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BUILDING SCENE'S NAMES & PLACES

Kurzawa to IES board

Richard B. Kurzawa of Ellis/Naeyert/Genheimer Associates, Troy, has been elected vice president of the state section of the Illuminating Engineering Society.

Kurzawa is a member of his company's senior staff consulting group and a company board of director.

Architecture lecture

George Papageorge, a principal in the Chicago firm of Papageorge & Haymes Ltd., who has designed contemporary houses along Lake Michigan as well as traditional renovations to commercial buildings in the Windy City, will be the guest lecturer at today's ArchiLECTURE sponsored by Lawrence Technological University and American Institute of Architects-Detroit. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Architecture and Design Auditorium. Attendees are advised to arrive when the doors open at 7 p.m. to get a seat. LTU is at 10 Mile and Evergreen, Southfield.

Design-build: pro or con?

A panel of professionals will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the design-build delivery system at a luncheon sponsored by the ESD Construction Activities Committee beginning at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Rackham Memorial Building.

Reservations are \$22 for members, \$25 for non-members.

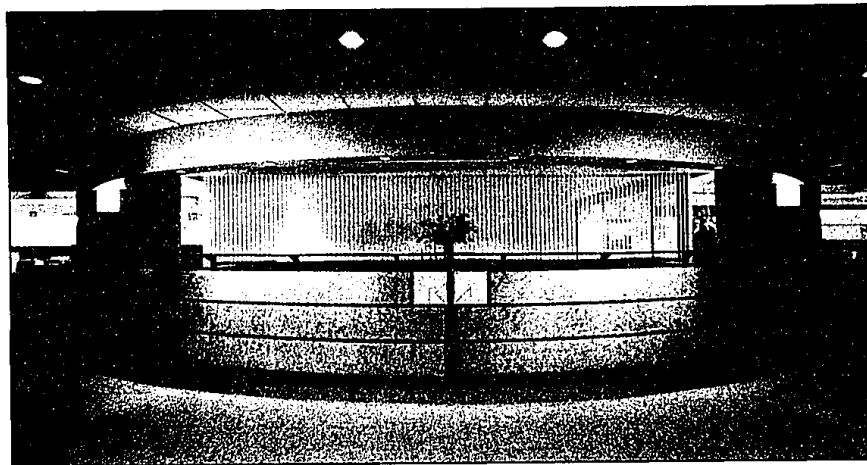
Networking the network

Sam Kreis of Norwest Mortgage, Farmington Hills, will discuss the benefits of networking before the Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Managers Council Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 1500 Town Center, Southfield. For reservations, call 737-4477.

20 ways to make the sale

Improving sales strategies for "revival" selling and understanding today's buyer are topics of a seminar to be held 8:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, sponsored by the Sales and Marketing Council of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Motivational speaker Nikki Joy will outline 20 tips to make more money selling houses. Registration is \$25 for BASM members and \$45 for non-members. The meeting will be at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Southfield. Call 737-4477.



Home, sweet home: Rossetti Associates designed its Birmingham offices in 1991. The company beat out close to a dozen firms for the Architecture Firm Award given by the American Institute of Architects.

Rossetti brings home architects' gold

■ The ballots have been counted, and a jury of architects has singled out a Birmingham firm for honors because of its accomplishments over the last 10 years.

Rossetti Associates Architects of Birmingham was honored last week by the American Institute of Architects at the first Design and Construction Expo 92.

The AIA presented its prestigious Architecture Firm Award Friday at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. A celebration of design talent within the profession, the festivities closed out the first expo where AIA Michigan, the American Society of Interior Designers and other related groups join together as design professionals representing the built environment.

"It's a great honor for us," said Matthew Rossetti, firm associate and son of company founder Louis (Gino) Rossetti. Matthew's grandfather, the

late Louis Rossetti, was also a respected architect and member of the firm.

"It's an honor being in line with last year's winner, (Detroit based) Bill Keasler, who is an excellent architect."

About a dozen firms were in the running for the award, an AIA spokeswoman said. Last year was the first time it was presented. A committee focused evaluation on the quality of the firm's architecture, which must be considered consistently distinguished for a period of at least 10 years.

From a modest beginning of five professionals, Rossetti Associates currently employs a staff of 80 with

offices in Birmingham and Los Angeles. The firm is recognized internationally for innovative architecture, with over 500 projects during its 23-year history.

"One of the directions we're pursuing because the economy favors it is sports architecture," Rossetti said. One of its major projects locally is the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The firm is now in the process of building a sports arena for a National Hockey League team in Ottawa, Ontario, as well as a new home for the junior A division Windsor Spitfires hockey club across the Detroit River.

Also on the boards is a national tennis center in Flushing Meadows, New York. Due for completion in 1994, it will host the largest tennis events in the world.

Rossetti Associates was selected as architect of record for the \$1 billion

Detroit Metro Airport and Northwest Airlines World Travel Center.

Significant award winning projects have included the Bendix Corp. headquarters in Southfield, a major renovation/addition to Bon Secours Hospital in Grrosse Pointe, an office/computer facility in Pennsylvania for EDS and the Palace in Auburn Hills.

Actively involved at the local, state and national levels with AIA, university, civic and community committees since its inception, Rossetti Associates has offered its support to encourage high standards of design and practice.

Representing over 1,800 members, AIA Michigan is a professional organization dedicated to advancing the architectural profession and providing service and education to practicing architects.

Local architects named tops in field

Leo G. Shea received the 1992 President's Award from the American Institute of Architects Michigan at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn last week.

Shea, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, recently joined Kughn Enterprises in Southfield as vice president of operations.

The award is granted by a jury of Michigan architects practicing in educational and corporate environments. It recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of the built environment. Recipients have demonstrated dedication to the ideals of AIA Michigan, made significant contributions to the profession and offered service to the community.

Shea has been active in AIA Detroit, serving the chapter

as president during 1991 and director in 1986. On the national level, he has lectured extensively on practice topics. He served AIA National on the documents board for six years, two of them as chairman.

In 1985 Shea received AIA Detroit's prestigious Gold Medal — in recognition of exceptional contributions to the AIA, outstanding achievement in areas of professional endeavor and service to the community.

A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the University of Chicago, Shea has served on the boards of several community organizations, including the Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Association.

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