

Monthly Meeting | ●●●●●●●●●●

January 16, 2008 | Wed. 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon this month will be held at **The Montgomery Country Club** in the Colonial Room.

This is the Chapter's annual past-presidents luncheon where we express our gratitude to those who have served. We will begin our meeting with an open bar at 11:30 to socialize with our past presidents followed by lunch being served at noon. Our January luncheon is also reserved for Chapter business. This year's budget will be presented, the Board members will be introduced and the events and goals for the New Year will be discussed. We encourage everyone to be present and to offer their thoughts and goals for our Chapter. The board is here to serve you - the Chapter members.

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The January meeting will be sponsored by **Capital Brick Company of Montgomery.**

Capital Brick Company is located in Montgomery Alabama and provides service to Chilton, Tallapoosa, Autauga, Elmore, Lowndes, Wilcox, Bullock, Butler, Macon, & Montgomery Counties. The Company was established in 1992 in as a brick, mortar mix, and glass block supplier. Capital has since expanded the product lines to include ceramic tile, tumbled marble, cultured stone, blue stone, granite, cobblestones, architectural pre cast and autoclaved aerated concrete. Capital offers the Boral Brick Imaging system. Our Customers can change brick, mortar, and roof and trim color with the click of a mouse.

President's Message | ●●●

As the 2008 AIA Montgomery Chapter president, I hope that you had a happy and blessed New Year and that the upcoming year surrounds you with happiness, good health and prosperity.

As I think of the names of architects who have previously served as chapter president, I feel privileged to serve as this year's president and I hope that I can measure up to the faithful diligence with which they served our chapter.

This past Wednesday, your officers worked well into the evening putting together this year's budget, planning events and discussing goals that each of us would like to reach during our tenure as a chapter officer. The following are some of the programs/items which are either scheduled or are in the beginning stages of planning: American Streamlined Design, The World of Tomorrow Symposium, February 15 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts; a Montgomery AIA web page to provide better communication with our members and the public (Phase I to be released this spring); a Montgomery Chapter Award Banquet to combine with our annual Christmas party, December 2008; scheduled for spring of 2009 a student job fair, with aspirations that we can showcase to prospective graduates that Montgomery, Alabama offers a great design opportunity.

We have two primary goals set for this year. First, we want to provide a better means of communicating with our members and we feel that the combination of email (we are compiling a more up to date database of email

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addresses) and web page will provide this, and secondly we want to increase member participation. By providing exciting events such as the upcoming symposium, Christmas Award Banquet, and better communication, members who have not been coming to the monthly luncheons will have their interest peaked and come to find out what we're doing. With the web page, members will know in advance the place, time and location of functions.

I think, as I hope you do, that these are some pretty exciting programs and lofty goals, and would like to encourage you to either offer some of your time or to allow your staff some time to help us make them a success.

Please be thinking about any programs, issues or concerns you feel may enrich the AIA experience or would serve to enrich our community and which you would like to committee. We will be asking for your input at next week's meeting. Please encourage your fellow architects, interns and associates to participate in our programs. The more members that participate, the greater the reward will be.

Lastly, I would like to thank our past president, **Ray Williams**, for the 4 years of hard work and dedication that he served our chapter with and for encouraging me to serve as an officer. Kudos Ray!

December Meeting Recap ●●●●●

No speaker—no business—just good food, friends and music at our Annual Christmas Party held at Nancy Paterson's Bistro in Cloverdale. Special thanks to **Alabama Gas Company** for their years of sponsorship.



Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

We are pleased to announce that **Betty Plaster** will be joining **Tiffany Thompson** in commercial marketing and will again be the main contact for Architects and Engineers for the Montgomery area. Most of us know Betty Plaster, as she was our main contact with Alagasco for 16 years and who a lot of us consider as a friend. Welcome back!



We are updating the Montgomery Chapter AIA Membership roster and need your help. If you know of any colleagues that are not receiving the newsletter, please have them contact Stephen King at sking@brownchambless.com so that they may be included in the e-mailing.

Condolences | ●●●●●●●●●●

The Montgomery Chapter AIA would like to offer its sincere condolences to the family of **Mr. Parker Narrows**, age 88, who passed away December 16th. Mr. Narrows graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1941. Mr. Narrows joined the Montgomery architectural firm of Pearson, Tittle and became a partner in Pearson, Tittle and Narrows Architects (later Narrows, Brown and Parsons) and for 5 decades provided Architectural services. Upon retirement from active practice, he continued to volunteer his services. In 2000 the Alabama Architectural Foundation honored him by naming him Alabama's Distinguished Architect of the Millennium.

We also extend our condolences to the family of Mrs. Noble Jones whom passed away January 4th after an extended illness. A lifelong resident of Montgomery and beloved wife of **Mr. Renis Jones, Jr., FAIA** for 57 years and mother of **Renis O. Jones, III, AIA**.