

S Nashville SPECIFACTS

Nashville Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute Newsletter

June 2026 Edition

Previously, on CSI Nashville.....

CSI Nashville – SpecHeads

A big Thank You to Jeff Drews of MAPEI USA for presenting on Parking Deck systems !

- Date: May 12, 11:30 AM - 1:00PM CST at Sesco Lighting

Another successful Board Meeting, followed by the CSI Nashville - Chapter Meeting

Also a big Thank You to Erica Weeks of Paladin Engineers for a very informative presentation on LEED v5 ! Title: “LEED v5: Specs are where the Magic Happens”

- Date: May 19, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM CST at Sesco Lighting

Stay Tuned For.....

CSI Nashville – SpecHeads – June

Scranton Products – Speaker Taylor Wilhelm

Restroom Privacy: Which Restroom is the Best Room?

- Date: June 9, 11:30 AM - 1:00PM CST at Sesco Lighting

Remember, there is no Board meeting or Chapter meeting in June.

You are cordially invited

to our **Annual Awards
Banquet**

*Thursday evening, the
25th of June, 2026*

at the historic

Mere Bulles

5201 Maryland Way
Brentwood, TN

5:30 | *Cocktails &
Hors d'Oeuvres*

6:30 | *Dinner, followed
by Awards*

RSVP by June 18th

Current CSI Members (with meal plan): **free**
Current CSI Members (without meal plan): **\$25**
Guests: **\$50**

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NASHVILLE CHAPTER

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 8TH!

- ✓ Three days of learning, collaboration, and team building with colleagues from across the region
- ✓ Enjoy an outstanding lineup of speakers and programs
- ✓ Attend a special hospitality event—a guided tour of Covenant Health Park Stadium followed by “party deck” seats for the Smokies baseball game

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VIEW THE CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE!



REGISTER FOR THE
CONFERENCE!



Dates: July 9th–11th

Location: The Crowne Plaza
Hotel, Downtown

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GSR Conference 2026
Knoxville, TN

Save the Date!

CSI NASHVILLE PRODUCT SHOW

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
Nashville Fairgrounds - Expo 2

BOOTH REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

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Special Interest

Remembering Dwight LeClair

By Harry Harris

Some of you knew Dwight, one way or another, especially the architects and interior designers. Aside from being an Associate Member in the Nashville CSI chapter, back when you could still do that, and a regular attendee at chapter meetings, to some of us he was also our local Sherwin-Williams rep. He would come by everyone's office regularly to update paint information or provide a CEU when he was in town. To me, he was my good friend, Dwight. Sadly, he passed away in 2022. He was 70.

I get LinkedIn notices from Dwight annually, celebrating his work anniversary with Sherwin-Williams. He was there for 33 years. He apparently never got around to changing his LinkedIn status to "Retired" or close it out before he died. God bless him. Unless someone else knows your LinkedIn login information, I don't believe your account can be removed. People get notices like this year after year regarding LinkedIn connections who have left us.

Like the one I get from Dwight's account, I get many LinkedIn work anniversary and birthday notices from deceased acquaintances, friends and colleagues every year. I will fondly remember the ones I really knew. However, Dwight's passing hit me very hard and still does to this day.

Dwight never said anything about it, so I never knew he had a history of heart problems. I found that out after he passed.

Dwight was one of the nicest people you would ever meet. He would always help someone any way he could. He was an all-around pleasure to be around. He was always glad to see you and always quick with his sharp wit and a wry smile.

At our old chapter meeting location at the Adventure Science Museum meeting room, it was usually me, Barry Holt and Dwight sitting at the same table. Sometimes Kent Kile would join us. There was no lack of jovial wit, and a few barbs going around at that table, but it was all done in good fun. I will never forget that. I am sure Barry and Kent won't either.

Some of you who knew him, may have a Dwight story or two to tell. If so, please share them and we can have an addendum in a future newsletter and post them.

Dwight would schedule his Nashville area S-W visits around our chapter meeting dates. Although he could spend his time with his home chapter in Atlanta, or other CSI chapters in his S-W territory, he chose to spend his time with us. That says a lot about him. It also says a lot about what he thought about the Nashville chapter. He was one of us.

Dwight was also highly respected throughout the CSI Gulf States Region. We all happily celebrated his S-W retirement, which he enjoyed immensely, when the Nashville chapter hosted the GSR conference in 2022. We sadly commemorated his passing at the next GSR conference in Memphis in 2023.

Dwight would come by my office with some S-W updates or give a CEU. Everyone in my office thought very highly of him. They were all saddened by his passing also. I hope that same feeling fell like dominoes around his old S-W territory when they found out. That was the kind of person Dwight was.

One bit of selfishness before I close.

I was Dwight's last stop on his last visit to Nashville before he retired from S-W. He did that on purpose. He wanted to say good-bye to me. I did not know it would be the last time. We were going to keep in touch. When I saw him last, he was finishing up a new house to retire to in Florida and had barely moved in it before he died. He looked forward to living in that house with his wife and getting away from the hustle and bustle of the greater Atlanta area where he had lived. Thankfully, he got to live that life, even for a short while.

If you are up there looking down on us, Dwight, some of us are still thinking about you.

Until the LinkedIn notices stop coming, I will have at least two times a year to remember and celebrate my friend, Dwight LeClair. On his birthday and on his work anniversary.

Thank you for indulging me one more time.

Harry

Chapter Leaders

On Tuesday, May 19th, the Chapter voted on the leader roster, which is below.

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Stay Connected

CSI is built on the relationships we make. Connect and grow with us!

“Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness.”

-- Frank Gehry

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