



# SPECWORK

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## "ACCESS FOR ALL"

**GUEST SPEAKER: Rusty Taylor, Taylor Sales**



<http://www.juanitas.com/map.html>

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2008**

**Location: Juanita's Party Room, Little Rock**

**Time: 11:30 am—1:00 p.m. (LUNCH)**

**Cost: \$20.00 Lunch and Presentation  
\$10.00 Presentation Only**

### Access for All

**Presented by Rusty Taylor, Taylor Sales**

This presentation will cover the four learning objectives: a review of the principles of accessibility and universal design; a review of the regulations governing accessibility in the toilet room; an understanding of the components of accessible toilet room design; and the knowledge of how restroom fixture and accessory selection can improve toilet accessibility for all users.

*Learning Units: 1 LU/HSW, 1 PDH, 1 CEH, 0.1 CEU*

Information Source: Rusty Taylor

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**Advance the process of  
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the built environment."**

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**RSVP B Y NOON ON Friday , August 8th**

## PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

MARK EDDDS, CSI, CDT

June 2008

### A GOOD YEAR....

Yes, FY08 was a good year.... A really good year for LRCSI. Even though there is always room for improvement, I think that FY08 went really well. My time has come to step down and let your next leader take over (please try to hold back your tears). On July 1, a new leader took office. This leader is a little "easier on the eyes" if you know what I mean. Kelly Phillips is a veteran at this...and she will once again do a great job! But remember – she needs your help!



Reflecting back on FY08, a year that I assigned a motto of "Recruit, Retain, and Re-energize," we had an interesting year of fun events and good educational meetings. And best of all, the Chapter operated in the black all year long. We have done a great job in staying well within our budget. From a very successful golf tournament in September to a nice dinner cruise on the Arkansas River to a holiday lunch meeting at an Irish Pub, my hopes are that FY08 was a year that LRCSI members will not forget. One of our members was elevated to Fellow (Ms. Michelle Christen, FCSI, CCA), and for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row, LRCSI was awarded the Outstanding Chapter Commendation by Institute. Not to mention our brand new newsletter with valuable, timely information – thanks to our Editor, Cynthia Toney, CSI, CDT. And a brand new website, [www.csiLittleRock.org](http://www.csiLittleRock.org), which I am maintaining myself. And Cynthia received a Gulf States Region Award – "Rookie Editor of the Year." Congratulations, Cynthia, and on behalf of LRCSI, thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

We had a really good Chapter meeting on May 13 at Juanita's Party Room. Besides the great food and drinks, we had a presentation on "Life-Saving Design" from Jeffrey Arnim with Johnsonite. And another great Awards Banquet has come and gone. The food at Bene Vita was great, as well as the entertainment on the wall behind the podium (you had to be there)! Congratulations to all Awards recipients as each of you are so deserving of the recognition.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Chapter President. But you're not completely getting rid of me! I plan to continue contributing to LRCSI where I can. See you at future meetings!

Mark T. Edds, CSI, CDT, CGA, CGP  
LRCSI Past President



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**KELLY PHILLIPS, CSI, CDT**

July 2008

President's Message

Another exceptional awards banquet was held this past June. Please extend a thank you to our Awards chair, Billy Mathis when you see him. He works very hard, and has for years, to prepare and promote our hard working members.



I look forward to a very FUN-filled year. Lori Hagen is putting together very informative and interesting programs this year. We are also looking forward to many lunch meetings this year, hoping to help with everybody's schedules. Please be sure to check your newsletters to be sure of meeting times and locations.

Please try to attend Leadership Conference in Memphis the first weekend in August. Our chapter helps with expenses, so as to help encourage our chapter leaders to attend and find out just what is expected when asked to serve. It is nice to get together with old friends throughout the year by attending Leadership, Region and National meetings.

Kelly Phillips, CSI  
 LRCSI Chapter President



RE-PRINT NEWS RELEASE—MAY 20, 2008

**CSI Launches BIM Groups Committee to guide CSI's initiatives to Support Building Information Modeling**

**Alexandria, Va. (May 20, 2008)** – The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) announced today that it has formed a Building Information Modeling (BIM) Committee. The new group will guide initiatives within CSI to advance the use of BIM in the planning, design, construction and operation of the built environment.

"CSI has an important role to fulfill in the implementation of BIM by developing knowledge classification systems, formats, standards, practice guidelines and education to support collaborative practice," said CSI Executive Director and CEO Walter Marlowe. "This group will be essential to creating the support structures that the industry needs to fully implement BIM."

One of the first actions of the new Committee is the formation of a BIM Practice Group to gather together practitioners inside and outside of CSI that are dealing with the information management aspects of BIM implementation. To respond to the industry's need for BIM information structures, practice support, education and infrastructure, CSI is developing a building information management roadmap to identify requirements and define programs the Institute will be pursuing to meet industry needs.

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**Technical—Topic Submitted by Karl Hanson, CSI, CCS, CCA****REPRINT—NEWS RELEASE**

DATED APRIL 7, 2008

**New Certifications Test Fire Equipment Technicians**

The International Code Council and the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED) are joining forces to develop new certifications for fire equipment technicians. The Code Council/NAFED Technician Certification Program combines the organizations' technical and exam preparation expertise to meet industry standards for testing programs. When complete, the groups will offer Fire Extinguisher Technician certification and Pre-Engineered Fire Extinguishing Systems Technician certification.

"The new certifications provide an added level of safety for the public," said International Code Council CEO Rick Weiland. "Earning certification also reflects the professionalism and commitment of Fire Extinguisher Technicians."

To be sure that fire extinguishers serve the functions intended by the International Codes, it is necessary that they be maintained by qualified individuals. The new exams and joint certifications will be available July 1. All individuals currently certified by NAFED will receive new certificates with the Code Council and NAFED endorsement.

"Professionalism is an important part of NAFED," said NAFED's Executive Director—Technical, Norb Makowka. "Working with the Code Council's certification programs maintains that professionalism at the highest levels."

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

NAFED was established in 1963 with the mission of continuously improving the economic environment, business performance and technical competence in the fire protection industry.

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<http://www.iccsafe.org/news/nr/2008/0407NAFED.html>

## Gulf States Region Conference in Pensacola, Florida May 2008

The Gulf States Region Conference was held in May and several of our members attended the conference. We were asked to prepare a report for the newsletter, so we might share our Pensacola experience with the members-at-large.

### Pensacola Region Awards Banquet

**Member Report**  
By Michelle Christen *FCSI, CCA*

#### GSR Conference – Awards

The Gulf States Region celebrated the Annual Awards Banquet on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pensacola. Prefacing the affair was a viewing of the Region Competition Awards as hosted and Chaired by Dudley Flotte. To no one's surprise the demonstration was well presented with astonishing representation of specifications and graphic representations. Immediately following, Region President Corkern and Vice President West began the Awards banquet with an invocation and announcements as the meal was served. Notable to the Little Rock Chapter, our very own Cynthia Toney was presented Rookie Editor of the Year for a Continuing Publication. As outgoing Past President of the region, I was surprised to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for my service, in addition to the announcement that I would be bestowed Fellowship in Las Vegas on June 6, 2008. Alas, the Little Rock Chapter this year did not receive a membership award; however, I predict with a bit of effort the coming year, we could achieve this type of recognition in Mobile next spring. The evening ended on a high note with the Robert B. Bishop award presentation to Floyd Sterling of the Shreveport Chapter. Highly deserving for his leadership and participation within CSI and the Gulf States Region, I commend Floyd for all his volunteer efforts!

### Business in Pensacola

**Member Report**  
By Kelly Phillips, *csi,*

#### Business in Pensacola

The latest award for the Gulf States Region is the Gene Wetzel Award in memory of our good friend. A member of the New Orleans Chapter, Gene was also an integral part of our region. This is why discussion was held to award a member of the region with five years membership with communication skills used in promoting CSI. This award may or may not be given, depending on qualifications of candidates. The award will be awarded to any individual only once. Final regulations were announced in Las Vegas at Region Caucus. The recipient will receive a writing pen, plaque and lapel pin.

Our newest director, Robert Swan, was introduced by current directors, Kevin Corkern and Keith West. He will begin serving at the end of June when Kevin Corkern completes his term. Our new regional treasurer will be from the Chattanooga Chapter. Jimmy Lail has served as treasurer very well for the past two years. There are many opportunities to serve on the Region level in vice chair positions. If you would be interested in one of these positions, please advise your chapter president.

It was announced that Michelle (Beard) Christen will be receiving her CSI Fellowship in Las Vegas at convention.

**Speaker: John Appleyard**  
**The History of Pensacola**

**Member Report**  
**By Mark Edds, CSI, CDT, CGP**



John Appleyard

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[http://www.pensapedia.com/wiki/John\\_Appleyard](http://www.pensapedia.com/wiki/John_Appleyard)

**History of Pensacola**

**Speaker: John Appleyard**

A very interesting seminar was given at the GSR Conference on the History of Pensacola. The speaker, John Appleyard, is an avid historian and has written dozens of books about Pensacola's past. Many of his works are fictional dramatizations of historical individuals and events. During his seminar, he walked through the history of Pensacola. He mentioned that on Jan. 1, 2009, Pensacola would celebrate its "450<sup>th</sup> birthday" and that it was the oldest city in America (St. Augustine being the oldest *continuous* city). Mr. Appleyard spoke of the settlement of Pensacola by Spaniards and the prosperity that Pensacola experienced over the following years. He talked about the buildings and architecture over the history of Pensacola including buildings still in use today.

Overall, this was a unique and interesting seminar that gave the attendees a different perspective of Pensacola, Florida.

**Speaker: Darius Grimes**

**Legislative Changes and Effects of the Wind Mitigation Movement**

**Member Report**  
**By Cindy Toney, CSI, CDT**

**Legislative Changes and Effects of the Wind Mitigation Movement**

**Speaker: Darius Grimes**

Darius Grimes gave an interesting and informative presentation on the issues that have affected coastal Florida. The presentation on wind mitigation was very informative, and, even though it addressed issues specific to residential coastal Florida, many of the concerns are the same in other coastal regions of the country. Grimes reminded us that codes are minimum standards, and at the very least, we must meet and should exceed those standards, even though for many years, houses were built with no codes.

Grimes said that Florida has lost over a billion dollars per year due to hurricane damage. Houses, for the most part, did well regarding structural against wind, but the biggest problem after that, was water damage... which led to mold. Mold infiltration resulted in people having to vacate their homes, and the cost has been tremendous.

According to Grimes, Florida has initiated, and the senate approved, the "My Safe Florida" or "FLA HB7057 Citizens Act," in which money has been appropriated for wind loss mitigation studies. In July of 2007, the Florida Legislature adopted the requirements to increase the standards for existing and new residential construction. He also said there is a study to determine mitigation recommendations in commercial construction.

Grimes said that other coastal states, including South Carolina and Louisiana have adopted similar plans. He said, Louisiana "has the best program so far, with Act 462, which took effect on July 1, 2007."

Coastal damage directly affects some of us and indirectly affects all of us, so we will continue to stay informed and enlightened, by the hurricane lessons of our coastal states. Thank you Mr. Grimes, for a very interesting presentation.

# GULF STATES REGION CONFERENCE PENSACOLA, FLA



**Top Left:** Cindy Toney receiving "Rookie of the Year" Award for the Little Rock Chapter Newsletter;

**Top Center:** Michelle Beard Christen receiving Certificate of Appreciation for Immediate Gulf States Region Past President.

**Top Right:** Rob Huserik, Leadership Meeting Chair, inviting us to the CSI Leadership Conference in August.

**Immediate Right:** Gulf States Region Directors: President Kevin Corkern, Incoming Director Robert Swan, and Vice-President Keith West.



**Left to Right**

- Mark Edds, Past President
- Cindy Toney, Newsletter Editor and President-Elect
- Kelly Phillips, President
- Doyle Phillips, Board Advisor





**Top Left:** Members of various chapters—Jammin' at the Luau  
**2nd Row Left:** Pensacola Beach  
**2nd Row Right:** Mike and Cindy Toney  
**3rd Row Left:** Alan Barnhardt, Mark, Jackson, and Shannon Edds  
**Bottom Left:** Speaker Grimes  
**Bottom Right:** Doyle Phillips, Edith and Clarence Washington



# CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

## LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER



# GOLF TOURNAMENT

# '08

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual

**The Country Club of Arkansas  
Maumelle, AR**

**Friday, September 5, 2008  
Shotgun start at 12:30 PM**

**Good Times, Fun,  
and Fellowship**

18-hole 4-person SCRAMBLE  
Lunch/Registration: 11:30 AM

### Entry Fee:

\$300 per 4-man team  
Or \$75 per person  
*(Payable to CSI Little Rock Chapter)*

Includes lunch, free range balls,  
green fees, cart, and 2 drink tickets

Mulligans: \$5 each (2 max per player)  
Lunch only: \$15

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 22, 2008

### Needed:

- Sponsors
- Volunteers
- Door Prizes
- Goody bag items



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Prizes*

*Door Prizes*

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## A Message From Our Industry Director—Gulf States Region

M. Keith West, CSI, CDT



### Region Update

Greetings to all. Hope all finds each of you well these days. In the times that I have slowed down long enough to touch base with some of our Region members, it seems that we are all just about in the same boat right now. Not enough hours in the day, days in the week, or weeks in the month to get caught up with work. And throw into that mix, those personal responsibilities that we all have in the form of family, outside organizations, schools, etc...

Cindy tells me that this is for the August issue of the Little Rock newsletter, so I certainly hope that it comes out prior to the end of the month. We have an upcoming Region Leadership Meeting in Memphis August 1 & 2. The Memphis chapter and its committee have put in long and hard hours preparing for this meeting with the full hopes and expectations of it being a fun filled time for all. But of course, the main purpose of the meeting is to allow the Region

committees to present programs that will assist your chapter committees do a better, and hopefully, easier job for your chapter. We are also holding chapter leader training sessions for President, Treasurer, Secretary, and general officer training for the attendees. Once again, done with the hope of making everyone's job a little easier. So come on and join us. I know that some of your chapter leaders are already registered, but come join them for the education, but also for the FUN. We operate under the premise, that we are very serious about the business end of CSI, but we are equally serious about having a good time doing it. So come on and join us.

Now if this issue does in fact come out after the fact pertaining to the meeting: We missed you. But don't be too bad on yourself. With all of the planning that we do, you will have the same opportunity next August to join us for this Leadership Meeting, without having to do too much traveling. Your own Little Rock chapter is hosting this event next year. Billy Mathis already has the ball rolling, so touch base with him and see what you can do to assist him and his committee. No better way to be involved than in the planning, and then enjoying the fruits of your efforts (in the form of having a good time) next August.

Now back to the current upcoming meeting. Kevin Corkern and his governance implementation task team will be providing information on the proposed changes in the Region Governing functions. With the Institute governance changes being put into place, we must now do similar changes to our region operations to fall in line with the way that Institute functions. Your own Michelle Beard (I know, Christian, old habits are hard to break since I have known her a lot longer as Beard rather than Christian), Phil McDade, and Floyd Sterling make up the remaining task team. After the meeting presentation, they will be providing a rough draft of the proposed changes for discussion by all region members. After reviewing and editing, the final draft will be presented to the Region Board of Directors at the Gulf States Region Conference for adoption in April 2009 in Mobile, Alabama. So stay on the lookout for the rough draft and offer your thoughts and comments. The task team will appreciate your input.

I look forward to visiting your chapter in the near future. I did not have the opportunity this last fiscal year, but I look forward to visiting my old friends in Little Rock, and with the full expectations of making some new ones while visiting. IN the meantime, get involved with your outstanding chapter. The only way that you benefit from being a member of both CSI and the Little Rock chapter, is to put forth an effort and get involved. I promise the rewards that you receive by being active will far exceed your time and efforts. Let me know if I can do anything to assist any of you.

M. Keith West, CSI, CCPR (just plain old Keith will do just fine)  
Industry Director, Gulf States Region.

## Construct2008

By Kelly Phillips, CSI

The product show in Las Vegas was one of the best in years. Most vendors I spoke with praised the quality of visitors to their booths. With changes in today's market, it is very important to actually "see" the products available today. Visiting the internet and reading about various products and their use can be informative but actually being able to see them in person is definitely a plus.

Our vendors for these shows put in a lot of time and money. We should all appreciate their time and effort sharing their products with us. Please make every effort to attend and express appreciation for any products show you are able to attend.

### CSI Gala 2008 at Construct 2008



Michelle Beard Christen receives Fellowship Award



## Congratulations to our Newly Certified in 2008

By Doyle Phillips, CCCA, CPE, CPC

Congratulations are in order for candidates who sat for the CSI exams this past April. 2008 was a year for new changes in the testing arena. The Construction Document Technology (CDT) exam went to an electronic format this year. It seems to have been received well by all as a rule. The best thing about this, was the ability to have instant feedback as to how the candidates performed. We had a fairly successful year with seven (7) candidates passing. Please offer your congratulations to the following new CDT's if you meet them:

Eliot Adams, CDT

Ron Brunner, CSI, CDT

James Browning, CDT

Adam Hargis, CSI, CDT

Nicole Sanders, CDT

Scott Stricker, CSI, CDT

Ryan Smith, CDT

The advanced certification exams were still in paper format this year. The hope is that these exams will be electronic in the very near future, possibly as soon as two years. The following people were successful in passing their Certified Construction Contract Administrator exam this year:

Jeffrey Bennings, CCCA

Jerry Holland, CCCA

Michelle Christen, CCCA

I want to thank everyone for their time and commitment to the certification process this year. Because of all of you, the Little Rock Chapter continues to be a leader in the field of certification.

Doyle Phillips, CCCA, CPE, CPC

Little Rock Chapter Certification Chair FY2009

### Little Rock Chapter CSI

#### Summary of Minutes from the May 7, 2008 Board Meeting

**Awards:** Cindy Toney was the surprised recipient of the Gulf States Region Rookie Editor of the Year.

**Certification:** 50% pass rate for the CDT exam. No results on the others.

**Fundraising:** Sally plans to mail out the Golf Tournament flyers in early June.

**Media Promotion:** Mark has several items which he plans to publicize.

**Membership:** There was discussion of changing the Membership meeting to August, to accommodate a night at the Travelers. No definite plans were made.

**Programs:** Bradley will tentatively have a program for August.

**Tabletops:** We need a Tabletop Chair-person.

Photos Previous Page: Top Left: Michelle Christen receiving Fellowship Award. Top Row Middle: Betty Hays. Top Row Right: Jerry Sanders. Middle Row Left: Michael and Patti Sanders. Middle Row Right: Recipients of 2008 Fellowship Awards. Bottom Row Left: Michelle and Todd Christen. Bottom Row Middle: Kelly and Doyle Phillips. Bottom Row Right: Michael and Jan Sanders.

**MEMBERSHIP IN LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER CSI**



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**Happy Anniversary  
 Renewal Reminders**  
 (for those who have not already renewed)  
**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR  
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