

SPECIGRAM

Official Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)

TOUR GLEN-GERY'S PITTSBURGH BRICK PLANT

MONDAY, MAY 13th, 2024

12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM

Join CSI Pittsburgh Chapter on a tour of a working brick plant. Glen-Gery Brick, part of Brickworks, will give CSI members a guided tour through their facility in Cheswick (Harmar), PA. This plant produces face brick and pavers using the extrusion method. Find out how brick are made from the mining of the clay to its grinding, forming and the most important step, the firing in long kilns.

The last time our chapter took this tour years ago, most attendees couldn't stop talking about how much they learned. To understand how a product performs, it is important to know how the product is made. Great for younger professionals.

Thanks to John Bliss of R.I. Lampus for setting up this tour.

LOCATION:

26 Rich Hill Rd.
Cheswick, PA 15024

Lunch: 12:00 Noon at Glen-Gery Brick

Box lunches and drinks will be provided to attendees before the tour.

Please note if you have any dietary restrictions.

Tour: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

REGISTRATION: <https://app.memberplanet.com/#/event/csi-pittsburghchapter/glengerybrickplanttour>

Member (CSI or AIA): \$10; Non-member: \$20; AIA YAF member: \$5

We are using a new registration system that will hopefully be easier called MemberPlanet. Payment in advance is requested on the MemberPlanet site (additional processing charge). You may pay by check or cash at the door.

Proper personal protective equipment is necessary so bring your hard hat if you have one. Glen Gery only has some limited hard hats. Closed toe shoes and pants are required. This is a walking tour over uneven surfaces.

Questions: E-mail Brian Trimble at btrimble@imiweb.org or call 703-300-0109.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 17th, 2024 -- AIA PITTSBURGH

Build Pittsburgh continuing education conference and expo.

Pittsburgh Carpenters Training Center, Parkway West.

<https://aiapgh.org/events/build-pittsburgh/>

MAY 23rd, 2024 -- CSI PITTSBURGH

Golf Outing

Totteridge Golf Club, Greensburg, PA

https://www.csipittsburgh.org/docs/CSI_Golf_Outing_2024.jpg

JUNE 5th-8th, 2024 -- AIA NATIONAL

Conference on Architecture & Design

Washington, D.C.

https://conferenceonarchitecture.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=aia24-search-convert&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlalQobChMI34vmv93shAMVIGI HAR2ffwd4EAAYASAAEgl9zPD BwE

JUNE 11th, 2024 -- CSI PITTSBURGH

Top Golf event and Chapter awards

Top Golf, Bridgeville, PA

<https://topgolf.com/us/pittsburgh/>

JULY 9th, 2024 -- CSI PITTSBURGH

Summer Board Meeting

Location TBD

<https://www.csipittsburgh.org/>

OCTOBER 16th-18th, 2024 -- CSI NATIONAL

National Conference

Houston, TX

<https://www.csinationalconference.org/home>

If you are interested in attending the 2024 CSI National Conference, use this link to sign up to receive the latest updates and news:

<https://constsi.realmagnet.land/national-conference-early-access>

May Anniversaries

11th Brad Bridges R.J. Bridges Corp.

Current Membership: 72

Watch for CSI Middle Atlantic Region's CDT Study Preparation Course Fall of 2024

By being able to understand and interpret written construction documents, Construction Document Technologists (CDTs) perform their jobs more effectively. By understanding the roles and relationships of all participants, CDTs improve communication among all members of the construction team.

Getting your CDT means

- Adding "CDT" after your name, to your business card and to your resume
- Understanding how a project unfolds from conception to delivery
- Gain in-depth knowledge of the documentation involved

The course covers the following subject material:

- The construction process
- Construction contract types
- Modifications and substitution procedures
- Contractual relationships
- Rights, duties, and responsibilities
- Contract provisions
- Relationship and organization of construction documents
- Use of construction documents
- Organizational formats
- Interpreting construction documents

CSI Pittsburgh Chapter FY 2025 Board elections

An email linking to the on-line voting site has been sent out to all Chapter members.

Year in parentheses shows end of term

President (1-year term)	Brian Trimble, International Masonry Institute (25)
1st Vice President (1-year term)	Dan Barra, DSS Tri-state ASSA ABLOY (25)
2nd Vice President (1-year term)	Jason Henze, Overhead Door Co. of Greater Pgh (25)
Secretary (2-year term)	Susan Henshaw, The Bekon Group (26)

Board Members (3-year terms):

Courtney Watson, GCP (26) [to fill Jason Henze's vacant director position]
Joel Stilwell, Sherwin Williams (27)
Miki Vargo, LGA Partners (27)

Continuing in their positions:

Treasurer:

Marty Thornton, AE Works Ltd. (25)

Board Members:

Sam Roberts, Garland Industries (25)
Carly Helbing, Gunton Corp. (25)
open (25)
Kate Schuster, VO George Group (26)

Advisors:

Bob Bailey, IKM (26)
Kelly Brown, RM Creative (28)
Matt Lander, AVT, Inc. (30)

2024 CSI GOLF OUTING

WHERE:

TOTTERIDGE GOLF CLUB

2029 Totteridge Dr,
Greensburg, PA 15601

WHEN:

THURSDAY

MAY 23RD 8:30

Shotgun Start
at 9:00 am
Registration
starts at 8AM



COST: \$500 A FOURSOME, \$125 FOR A SINGLE

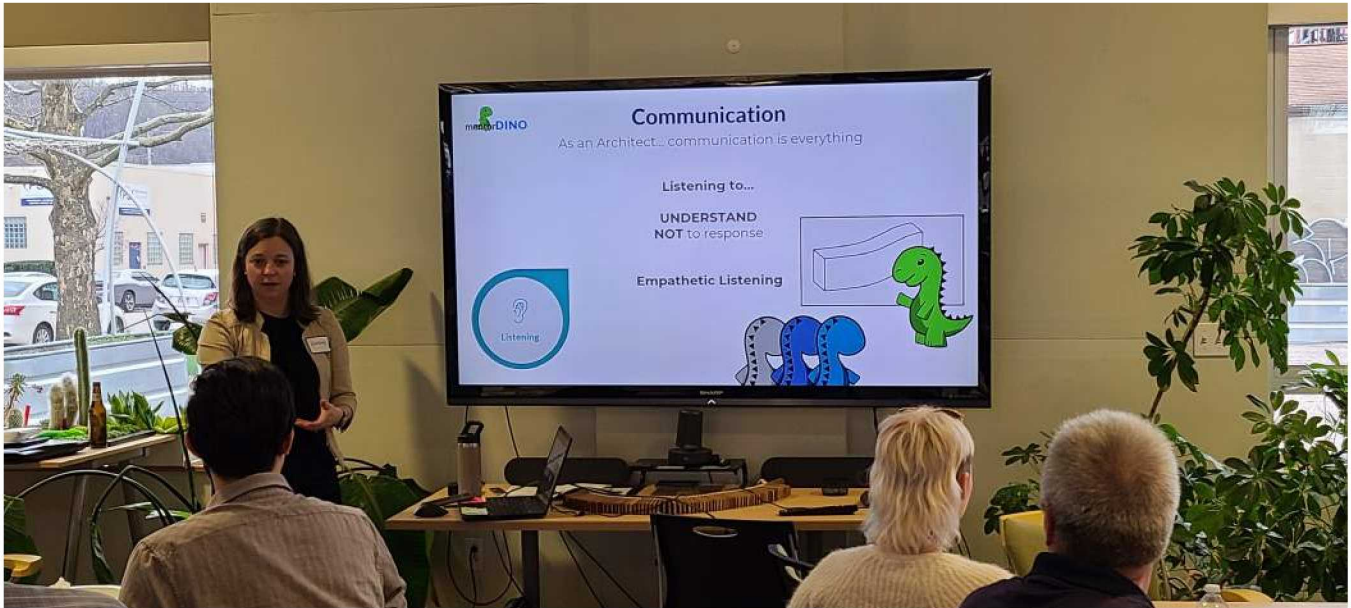
Includes: Skill Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, Mulligans \$5
Each max 2 per player. (No mulligans on putts from the green.
Fringe ok.)

HOLE SPONSOR: \$50.00: Sponsorship recognition at dinner.
Door Prizes donations accepted!

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LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Katelyn Rossier led the workshop "Communication Challenges in the AEC Industry" at the offices of RDC.



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