How quickly this year has flown by, as we are now coming up on December which is my favorite month of the year! The cultural change that is affected by the holiday season is something I enjoy each and every year. I hope we can all take some time to step back from our busy schedules, even just for a moment, to appreciate the positive aspects of our lives.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Golf Tournament on November 5, we had a very successful event! Thankfully the rain subsided shortly before we teed off, and although it was wet out there we still had a great time. Still hard to believe that a 48 was the winning score, our team thought we had a chance with a 52 but that was only good enough for 4th place! We will be providing donations to both Feedmore and Hanover Habitat for Humanity from the proceeds of the golf tournament.

As we approach the halfway point in the fiscal year of operations, the Board of Directors continues to stay busy behind the scenes with growing and strengthening our chapter. From finances to membership to sponsorship to hospitality to social media, we are going full steam ahead into 2019 with an ambition to continue the success of our chapter. Please don’t hesitate to provide feedback (positive or constructive) to any of the board members regarding things you would like to see happen in the chapter. We are here to serve you!

I am looking forward to our Holiday Social at Luck Stone this year, which will be on Tuesday 12/11 at 5:30pm. This is always a great event to enjoy a more relaxed time together, maybe getting to know significant others and family members. Also, please be sure to take advantage of the Prepaid option for the monthly meetings in 2019. Certified Professional Members pay $125 for all 2019 meetings, and Noncertified Professional and Associate Members pay $200 for all 2019 meetings. Check out the website for further details!
Some interesting items (and BIG numbers) over in the Philanthropy sector as the managers of Harvard's huge endowment fund see their big investment in California wineries turn sour as their vineyards are threatened by wildfires; former NYC mayor Michael Bloomberg contributes a record $1.8 billion to his alma mater, Johns Hopkins, so their students with financial needs can pay off their federal loans and those in the future will not need to take one out; a couple named Dangermond, who made their fortune in scientific mapping software, contribute $165 million to the Nature Conservancy to purchase a ranch in the Santa Barbara area of Southern California (near similar sized ranches owned by Oprah and Ellen DeGeneres) that will become a TNC Preserve named after the couple; while Amazon's Jeff Bezos announces plans to contribute $97.5 million to a dozen non-profits to combat homelessness.

As mentioned in the Meeting Report, local architects BCWH (who had a big part in the planning of the ICA project) have been acquired by the D.C. based Quin Evans firm.

Squirrels radio announcer Jay Burnham, with whom I had the pleasure of being on the air several times during our annual outings at the Diamond, has gone back to his home state to handle the play by play of UMass basketball, while his sidekick Sam Ravech has gone up to Connecticut to work at ESPN, where his dad, Karl, has been a long time fixture. I'll miss them both, and will look forward to meeting whoever will be taking their places in that phone booth sized announcer’s room.

Looks like Richmond City Council will finally take up the Electric Scooter matter at its 12/10 meeting, which Lime has been patiently waiting for, while doing a recall of their scooters made by one manufacturer that have been breaking in two, while Bird had gone ahead and placed theirs around town without approval so will be looking forward to re-possessing them from the City’s warehouse. All the while other competitors (said to include Ofo & Mobikes) are reported to be sizing up our market, ready to join the competition.

Pleased to note that iconic Shockoe Slip restaurant The Tobacco Company is reopening on 12/10 after being closed for 17 months while undergoing extensive renovations after their fire in July of last year. Looking forward to seeing what the place looks like as it goes back into action.

While Commonwealth Architects is working on turning the former K-Mart on Midlothian Turnpike into an off-track betting site called Rosie’s that will open next fall under the new ownership of Colonial Downs.

Also pleased to see fellow Best Products alum Eddie Slipek honored by the AIA for his years of writing in Style critiquing the architecture of the (Continued on page 3)
area. Much deserved, Eddie! Keep it going, as many of us look forward to reading your comments every week.

Some other memories from bygone days come to my mind as the current owners (Markel/Eagle) list the Deep Run III building of the old Circuit City HQ complex for sale. Some will recall that this is the building where we met in the 4th floor of the McKesson space in November of ‘15 and were shown through by Caroline Sheehan after they had moved into that space from their building at Parham and the RR tracks where U-Haul has been taking over from them.

After a period of divesting some of their ventures other than their basic sand and gravel (such as Har-Tru tennis court surfacing material and architectural stone), looks like Luck Stone is beginning to diversify again as they acquire Stephens Industries down in the Atlanta area. A big acquisition for Luck, Stephens includes a stone quarry, construction company, and demolition business that recycles rubble into building materials and will operate as Luck's Southeast Region in South Carolina & Georgia.

BetterMed, a new entry in the urgent care field, is quietly challenging Patient First for local market share in that category. Already with locations in Ashland, Colonial Heights, Midlothian, Spotsylvania, Mechanicsville, and near Willow Lawn, they are working on four more. One in Fredericksburg will be opening soon, with locations in Short Pump, Chester, and near Regency Mall scheduled for next summer, which will bring them up to 10.

And some big names in bicycles and motorcycles having problems as AES, the owner of Performance Bicycles (104 stores nationwide) and big internet outlet Bike Nashbar, files for Chapter 11, while Harley-Davidson (where we met at their local outlet in May of ‘15) sees their sales and stock price plunge as customer tastes are changing and President Trump urges their customers to boycott them after they call on him to ease up on his tariffs.
A cool, clear Fall evening on the 13th as 43 (including a few we had not seen for awhile and 11 guests) found a nearby parking spot (not so easy to do at this venue) and came into the entrance on the Belvidere side of the ICA. If they had come across from the North side of Broad St. they would have noticed the “YouBelongHere” in pink neon up on the exterior at the 2nd level which I later learned was not a building sign, but rather a piece of artwork and part of the current exhibit. The ICA’s food service partner, Ellwood Thompson’s, had set up a nice assortment of hors d’oeuvres on a couple of tables on the entry level, while an equally nice assortment of liquid refreshments were being provided at the counter.

After a lengthy social period, President Adam Larsen put out the word for us to move around the corner of the room we were socializing in through the “Thinking Field” into the adjacent auditorium (called by the architects “the 240 seat performing space”) where the seating rows incline upward almost as severely as they do in the IMAX theater at the Science Museum and the beautiful floor is of end grain cherry from Pennsylvania. Convening the meeting, Adam started by recognizing three of the Chapter’s sponsoring firms and calling on their representatives to briefly tell us about them, so we heard “elevator pitches” from Chapter Treasurer Rob White of Fast Signs, Past Chapter President Mike Cline of CORT, and Scott Reed of Prologue Systems.

After hearing about the three sponsoring firms, Adam called upon Programs Chair Mike Gray to introduce our host for the evening, Michael Lease, who carries the title of Director of Facilities, Installation & Exhibition Design at the ICA. A Washington, DC native with a strong background in Photography & Film, he earned an MFA from the VCU Dept. of Photography & Film, has been the Exhibitions Preparator & Facilities Manager at the Visual Arts Center of Richmond, and the Exhibition Manager at VCU’s Anderson Gallery prior to being appointed to his current post. He shared with us some of the unique and interesting challenges he faces as the facility manager of a non-collecting museum who must work with the artists of the pieces who have some definite ideas regarding how their pieces should be exhibited while they may not be overly concerned about being careful of the facility around or on which the art is placed.

Opening back in April, the striking, $41 million, privately funded, 41,000 sq. ft. building, after being designed by New York based Steven Holl, with local collaboration by BCWH (now merged into Quin Evans), under construction by the GC Gilbane for several years with former Chapter Secretary Steve Pancham’s MBP as the Owner’s Rep and finally completed last December. The fall exhibitions titled “Provocations: Rashid Johnson” & “Hedges, Edges, Dirt” are now showing, while in one gallery up on the 2nd Level “Sound Bath Meditation” (sound vibrations partially inspired by Buddhist singing bowls) was making everyone wonder what those sounds were as we entered the Gallery and walked around the exhibit, while the upper level was devoted entirely to an exhibit that consisted of a large number of potted plants exhibited on a structure formed like a tall pyramid.
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A conclusion is simply the place where you got tired of thinking.

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As we went up through the Galleries (using the very large elevator that enables the facility to move large pieces of art when necessary) I was looking out for, and thinking about, the features that resulted in the project receiving a LEED Gold rating. Having previously noticed the 100% recyclable titanium zinc paneling that gives the building such a striking exterior appearance, I noted that over 36% of the exterior is glazing, providing natural light along with the sky lights, but with the glass built to filter out the UV rays and protect the art, while the artificial light is all provided by LED lighting with occupancy sensors throughout.

Not visible to us as we toured were the 43 geothermal wells (going down between 400 and 600 feet into the ground) that provide the building's heat and cooling through almost six miles of piping coming up from the wells and being embedded in the floors; 8,000 sq. ft. of green roofs overhead which help to insulate the building, reduce storm water runoff; as well as reducing the collection of heat into the building in sunny weather. Outside are two water features, some absorbent walk-ways surfaced with Pennsylvania Blue Stone, with some plantings of native species. Other LEED points were scored with the provision of bike racks and showers provided for staff who cycled to work, along with excellent pedestrian and public transportation accessibility, along with a significant percentage of recycled content, as well as regional sourcing, in the building’s construction materials.

All in all, a very interesting building in its design, appearance, features, type of construction, and usage. Thanks to Michael Lease for hosting us and giving us an excellent briefing on it. And let’s see how many of us take him up on his offer to sign up for a free ICA membership and keep abreast of the exhibits going forward (as more than 70,000 visitors have done so far). Give it a try at icamembership@vcu.edu
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