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Message from the President

Happy New Year everyone. As we close the door on 2009, I hope it was a good one and you are all anticipating an even better 2010.

With regards to the AWI Chicago Chapter, we had a very good year. As the new board finished its first year of their term, we are all proud of some of the accomplishments achieved:

- Awarded "Distinguished Chapter" by AWI National
- First Place in "Best Annual Report" category
- Grew the membership with both manufacturers and suppliers
- Have 3 chapter members on the AWI National Speaker Bureau

We also feel we offered very informative and well attended programs throughout 2009:

- Hafele Open House
- Quality Certification Program presentation (joint meeting with the Wisconsin chapter)
- The newly released Architectural Woodwork Standards (almost 200 in attendance!)
- Wood Veneer as Design Elements
- Golf outing (sold out again)

As we look to 2010, we will continue to attempt provide educational and enjoyable programs which will enable you to not only learn, but network with other leaders in this industry. It will be a good cross section of presentations which will appeal to business owners, shop employees, suppliers and architects. As challenging as the times may have become, it becomes more apparent that we all must continue learn and gain advantages where we can. With the AWI Chicago Chapter, we hope to provide that. A listing and description of these programs are now listed within the Detailer.

Another addition to the Detailer in 2010 is that we will be profiling a different person and/or AWI company in each issue. We begin with the 2009 "AWI National Presidents Award for Distinguished Service" winner, Margaret Fisher. If you don't know her, you should!

As we continue to email this "Chicago Chapter Detailer" quarterly, please feel free to give us ideas, and let us know if there is anyone else in your organization that would benefit from receiving it.

Good luck in the coming months and I hope to see you soon!

Paul Kelly
AWI Chicago Chapter President

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Homer Lathrop Passes Away **1943 - 2010**

Services for Homer R. Lathrop, III, 66, of Fox River Grove, were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 23, at Davenport Family Funeral Home.

Former AWI Chicago Chapter President (September 2008 - February 2009) Homer R. Lathrop, III (66) passed away peacefully on January 12, 2010 at his home in Fox River Grove, IL. He had previously served as chapter vice president from 2007-2008. Mr. Lathrop was employed with Cain Millwork Rochelle, IL. He served with honor as a U.S. military veteran. Survivors include his wife, Sandra L. Lathrop, three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, Attn: Donor Services, 7020 AC Skinner Parkway, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256-6938.

Homer's enthusiasm for life, his positive attitude throughout hardship and his leadership capabilities will be sorely missed throughout the AWI and woodworking community. He was a great mentor, leader and friend!

Upcoming Chicago Chapter Events

- **March 11th:**
LEED Projects and Architectural Woodwork Presented by Margaret Fisher (See Margaret's Bio). The event will be held at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst Illinois. The official invite and registration form will be issued in mid February.
- **May 12th:**
The Latest in Wood Finishing presented by Joe Binder of Chicagoland Finishing Materials: This event will be held at the Hafele Showroom in Chicago and will be a mix of AWI Chicago Chapter Members as well as professionals from the architecture and design communities.
- **June 10th:**
AWI Chicago Chapter Golf Outing. This event will be hosted by St. Andrews Golf & Country Club in West Chicago, IL.
- **September 15th:**
Supplier Member Table Top Tradeshow held at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst Illinois.

Homer Lathrop



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Margaret Fisher

LEED Projects and Architectural Woodwork Presenter

Recently inducted as an AWI Honorary Lifetime Member, Margaret Fisher has been involved in the custom woodwork industry for nearly three decades. She has served as President and Vice President of the Wisconsin Chapter and served on the AWI National Board of Directors. A past recipient of the Claude Twillenmeier award, she has also served on the Education Planning Committees and Speakers Bureau.

Since 1998, thousands of design professionals have attended her educational programs on Quality Standards, Cores, Veneering, Using Wood in a LEED® project and Forest Sustainability. In the past 3 years, most AWI Chapters and several other trade organizations have had Margaret coach their members on Wood + LEED®. Margaret Fisher is the Director of Market Development at Lange Brothers Woodwork, Inc.

Veneer Seminar Recap

November "Wood Veneer Seminar"

The AWI board would like to thank Greg Bednar - AWI National, Sherri Kaye - Hafele America, and Kevin Forrester - Great Lakes Wood Products for their fine efforts in presenting the November 2009 "Using Wood Veneer as a Design Element for Fine Paneling" at the Chicago Hafele showroom.

We were pleased to have a total of 77 attendees including architects, Design Professionals (receiving AIA credits) and AWI members. The program was very well received and as usual the folks at Hafele America were outstanding hosts.

We look forward to bringing you many more educational seminars in 2010 and the future.

Edgebander Seminar Recap

On January 13th, 2010 the AWI Chicago Chapter's Edgebander Seminar was held in West Chicago, IL. Over 17 member companies (More than 34 people) attended the event.

The seminar was designed to be an interactive session between the presenters and the attendees. The format worked well, and the seminar was of great value to all that attended.

Feedback from the companies that attended was that it was time well spent.

Margaret Fisher



We would like to thank the presenters at the Edgebander Seminar. They did an excellent job, and we appreciate them taking the time to share their knowledge with us.

Ed Moran

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If others from your company would benefit from receiving the AWI Chicago Chapter Detailer and other related material, please send us an email with their name and email address: mark@exactautomation.com