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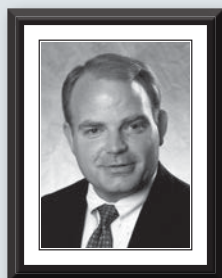
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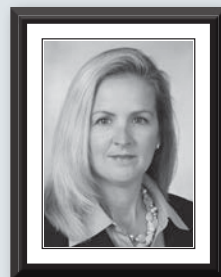
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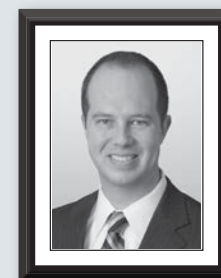
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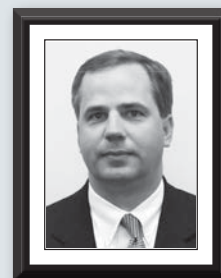
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## Chairman's Letter

### Dear Members and Colleagues:



I was honored to take office as the 78th WBC Chairman of the Board on October 1, 2015. We started the new membership year off with the outstanding Fall Kickoff and installation of officers, which was attended by over 280 members and guests at Columbia Country Club. Thank you to everyone who supported this important event and for your continued support of the Craftsman Hall of Fame. The association followed up in October with the popular Oktoberfest Networking event at a great new location, the Sauf Haus Bier Hall. We will once again finish off a very successful 2015 with the WBC Holiday Party at Congressional Country Club on December 8.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome to the members of the WBC Board of Directors who were installed at the Fall Kickoff. Tamara McNulty graciously passed the chairman's gavel off to me during the event. As Immediate Past Chairman, Tamara will be serving as chairman of the WBC Foundation and overseeing the Craftsman Hall of Fame initiative. A very special thank you goes to Tamara for her many years of leadership and service to the association. Following are the WBC officers and directors who will be serving our exceptional organization over the next year:

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Planning for the 60th annual WBC Craftsmanship Awards program is officially underway. The deadline for submission of entries for the 2016 event is November 13. On January 13, teams of industry judges will evaluate all entries based upon recognized standards associated with quality craftsmanship. The Craftsmanship Awards program will conclude on Friday, March 18, with the magnificent awards banquet recognizing over 400 individual craftsmen and honoring the new Hall of Fame inductees. If you would like serve as a judge, be a sponsor, or access further information regarding Craftsmanship Awards, please visit the WBC website at [wbcnet.org](http://wbcnet.org).

As we move into the new fiscal year, I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that you please renew your WBC membership, if you have not already done so. We will need your support and participation as we continue to move forward as a unified group. The membership year runs from October 1 to September 30, and annual renewal payments must be received no later than December 30 for members to be included in the 2016 *WBC Industry Index* membership directory. Additionally there are many great advertising opportunities still available for the printed directory. If you have questions regarding membership renewal, sponsorship or advertising, please contact Rita Reis at (202) 293-5922.

Finally, the WBC Holiday Party is fast approaching. This always well received industry event is once again being held at the beautiful Congressional Country Club on Tuesday, December 8. Please plan on attending what is widely recognized as the premiere industry holiday event enjoyed by over 700 industry colleagues.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming WBC program or event. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

**John Barron**  
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## Smith Elected to Serve on Building Commissioning Certification Board Examination Committee

GHT Limited (GHT) Principal **Ray Smith, CCP**, has been elected to the Examination Committee of the Building Commissioning Certification Board (BCCB).

The Examination Committee consists of national subject matter experts who collaborate and employ best practices to create the Certified Commissioning Professional (CCP) examination forms. The committee's responsibilities include writing, review and approving questions; creating and approving the form; and setting the passing score for a minimally competent practitioner.

Smith specializes in optimizing the performance of MEP systems in new and existing buildings, and has more than 40 years of experience in the built environment, including three years of building operations experience. His unique combination of design and field experience and MEP system performance expertise makes him a valued resource for MEP studies, troubleshooting, forensic evaluations, concept option studies, payback analyses, post-installation training, and all levels of commissioning.

## Sanchez and Coffee Promoted at Clean Earth, Inc.

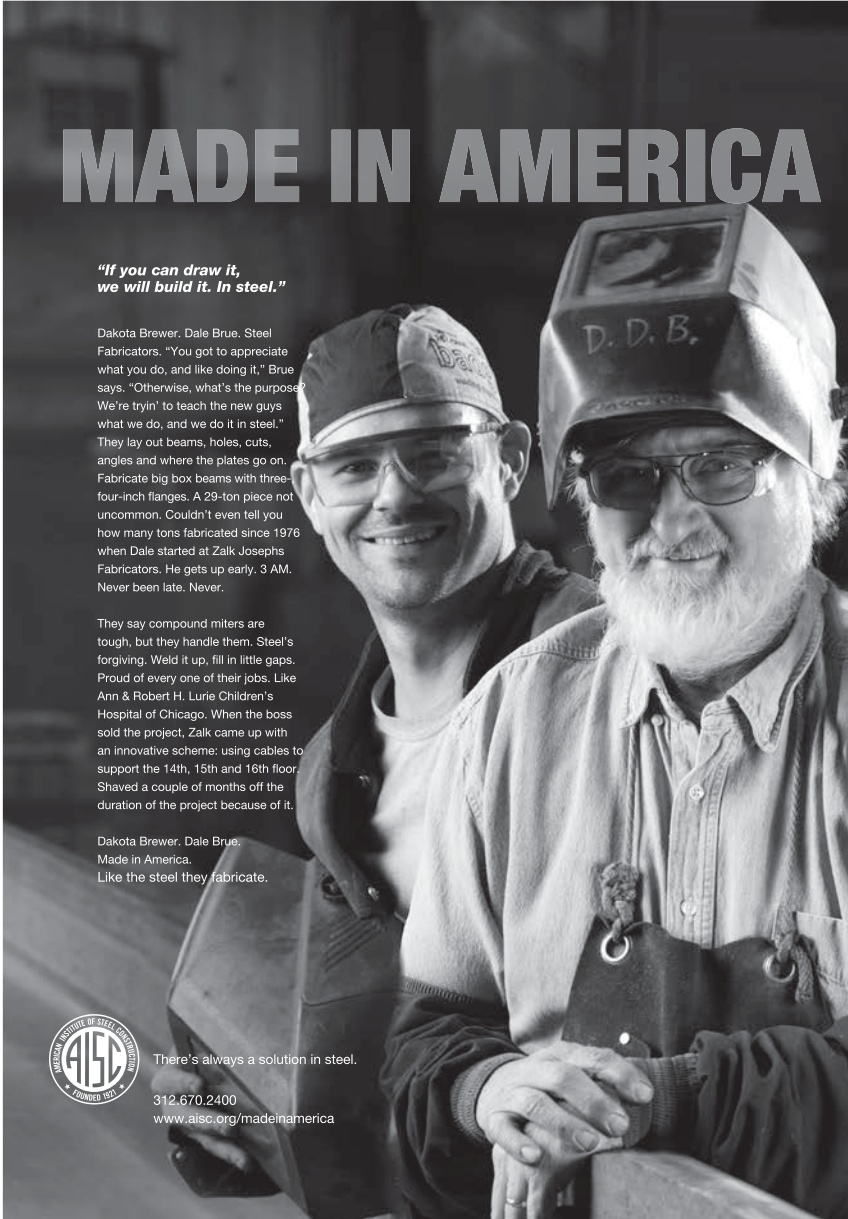
Clean Earth, Inc. has promoted **Hector Sanchez** has been to senior vice president of operations and **Cheryl Coffee** to director of environmental compliance.

Sanchez joined Clean Earth in 2011 and has over 28 years of experience in the environmental industry including a wealth of knowledge in the management and business development of RCRA Part B Hazardous Waste facilities, services, and field operations safety. In his role as senior vice president of operations, Sanchez will be responsible for the growth and continued improvement of Clean Earth's hazardous waste operations located in Kearny, NJ, Calvert City, KY, and Morgantown, WV. He graduated

from National Polytechnics Institute in Mexico City with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and holds numerous certifications.

Coffee, who has over 20 years of experience in environmental compliance, permitting, and waste management, joined Clean Earth in 2008. Throughout her career, she has played key roles in regulatory compliance and remediation project management to assist clients with

various waste disposal projects. In her role as director of environmental compliance, Coffee will be responsible for the overall management and renewal of operating permits, environmental reporting, and the corporate-wide environmental management program. She graduated from Rider University with a Bachelor of Science Geosciences and University of Denver with a Masters in Environmental Policy and Management.



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## Peckar & Abramson, P.C. Receives Industry Accolades

Chambers & Partners USA, Who's Who Legal 100 and The Legal 500 have all recently recognized Peckar & Abramson, P.C. (P&A) as one of the nation's leading construction and real estate legal firms.

Chambers & Partners USA named P&A as a top-ranking firm nationwide for Construction. According to ChambersUSA, the recognition shines a spotlight on firms and individuals that have excelled above all others in the United States legal market from 2014-2015. Honored firms maintain preeminence in key practice areas and have accomplished notable successes over the past year, including outstanding work, impressive strategic growth and excellence in client service.

ChambersUSA also recognized a number of P&A's attorneys as some of the nation's leading construction layers, including three from their Washington, DC office: **Adrian L. Bastianelli, III**, **Stephen M. Seeger** and **Michael A. Branca**.

Who's Who Legal 100 ranked P&A number two in the nation in the category of Construction and Real Estate Law. This is the first year that Who's Who Legal 100 has provided a ranking order of the top law firms in this practice area. In addition, several P&A attorneys also received distinct recognition for their dedication to the industry and their expertise in the field of construction law. Bastianelli and Branca, from P&A's DC office, were among this group.

Finally, The Legal 500, in its 2015 United States Awards, has once again ranked P&A as a "Top Tier Firm in Construction." This is the second consecutive year, since its inauguration in 2014, that The Legal 500 United States has named P&A a Top Tier Firm. P&A was named as such on account of its accomplished team of construction attorneys, its expert handling of national projects across its network of offices, as well as the firm's substantial experience in facilitating complex public private partnership (P3) transactions.



L-R: Daniel L. Weaver, CPA, Vice President; Peter B. Reilly, CPA, CVA, President & Managing Partner; Patricia A. Drolet, CPA, PFS, Executive Vice President; and Matthew Johnson, CPA, Vice President

## Reilly Named "2015 GWSCPA Outstanding Member in Public Practice"

CBM announced that **Peter B. Reilly**, CPA, CVA, CBM President and Managing Partner, received the "2015 GWSCPA Outstanding Member in Public Accounting" award at their annual meeting.

According to the GWSCPA (Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants), this honor is awarded to those who make substantial and noteworthy contributions to the success and growth of their firm, as well as notable contributions to the growth and enhancement of the accounting profession.

"I am thrilled to receive this award," said Reilly. "CBM is approaching its 95th anniversary in 2016. I am committed to honoring the generations before us who built the firm based on a commitment to providing superior client service and embracing change. One way to accomplish this is to continue to hire good people who share our values. At CBM, we believe that each employee directly contributes to the firm's growth and success, and we want our staff's experience with us to be challenging, enjoyable, and rewarding."

## Davis Joins Dixon Hughes Goodman



Seth Davis

**Seth Davis** recently joined Dixon Hughes Goodman's (DHG) Metro DC Market as a tax advisory partner.

As partner, Davis will be applying his years of experience in public

accounting and taxation, including a strong foundation in State and Local Taxation (SALT), upholding the firm's mission to help our clients achieve their goals. His primary focus is to provide tax advisory services to companies in a wide variety of industries.

With over 17 years of public accounting experience, Davis has a solid, well-rounded background both in tax compliance and tax advisory. He has previously serviced several multinational financial institutions, as well as various Fortune 1000 clientele from Baltimore to Richmond.

## Grunley Construction Company Celebrates 60 Years of Business

Grunley Construction Company, Inc. (Grunley), celebrated its official 60th anniversary on September 13th, 2015.

A family-owned company, Grunley was originally founded in 1955 as Grunley, Walsh and Blanche, Inc. and started with a team of three, one of whom was co-founder Martin Grunley, (who passed away at age 98 in April of this year). The company grew quickly and became known for several difficult and extensive modernizations to historic landmarks throughout Washington including the White House, the Blair House (the President's guest house), the Library of Congress, the original Smithsonian Institution castle, the Old Post Office Building and the Cannon House of Representatives Office Building. Other early projects included renovations to the National Portrait Gallery (1964), multiple renovations to the National Institutes of Health (1950's) and involvement in the original construction of Dulles Airport (1961).

Grunley assumed its current name in 1988 when Martin Grunley co-founded Grunley Construction Company, Inc. with his son, Ken Grunley, who is the current President and CEO. The company has seen incredible progress over its 60 years, currently employing more than 300 people, recording revenues of \$350 million and serving a diverse range of public and private clients. A recognized and respected general contractor for the region's commercial, institutional and government sectors, Grunley is continuing to increase staff, pursue new markets and expand its portfolio.

Grunley's diverse portfolio extends across the Mid-Atlantic Region. For 60 years, the Grunley team has renovated esteemed historically significant structures on the National Mall; performed major building systems and infrastructure modernizations of aging office buildings for today's modern work environment; expanded college campus facilities throughout the region to accommodate rapid growth; and extended open arms to ensure that our nation's international allies have welcoming embassies within the city.



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## GHT Celebrates 50th Anniversary of its Founding

GHT is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding this year. The Arlington-based firm was launched by Goodwin "Goodie" Hunt Taylor in 1965. The young entrepreneur grew the company to more than 20 employees in its first decade. In the years following, the firm's leaders have guided the firm through several recessions and maintained GHT's status as one of the largest locally

owned and headquartered MEP firms in the DC area.

Today, GHT's 80+ staff members are working on some of the largest, most high profile projects in the DC metro area. The firm's recent portfolio includes the new Washington Marriott Marquis; renovation of the historic Stevens School; the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) headquarters; a new office building at the Wharf; an MEP study for the Smithsonian Institution South Campus Master Plan; WeWork's first residential concept; and fit-outs for tech giants like Uber, Facebook, and Twitter.

GHT President Paul O'Brien credits the firm's longevity to a focus on relationships and innovation. "We are incredibly grateful to the staff, clients, and industry colleagues who helped us reach this milestone," he said. "These relationships are the foundation of GHT's longevity. Together, we have collaborated on many complex projects that inspired us to develop new solutions to

MEP challenges and build a reputation for innovative work."

"A commitment to building sustainability is an equally important part of the company's success," O'Brien continued. "GHT has been practicing sustainable design for decades – before it was a buzz word or an industry standard. Today, our clients consistently seek GHT's expertise for projects with aggressive sustainability and energy efficiency goals. Our credentials include a portfolio of over 120 LEED certified projects; participation in the DC Green Technical Advisory Group that helped review and amend the district's first Green Construction Code; and providing MEP engineering design for the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) headquarters."

"To stay on the cutting edge of sustainable design," O'Brien said, "we are constantly educating ourselves on trends such as resilient design, the WELL building standard, and advanced MEP systems like Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS) and chilled beams."



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## Rivera Joins DC Chapter of NECA as Safety Director



Jerry Rivera

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Washington, D.C. Chapter of National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) offers its member contractors.

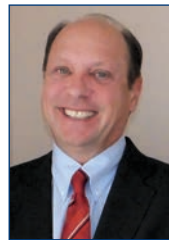
The NECA Chapter, a sponsor of the Electrical Alliance along with Local 26, IBEW, recently hired **Jerry Rivera** as safety director.

Rivera replaces Vince Miller who recently retired after 16 years in the position. As safety director, Rivera will conduct continuing education trainings for employees of NECA contrac-

tors, author articles and blog posts and oversee messages as related to electrical safety for the association.

Rivera holds a Diploma in Electrical Engineering Technology, Bachelors in Business Administration and a Master of Engineering in Safety Engineering.

## Roe is Next to Lead Washington, DC JATC



Rhett Roe

**Rhett Roe** has been named the next director of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) and took the helm beginning September 1st. He replaces David McCord who will


assume a consulting role into early 2017.

McCord has held the director position for the past 20 years. During that

time the JATC has become a nationally recognized electrical apprenticeship program and won the U.S. Department of Labor's Registered Apprenticeship Trailblazer and Innovation Award.

Roe is a licensed journeyman in Washington, DC and Virginia. He has been assistant director at the JATC since 2007 and prior to that, an instructor for 22 years. Roe is also a member of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and a member of code making panel #9 for the National Fire Protection Association National Electric Code.

The JATC is sponsored by the Electrical Alliance, a cooperative effort between the Washington, DC Chapter of National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 26.



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## DAVIS Raises \$67K for Jubilee Support Alliance at 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

James G. Davis Construction (DAVIS) continues to drive success through its approach to corporate social responsibility; this time with its 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament. As Safe and Affordable Housing is one of three core areas that DAVIS supports, this year's recipient is Jubilee Support Alliance's Jubilee Housing – a local nonprofit that provides a lifeline to more than 700 low-income residents, through housing and essential support services within DC's Adams Morgan community.

The event, held in September, raised \$67,000 for Jubilee.

"We're so grateful for the support we've received from our subcontracting friends, as well as from our own DAVIS folks who jumped in to give whatever help was needed to meet our fundraising goal. We filled up the tournament in just over two weeks," says Matt Weirich, VP of DAVIS' education market sector and lead organizer of the tournament.

For over 20 years DAVIS has been a strong champion for Jubilee, providing support through fundraising, sponsorships, materials donations, in-kind construction services, and volunteer hours. DAVIS VP of Integrated Marketing Communications, Louise Boulton-Lear who leads the company's CSR outreach, says DAVIS is strategic in its choice of nonprofit partners, focusing on local organizations where the company's multi-level support can make the most impact.

"Some of our best projects aren't for profit," says Boulton-Lear. "Building a community is where DAVIS' heart is. By forming genuine partnerships with our nonprofits, we can provide meaningful support that affects real change."

Jubilee Housing President, Jim Knight, says the money raised will virtually close the remaining gap for the Jubilee Life Initiative – a three-year fundraising campaign to acquire and renovate 64 units of affordable housing in Adams Morgan, and create stabilizing opportunities for 44 citizens a year returning from incarceration at two reentry properties.

"We are truly humbled by DAVIS' great gift of \$67,000. It literally helps sustain our residents' pursuit of life goals through affordable housing, new life opportunities and supportive community," says Knight.

## Tishman Announces Recent Hires



Steve Tapparo

Tishman Construction Corporation, an AECOM company, announced the recent addition of four professionals to its Mid-Atlantic Regional operations. Steve Tapparo, who has joined Tishman as vice president of multifamily residential, grew up in the DC area and graduated from the University of Maryland. He has focused his career on managing commercial residential projects, recently completed a large-scale, mixed-use urban infill project in Upper Northwest Washington, DC, known as the Cathedral Commons. Tapparo will help grow and improve Tishman's multi-family residential practice.



Craig Swanson

Tishman's director of preconstruction, Craig Swanson, is a native of Jamestown, NY, and graduated with both a Bachelor's of Science in Physics and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Hobart & William Smith Colleges, and he obtained a Master's in Business Administration from Loyola University in Maryland. His career has been primarily focused on commercial multifamily construction and residential renovation projects. While with Bozzuto Construction Company, Swanson helped to manage a multitude of commercial residential projects of various scales and complexity throughout the DC area, before shifting his attention to preconstruction services. At Tishman, he will help to develop feasibility studies, prepare budgets, compile bid proposals, and procure subcontracts.



Matt Shea

Matt Shea joined Tishman's preconstruction and estimating department as a senior estimator, where he will help increase Tishman's platform of preconstruction services. Shea holds a Bachelor's of Science from Providence College, and has worked in the construction and development industry for 28 years. He started his career designing infrastructure and utility installations as an assistant civil engineer for the Town of Shrewsbury, MA, before moving to the DC Area in 1993 to work as a project manager and cost estimator for William A. Hazel, Inc. Shea then worked for several years in development, before becoming a cost engineer and project manager. In 2011, he joined AECOM Technical Services as a senior associate and cost consultant where he fostered a relationship with Tishman, an AECOM Company, by providing estimating support and sharing cost data on several projects. In early September, Matt became a full-time Tishman employee.



Dot Carver

Dot Carver recently became Tishman's senior contracts manager, and will be managing the company's subcontractor prequalification program and fine-tuning internal procedures to help manage risk and increase efficiencies. Carver's 15 years in the construction industry have afforded her a wide range of opportunities and experiences from the field to the main office. A versatile team player, she has taken on a variety of roles over the years, providing support and expertise across all departments. As a member of the Tishman Leadership Team, Carver will help to develop new policies and procedures, serve on the training committee, help to manage Tishman's subcontractor prequalification program as well as numerous other strategic initiatives. **B**



## A Craftsman Hall of Fame Exhibit Tops John Barron's Priorities

78<sup>th</sup> Chairman oversees permanent recognition of outstanding craftspeople at new WBC offices.

A classified Department of Defense project at Fort Belvoir turned John Barron, the incoming Washington Building Congress (WBC) Chairman, from chemical engineering to construction. Barron was an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers serving in the Baltimore District when he was assigned as a project manager to oversee the general contractor on the project. It was there that he first learned about commercial construction more than 30 years ago.

After seven years of active duty, Barron left the military to work for a local engineering services company and several years later joined the general contractor he had overseen.

Today, Barron is the regional manager for Tishman Mid-Atlantic, which covers Maryland to South Carolina. He primarily focuses on projects and growth opportunities from Baltimore, MD to Richmond, VA. He has been a WBC member for 15 years and served on the program and education committee and the board of directors.

Barron stresses that the WBC benefits all members of the industry in three main ways.

"First, the Craftsmanship Awards program uniquely honors the craftspeople who have built the great buildings in the DC region. Second, the WBC is a tremendous networking platform where members make good friends and lifelong professional associations. Third, the WBC represents the spectrum of the industry—owners, architects, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and support services—without a political agenda. Instead it focuses on networking and education, from dealing with local jurisdictions or working with utilities to hot industry trends."

When Barron finds time to get away from his busy work schedule he enjoys a round of golf. "It's a perplexing sport, but I endeavor to get better every chance I get."

As Chairman, Barron plans three main initiatives.

1. His top priority is establishing a Craftsman Hall of Fame Exhibit at the new WBC headquarters on Vermont Ave. The Craftsman Hall of Fame was created in 2008 and provides a prestigious way to permanently recognize the "best of the best" in our industry.

Each year up to five craftspeople may be nominated by the WBC Craftsmanship Awards Committee and subsequently approved by the WBC Board of Directors to be inducted in the Craftsman Hall of Fame. Selection is based on the numbers of awards an individual has received, the individual's time in the industry and other special factors that may be considered.

Currently, a task force is working with a museum designer to evaluate plans to recognize those who have been inducted in the Craftsman Hall of Fame. The exhibit will likely include interactive displays, old trade items as compared to items used today, as well as video displays.

2. Barron also wants to conduct active outreach to small businesses to continue to increase diversity within the organization.

"During the time I've been a member, the WBC has evolved. There are many more women involved now and the under 40 group is very strong and active, so I want to focus on minority participation to ensure that our organization is inclusive of everyone," explained Barron.

3. Finally, Barron wants to increase participation in the WBC's ten committees. Working on a committee gives members the opportunity to build relationships they can maintain throughout their careers and offers the chance to hold leadership positions.

"Committees are a good way to get value from your membership," said Barron. "The relationships you form are valuable for performing your current job and growing your career."



# WBC Community Service Project

2015 Rebuilding Together Workday



Over 50 Washington Building Congress members and colleagues participated in the 27th annual Rebuilding Together National Workday on April 26, 2015. The project was headed up by House Captain Ken Ellis (Langan) and Co-Captain Chris Deraleau (HITT Contracting Inc.), along with the Community Services Committee and Chair Kent Fee (Lehman Smith McLeish). Thank you to all of the outstanding volunteers and supporters of this annual WBC community service project. The group went well beyond the original scope of work to accomplish this worthwhile mission.

Rebuilding Together, a non-profit organization devoted to rebuilding communities and preserving affordable housing, is the nation's leading nonprofit group working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize communities across the country. The organization has over 200 affiliates with thousands of volunteers who every year rehabilitate and improve the homes of low-income people at no cost. Recipients of Rebuilding Together services include the elderly, disabled, military veterans and families in need.

Community Services Committee Vice-Chair Ken Ellis was honored to serve as House Captain and organized an outstanding team of over 40 volunteers for the workday. Due to the large amount of work involved with the project, many tasks were started prior to and finished following the project workday.

Work on the house included bathroom upgrades, new kitchen flooring, electrical upgrades, drywall repair, painting, removal of unwanted structure, new gable vents, attic pest remediation, new door hardware, extensive yard cleanup and more!

Rebuilding Together is the leading national volunteer organization working in partnership with communities to rehabilitate owner-occupied low-income housing. Nationally, Rebuilding Together programs have rehabilitated over 125,000 homes and non-profit facilities by utilizing over 3 million volunteers. Rebuilding Together provides home repairs free of charge and gives priority to those low-income households with older adults, persons with disabilities, and families with children.

With the efforts of more than 62,000 community volunteers, Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church has repaired over 3,100 homes and non-profit facilities since becoming involved with the national program in 1988. This neighbor-helping-neighbor approach unites more than 2,000 skilled and unskilled volunteers from diverse backgrounds with low-income homeowners and non-profit organizations each year. Volunteers are able to make both major and minor repairs and renovations that result in life changing improvements for the homeowners and organizations served.

For more information on the Rebuilding Together program, please go to [wbcnet.org](http://wbcnet.org) and [rebuildingtogether.org](http://rebuildingtogether.org).



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### Boston Properties

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### McCoy Associates

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### Pierce Associates

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### R A Burghauser Inc

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The US Green Building Council has awarded LEED Gold designation to the **2 M Street project**, a 314-unit apartment building at 2 M Street, NE, Washington, DC, recently built by **WCS Construction, LLC**. The project has a range of sustainable features, including a green roof, a rainwater harvesting system, a rooftop solar array, Energy Star appliances, energy efficient lighting, and green label-certified paint and finishes. Located two blocks from the NoMa-Gallaudet Metro Station and three blocks from Union Station, 2M tenants have easy access to transit. Building residents can also take advantage of reserved bike parking and electric car charging stations.

In addition to eco-friendly features, 2M has top quality design, finishes and appliances, as well as a wide array of community spaces: a roof top pool with stunning DC views, outdoor grills, a large club room, a fitness center, an indoor basketball court, a theatre room, a junior club room, a business center, a

spacious landscaped courtyard, a private dog park, and a bicycle room. It is a mixed-income building that is part of the city's New Communities program: 30% of the units reserved for households with low and moderate incomes.

**Frost Miller (FM)** has been selected by **National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA)**, the association that represents the \$25 billion U.S. vending and refreshment service industry, to update its 80-year-old brand. NAMA serves more than 1,250 member companies—including many of the world's most recognized brands—and provides advocacy, education and research for its membership.

FM will work closely with the association's leadership to evaluate NAMA's current brand. It will conduct research to understand the industry's evolution and its future direction as well as interviews with members, staff and NAMA's Board to ascertain the perception of the current brand. It will also assess the brand's communications, messaging and

visual appearance. FM will then deliver recommended changes that will better position NAMA to satisfy the needs of the industry it represents today and into the future.

In addition to the rebranding project, FM, as part of the IMN Event Solutions network, will execute marketing campaigns for NAMA's trade shows, the **OneShow** and **Coffee, Tea & Water (CTW)**, which are premier events that offer an array of educational programs and networking opportunities.

Frost Miller recently refreshed **Polaris Partners'** online presence by designing and building its new website ([www.polaris.vc](http://www.polaris.vc)). Polaris is a venture capital firm that builds enduring partnerships with leading entrepreneurs shaping innovation across the technology and healthcare sectors. The new website offers the most current technical functionality including responsive design and the ability for the Polaris team to update the site quickly and easily without outside help. Most importantly,

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the site tells the Polaris story clearly and prominently on the home page. FM worked closely with Polaris to trim content and guide the internal team through the design and review process. It provided prototypes and early wire frames for review to reduce any time and cost associated with changes.

**SIGAL Construction Corporation** celebrated the grand opening of the new **Higher Education Center** at NVCC Loudoun Campus in September. Located in Sterling, Va., the new state-of-the-art facility will help the campus continue its expansion and transformation into a progressive education campus. The Higher Education Center is designed to engage the students academically, technologically and socially. The academic facility houses classrooms, labs, common areas, a multi-purpose room, and office space as well as a sound isolated recording studio with control room. Advanced telecommunications capabilities help to facilitate the connection between NVCC and its partner universities. Construction of the project included temporary, partial drainage of the pond for building footings, retaining walls, landscape and hardscape improvements. Building systems included an 80 well geothermal field and other energy conserving systems. The project is targeting LEED® Silver certification for the project.

The Joint Venture of **GCS-SIGAL** celebrated the topping out of the **John and Jill Ker Conway Residence** in September. The new building is helping to end veteran homelessness and provide low-income housing in the District. The topping out, a significant contractor milestone, was held in large part to thank all of the subcontractors for their hard work leading up to that point. The 87,000-square-foot, 14-story mixed-use building will consist of 12 floors of micro studio apartments over office and retail spaces on the ground level and community/office spaces on the second floor. Upon completion, the John and Jill Ker Conway Residence will offer a wide range of amenities including conference space, management offices, a lounge, fitness center, retail space, and social services. The project will follow Enterprise

Green Communities for New Construction. Expected project completion is spring 2016.

**Foulger Pratt**, developer of the mixed-use community **Park Potomac** in Rockville, Md., recently signed several retail and office leases. Smislova, Kehnemui and Associates, P.A., will be the lead tenant for Foulger Pratt's newest trophy office building at 12435 Park Potomac Avenue, and will lease the entire 3rd floor. Foulger-Pratt will relocate its corporate headquarters to

12435 Park Potomac Avenue, taking the entire 2nd floor, and Gringos & Marachi will be opening their second area restaurant in the same location. In addition, Kaufman Jewelers has signed a lease in the retail space under the Park Potomac Condominiums and is slated to open next month. Finally, Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, Montgomery County's oldest and largest law firm, has extended and expanded their lease at 12505 Park Potomac Ave. **B**



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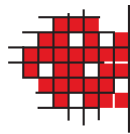
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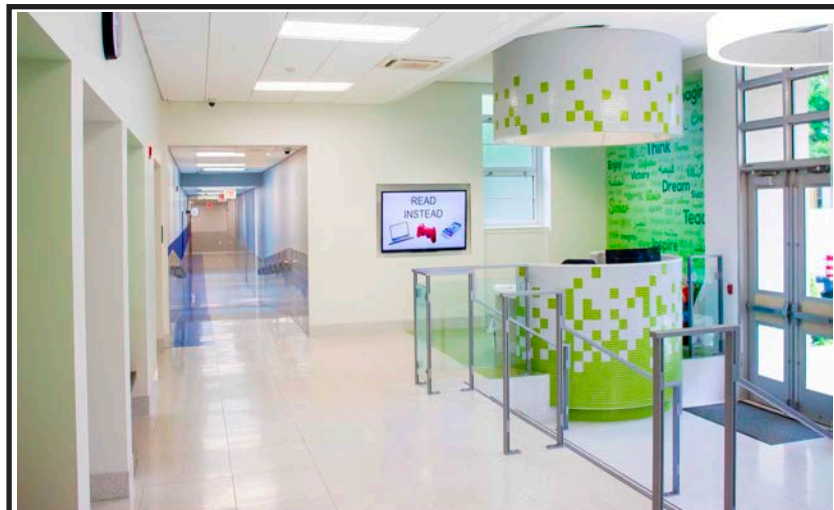
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- **November 21**, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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### December 2015

- **December 8**, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
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Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, MD
- **December 19**, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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- **January 13**, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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- **January 13**, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
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Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant  
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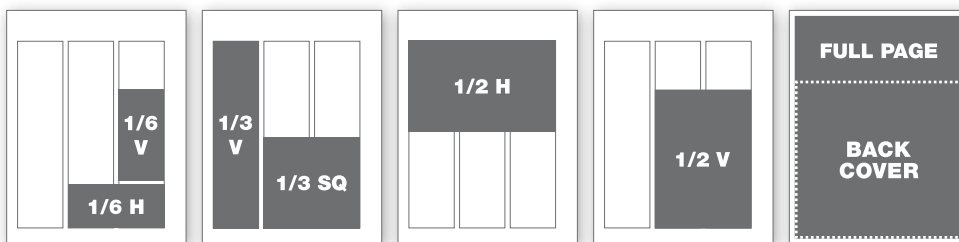
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