



# Rostrum 2012

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## President's Message

On January 21st Newark and Suburban Architects celebrated our Past President's Banquet at the Manor in West Orange, NJ. The evening was in honor of our newest Past President, Yogesh Mistry, AIA. It was a great event hosted by Judy Donnelly, AIA. That night, the 2012 Newark and Suburban Board was installed by our Regional Director, Jerry Eben, AIA.

For those of you who have not attended a Past President's Banquet, I encourage you to. It is not just another awards dinner - it's a party. The camaraderie amongst current and especially former AIA NS Board members and Past Presidents is overwhelming. It is great to see the lasting friendships that have developed among our members through the years. We want that tradition of Newark and Suburban to continue. To do so we need to mentor and develop our Associate members. Please encourage an Associate AIA member you know to attend a Newark and Suburban event and get involved.

Our first General Meeting

will be on February 15th at Mayfair Farms. Our presenter will be the internationally renowned architectural photographer Paul Warchol. Mr. Warchol will present his award winning projects of the world's most distinguished architects and interior designers. I look forward to seeing you then.

Finally, I had a few requests to tell a popular short story I shared with everyone at the Past President's Banquet. I hope you enjoy it too:

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a man below in a field. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man below thought carefully for a few minutes, and then replied, "You are in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You are between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude."

"You must be an architect," said the balloonist.

"I am," replied the man. "How did you know?"

"Well," says the balloonist, "everything you have told me is technically correct, but it's of absolutely no use to me and I still don't know where I am."

The man below says, "You must be a contractor."

"Well, yes," replies the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," says the man below, "You don't know where you are, or where you're going and you've made a promise that you can't keep, but now it's my fault."

Kevin McCormick, AIA, LEED®AP

AIANS President, 2012



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## AIA-NS Meeting

The first General meeting of 2012, will begin at 5:30 on February 15th at [Mayfair Farms](#) in West Orange.

## AIA-NS New Members 2011

Welcome new members who joined AIA-NS in 2011:

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## National Architecture Week 2012 April 8-14

The American Institute of Architects and many of its local chapters invite you to participate in a variety of activities April 8–14 during National Architecture Week. Anyone who wants to help raise awareness of the achievements of architects, as well as the impact of architecture on

our daily lives, can take part in the celebration. AIA firms and chapters large and small will host special events such as receptions, lectures, tours, film screenings, award programs, and open houses, conduct media outreach, and spread the word through social media.

National Architecture Week was designed to showcase the positive role architects play in our communities and highlight the power of design.

Stay tuned to your inbox, [aia.org](http://aia.org), and the Rostrum for more information or make your own plans to participate.



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## Regional Director's Report

In my Regional Director Report addressed to our new Chapter President, Laurence Parisi, AIA, and co-addressed to Officers and Trustees of AIANJ, I mentioned that my first article of 2012 would be dedicated toward a call for all of us to work together. To start on this road, attendance at what I believe is AIA's best organized and presented program, OUR Annual Grassroots Conference, is mandatory.

There is no doubt that the profession has fallen on some hard economic times. As such, OUR membership numbers have suffered, causing many to question "Why the AIA"? I found that this question is an age-old one: it was asked and answered in a speech given at the University of Florida School of Architecture by Edwin Bateman Morris, in April of 1952. Mr. Morris was a member of a much smaller professional staff at AIA, then Headquartered at the Federal-period, original home of the Col. John Tayloe and family (The Octagon). The Octagon was the home of AIA National beginning in 1899 - it had been the temporary executive mansion for President James Madison and his wife Dolley. It is most famous as the place where the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812, was signed on February 17, 1815.

**Why the AIA?** was dedicated to the concern many had as to the direction and intent of the Institute. In reviewing the speech I found that Mr. Morris

covered it all. The AIA is a professional organization where we can find companionship with others similarly trained with similar ambitions, tastes and aims. There was mention of the earliest goals for continuing education, though he used the word 'encyclopedia of gathered knowledge' to be shared by all in place of CEUs. Fellowship was in the forefront. He mentioned meetings where architects would gather congenially together and where information can be and is often easily exchanged. (Grassroots is just such a meeting.) While the word intern is not mentioned, the explanation of the transition from schools of architecture to the practice of the profession was clearly advanced.

Mr. Morris included interesting and often outright funny quips such as the tale of the man who, upon realizing that McKim, Mead & White employed a large drafting force, asked Mr. Stanford White how many men were in the organization; Mr. White was said to reply, "One hundred and ten. One hundred at the drafting-boards; and ten in the toilets!"

Certainly the goal of the speech was to instill vigor, foster and encourage change in the profession and to inspire young people to join the AIA. He explained that the Institute was taking charge of public-spirited items formerly supported by collateral architectural organizations. Legal facets, legislative needs, but above all the respect and approval

of the profession by the public were being advanced by the Institute. We continue to do that today.

Grassroots is the gathering where AIA can prove to any skeptic that being involved in the organization pays. While the foundation of our education is in schools of architecture, the understanding of the practicality of what we do for a living is advanced at this meeting of leaders. The perfection of meeting nearly 800 other architects from all over the country is accelerated by the imagination groomed and improved as well as brought into focus by the break-out sessions offered over just a few days in Washington, DC. There is no doubt that one can acquire the qualities that make a great architect, working alone. However, the union of many architects working together makes for an uplifted profession. The guiding hand of an organization such as the American Institute of Architects is where we want to be and you want to be with your peers at Grassroots in March. I call for the Chapter and the Sections to fund as many of our young leaders as is possible to attend what has evolved in a GREAT gathering of ideas to help move OUR organization forward. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Jerome Leslie  
Eben, AIA  
AIA NJ  
Regional  
Director '11-'13



## Building Tours

Judy Donnelly, AIA is the new Chair Person for the 2012 Building Tours Committee; we are looking to host several some fun and educational events this year. We would like to involve both Architecture and the Landscapes of our Area. Kindly forward ideas, suggestions, and comments to:

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telephone Judy@ 908-  
852-3113.



# Past-President's Banquet 2012



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Left: a gathering of sixteen past Presidents in attendance; middle left: 2012 President Kevin McCormick, AIA with wife Sarah; bottom left: Hugh Boyd, FAIA, Ken Underwood, FAIA and Philip S. Kennedy-Grant, FAIA; below: immediate past President Yogesh Mistry, AIA, his wife Varsha and their children.



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