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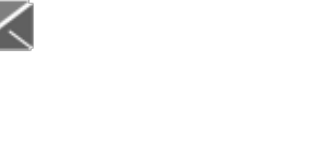


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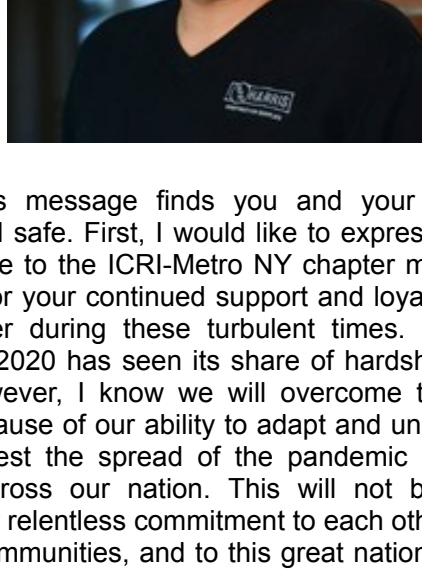
Would you like to see the images from our last meeting?



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. First, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the ICRI-Metro NY chapter members and sponsors for your continued support and loyal devotion to our Chapter during these turbulent times. There is no doubt that 2020 has seen its share of hardship and challenge. However, I know we will overcome today's challenges because of our ability to adapt and unify. Together, we will arrest the spread of the pandemic and achieve equality across our nation. This will not be easy, but through our relentless commitment to each other, our families, our communities, and to this great nation, we will get it done.

Although the days of gathering at Club 101 in early 2020 seem long behind us, and a long way from resuming, we were able to stay connected through our series of virtual technical meetings and even held our annual golf outing. Our continued commitment to delivering relevant content and keeping our membership engaged and informed remains intact. Keep an eye out for our emails and check our website often for future events.

I ask you to consider becoming a member, if not already, and strongly encourage you to get involved in one of our committees by contacting a member of our Board. Join us in bringing awareness to our chapter, association and industry as we move forward. I welcome your feedback on how we can improve ICRI-Metro NY and enhance membership satisfaction.

Lastly, thank you to our Board of Directors and Committee Members, your unwavering dedication is truly commendable.

As we close out this year, let's reflect on the positives and enjoy the company and warmth of our families and friends in whatever ways we can. I look forward to standing shoulder to shoulder with you facing whatever next year throws our way. Be safe.

-Dennis Orozco, ICRI-MNY Chapter President

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VIRTUAL TECHNICAL MEETING SERIES

Due to the spread of COVID-19, our chapter has completely transitioned from live, in-person events in the beginning of 2020, to offering virtual technical meetings by the end of Spring. This format has allowed us to continue to provide programs for our members and community during these difficult times. We launched our first virtual technical meeting in May, and have been able to provide continued presentations throughout the Summer and Fall. Below is a short recap of the meetings we have held since we launched our Virtual Technical Meeting Series.

On 9 July we held a webinar entitled "Thermally-Broken Shelf Angles," given by Adam Kimble of FERRO Corporation. Continuous insulation of above-grade wall assemblies is becoming increasingly common to meet current energy codes, which continually push our industry into more stringent thermal performance standards. However, thermally inefficient materials, such as facade attachments, significantly reduce the thermal performance of the insulation. During this webinar, the speaker discussed thermally efficient methods of providing support for masonry cladding. These systems come as an alternative to the traditional method of fastening steel shelf angles to the building structure with intermittent anchors.

On 6 August, Stephen Franks of Blok-Lok (powered by MITek) presented "Facade Stabilization Systems." Through project examples, attendees learned about unstable veneers and wall system dynamics. The speaker also discussed probable causes of facade failure.

After two webinars on facade thermal and structural performance, we shifted to a forward-thinking webinar on innovation in our industry. On 10 September, we hosted Paul E. Kassabian of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, for a presentation entitled "Digital Engineering." Mr. Kassabian's presentation focused on the use of computational approaches to improve how we solve complex problems in the AEC industry. Task automation, collaboration through interactive web deliverables, and machine learning were at the core of the discussion. The speaker highlighted the great potential that exists in utilizing new technology to change the way the different branches of our industry work together - all in favor of producing better deliverables for our clients.

We then continued our Virtual Technical Meeting Series for 2020 with two webinars on forensic engineering. On 8 October, Michael J. Drenup of CTL Group gave a talk on "Testing and Forensic Engineering." Mr. Drenup highlighted the importance of forensic engineering in a world where our structures are increasingly exposed to heightened challenges - such as hurricanes and wildfires. During this webinar, we learned about field, laboratory, and office-based techniques that support the work of the forensic engineer.

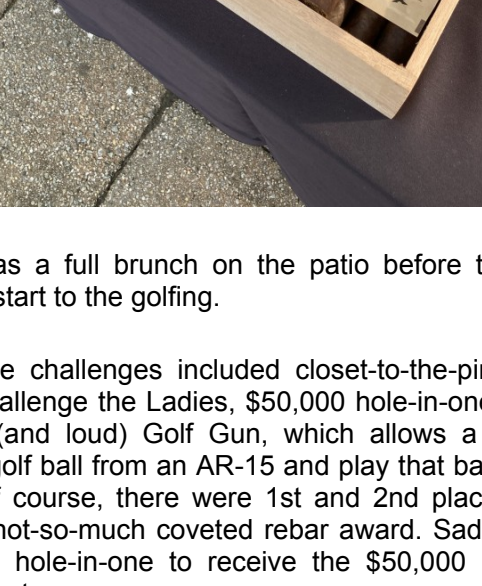
The webinar "Adjacent Construction: Mitigating Concerns for Nearby Structures in Dense Urban Areas" by Nathaniel B. Smith of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger on October 29 concluded our series of virtual technical meetings for the year. Construction performed in dense urban environments like New York City can create serious effects on surrounding buildings and infrastructure. During this webinar, attendees learned about strategies that project teams can employ to minimize the risk of damage to adjacent structures, and to recognize both typical and atypical risks associated with construction operations. Mr. Smith also provided an overview of the minimum protections for adjacent structures required by the New York City Building Code.

The Metro New York Chapter would like to thank all the speakers for their participation in our series of virtual technical webinars. Our Chapter would also like to thank all of the attendees who were able to join us in one or many of the meetings, and we look forward to you joining us for future seminars! Please be on the lookout for our upcoming Spring 2021 Technical Meeting Series! All events are FREE for our members and typically offer AIA Learning Units. Check your email and our website for details in the coming months.

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2020 GOLF OUTING

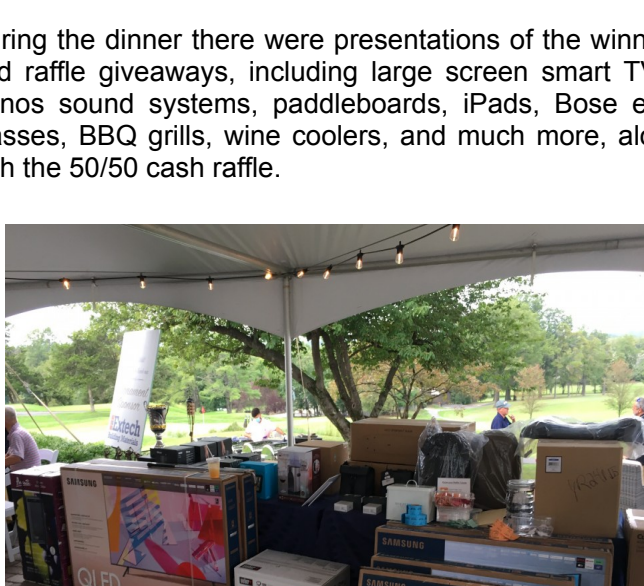
The 17th Annual Metro NY ICRI Fall Golf Classic was unlike any other, being held during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The event took place on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at the beautiful Cedar Hill Golf Course in Livingston, New Jersey.



The planning for the event was full of trepidation, as the chapter did not know if this would even be possible due to the virus and restrictions on events and gatherings. In New Jersey, events were not allowed indoors and limited to outside venues. To comply with these state regulations and create a safe event, masks and hand sanitizer were handed out to all attendees during check-in. Cedar Hill stepped up as well and provided a large tent that encompassed the entire outside patio allowing for everyone to safely and comfortably gather outdoors. With these measurements in place, along with the perfect weather, the event was on!

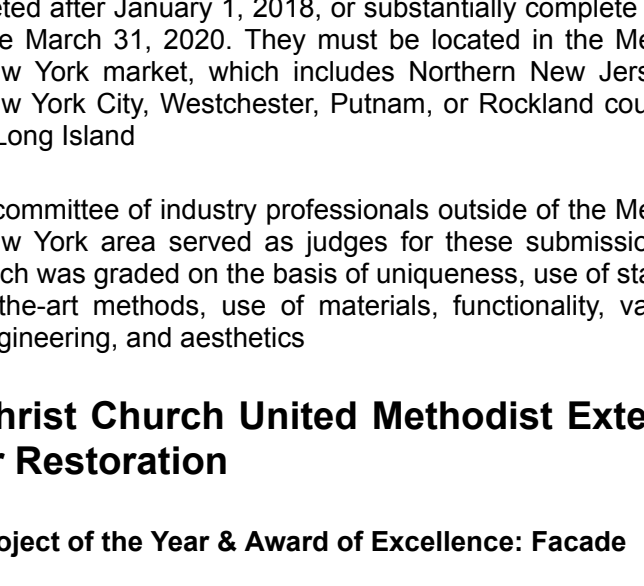


As always, the day started with registration and gifts, including an ICRI monogrammed cooler, a Bluetooth speaker, cigars, golf balls, raffle tickets, and Mulligans.

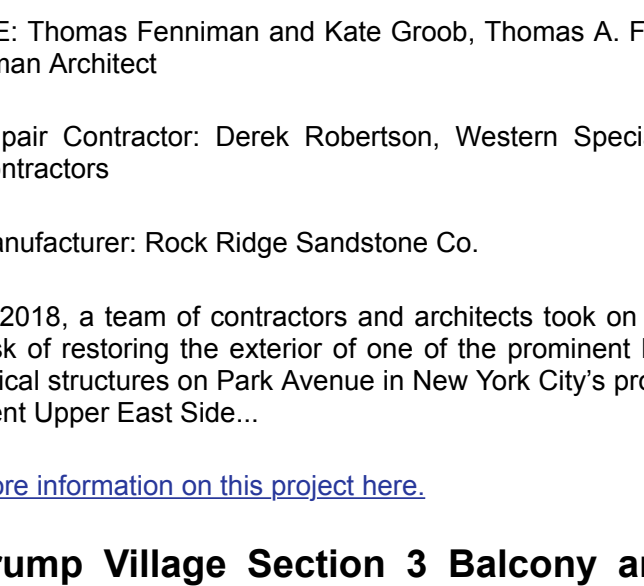


There was a full brunch on the patio before the official shotgun start to the golfing.

On-course challenges included closet-to-the-pin, longest drive, Challenge the Ladies, \$50,000 hole-in-one, and the exciting (and loud) Golf Gun, which allows a player to shoot a golf ball from an AR-15 and play that ball as a tee shot. Of course, there were 1st and 2nd place winners and the not-so-much coveted rebar award. Sadly, no one ached the hole-in-one to receive the \$50,000 prize. But maybe next year.



The Arnold Palmer/John Daly bar/booth out on the course continued to be a crowd favorite.



At the end of the golf round, the cocktail hour, with our very own singing 'Frank Sinatra,' and dinner were served on the patio and at the outside bar and extended patio.

During the dinner there were presentations of the winners and raffle giveaways, including large screen smart TVs, Sonos sound systems, paddleboards, iPads, Bose eye-glasses, BBQ grills, wine coolers, and much more, along with the 50/50 cash raffle.



Once again, it is imperative that we thank all our sponsors. Special thanks to tournament sponsors Extech Building Materials, Lawless & Mangione Architects & Engineers, and West Metro NY Restoration of CT. The event could not have taken place without their support!

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PROJECT AWARDS WINNERS

Awards

This year, two awards were given to companies/members/sponsors active in the ICRI Metro New York Chapter area. We wanted to share with you their accomplishments and ask you to join us in celebrating them!

To be eligible, the projects submitted needed to be completed after January 1, 2018, or substantially complete before March 31, 2020. They must be located in the Metro New York market, which includes Northern New Jersey, New York City, Westchester, Putnam, or Rockland county & Long Island

A committee of industry professionals outside of the Metro New York area served as judges for these submissions. Each was graded on the basis of uniqueness, use of state-of-the-art methods, use of materials, functionality, value engineering, and aesthetics

Christ Church United Methodist Exterior Restoration

Project of the Year & Award of Excellence: Facade

Owner Representative: Roseann Degenarro, Christ Church United Methodist

A/E: Thomas Fenniman and Kate Groob, Thomas A. Fenniman Architect

Repair Contractor: Derek Robertson, Western Specialty Contractors

Manufacturer: Rock Ridge Sandstone Co.

In 2018, a team of contractors and architects took on the task of restoring the exterior of one of the prominent historical structures on Park Avenue in New York City's prominent Upper East Side...

[More information on this project here.](#)

Trump Village Section 3 Balcony and Facade Repair Project: Repairing Damage and Minimizing Future Damage

Award of Excellence: Concrete

Owner Representative: Michelle Walsh, Board President, Trump Village Section 3

A/E: Robert Antonucci, Antonucci & Associates, Architects & Engineers, LLP

Repair Contractor: Stephan Spanos, Proto Restoration Construction LLC

Manufacturers: Joe Mondelli, Sika Corporation

Stillwell Ready Mix & Building Materials, LLC

During October – November 2012 Hurricane Sandy created havoc on the Coney Island community of Trump Village Section 3 ("TV3"). The site, consisting of three large 23 story brick cavity wall residential buildings with over 1,200 dwelling units and over 600 shaded cantilevered balconies, would need to undergo extensive repairs including a complete replacement of the balcony curbs, railings and partitions...

[More information on this project here.](#)

Upcoming Award Submission

Coming up in 2021, we are looking for the next round of award submissions. Please check your email for updates in early 2021.

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2021 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In early 2021, ICRI-MNY will award two \$2,500 scholarships to full-time high school seniors, undergraduate, or graduate students currently enrolled in an academic program related to restoration and construction management, civil engineering, structural engineering, or related fields in New York and New Jersey.

Please contact alyssa@icri-ny.org if interested. Additional information to follow via email.

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THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE METRO NEW YORK BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

To all of our members and friends:

Thank you for all of your support this year as we continued to navigate the challenges of 2020 and the switch to virtual events. Our success would not have been possible without you. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday, and looking forward to the time when we can celebrate together again!

-Board of Directors, ICRI-Metro New York

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CALL FOR NEWSLETTER CONTENT

ICRI-MNY is looking for technical articles for our upcoming newsletters. Have an idea that you'd like to submit? Send a brief description of the proposed content to alyssa@icri-ny.org and the ICRI-MNY newsletter committee will follow up to discuss further.

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