Furniture Maker*

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Holiday Greetings to all of our Members. Thank You for your continued support of the ALNNJ and our many events.

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