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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 14 **3rd Annual Chicago Chapter Cubs Rooftop Event at Skybox on Sheffield**
- 18 **Dinner Meeting - Epoxy Injection: Myths & Misunderstandings**
Grotto Oak Brook
Oak Brook, IL

NOVEMBER

- 7-9 **ICRI 2012 Fall Convention - Life-Cycle Repair—Sustainability**
Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa
Rancho Mirage, CA
- Dinner Meeting**
Topic and Location: TBD

WINTER 2012

- Holiday Social**
Details to follow

OUR ASSOCIATION...

ICRI, the only association in the concrete industry devoted solely to repair and restoration, publishes a bimonthly magazine and technical guidelines for concrete repair, and cosponsors the World of Concrete. Local chapters provide regional networking opportunities. Worldwide membership include contractors, manufacturers, engineers, distributors, owners, and other professionals with a common goal: prolonging the useful life of concrete through quality repair, restoration, and protection.

OUR MISSION...

The mission of the International Concrete Repair Institute is to be a leading resource for education and information to improve the quality of repair, restoration, and protection of concrete and other structures in accordance with consensus criteria.



LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



It is now September. It is hard to believe that ¾'s of the year is gone. So much has been accomplished. The Chicago Chapter of ICRI was awarded "2011 Chapter of The Year" at the Spring National Convention in Quebec City, Canada. I want to thank all members for helping to make this possible through their continued membership, attendance at dinner meetings and social events, which added points to the process. I also want to thank past and present board members as well as committee members for their efforts. And a special thanks to, Craig Frier, the past president who helped direct this chapter to meet this long term goal.

I also want to thank the "Golf Committee" for another successful outing in June. It was a perfect day and weather. Everyone who came out really seemed to enjoy themselves. We also had a nice turn out for the Chicago Architectural Cruise on the Chicago River. We look forward to annual Cubs Roof Top event and the September Dinner Meeting. I want to thank Zelina Johnson for her hard work in organizing our past and upcoming dinner meetings.

As my time as president is winding down, I want to thank all the people who have helped me throughout the year. As I stated in the beginning of the year, people always ask, "what's in it for me"? And I will tell you after 13 years as a member of the Chapter, it's the people I have met and the knowledge I have gained, that I realize is "what's in it for me".

Yours truly,

Jeff Smith
President - ICRI Chicago Chapter



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The 2012 Chicago Chapter Officers and Directors are already hard at work under the leadership of our new President, Jeff Smith.

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2012 ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER GOLF OUTING JUNE 7TH- INDIAN LAKES HILTON, BLOOMINGDALE IL

This year's champion team with bragging rights for the chapter's "Low Gross" title goes to the foursome of: Peter Nelson, Blake Andrews, Nate Rende and Peter Shier.

The "Low NET" title was awarded to Larry Church, Nancy Carreon and Rich Campbell.

This year's "Big Hitters" of were Zelina Johnson and Mike Gruzalski who won the longest drive contests.

Sean Meracle was the winner of the closest to the pin competition.

Suzanne Emery won the 50/50 Raffle.

Many outstanding prizes were awarded following the dinner to many lucky participants.

We would also like to thank the Golf Outing Committee who once again put a tremendous amount of personal time and effort into making the day a success. Many thanks to: Bob Dilla and Steve Niewiadomski.



ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT: SITAR CONSTRUCTION

COMPANY PROFILE: Founded in 2008, Sitar Construction (SC) has established itself as a leader in the repair and restoration services market by focusing on customer driven initiatives. With decades of combined experience, SC offers unsurpassed value and quality to our customers serving the Chicagoland area on projects of all size and complexity. In addition, we have completed projects in areas such as Kentucky, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Missouri exhibiting our national capabilities to assist clients and customers.

SC focuses on the Restoration, Strengthening, Stabilization, and Water-proofing of existing concrete, masonry, and steel structures. Specialty restoration methods include but are not limited to Post-tensioning and Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer / Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer repairs as outlined below. Headquartered in St. Charles, IL we have an additional office in North Aurora, IL.



MARKET SECTORS:

Commercial markets: Our project diversities include parking structure repairs, expansion joints, membrane and coating systems, concrete repairs and fire damage, strengthening capabilities including post-tensioning and FRP systems, façade repair, steel and wood upgrades, and injection services.

Industrial markets: Our team of specialists assists with repairs including concrete repairs, equipment foundations, strengthening projects, fire-proofing capabilities, containment tank areas, and coating, sealant, and lining systems.

PROJECT PROFILES:

910 South Michigan Garage Repairs: Michigan Ave. lofts is a high-rise building located on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago, IL with an indoor four story parking structure. SC was contracted to provide strengthening to the existing structure and address the concrete deterioration present. Supplemental steel structural members were added in cooperation with local professional engineering recommendations to address noted deficiencies. In addition, we placed a urethane traffic membrane over approximately 80,000 square feet of parking surface to protect our client's investment.



Home Depot Floor Repair Program: HD embarked on a floor repair program in 2009 with a pilot test project in the Chicago area. SC teamed with HD and HD's Engineer Professionals in development of this flooring initiative by developing key repair specifications and procedures. SC was then contracted for the performance of these repairs in three Chicago area distribution centers and others nationwide. We partnered with each facility including HD management teams in a spirit of cooperation to complete the repairs, some of which occurred during peak season, without interrupting production schedules, which were crucial business considerations. In total, SC completed over 300,000 lineal feet of floor joint repairs over the term of the project which was completed in 2011.

Corporate Center: SC partnered with the ownership group and engineering professionals to perform testing of existing post-tensioning cables of a busy office environment. The testing revealed cables that were compromised requiring attention and subsequent repair. SC was subsequently contracted to provide the engineered post-tension repairs within the existing occupied building without disruption to their workplace. The repair included the removal and replacement of bundles of cables utilizing swing stages while maintaining a safe and productive work environment for resident staff. A total of 20 bundles and 100 cables were replaced.

Canal-Crossing Panel Strengthening: SC was approached by a Chicago area engineering professional to assist in support of suspected design deficiencies in a new construction project. We partnered with the secondary engineer to investigate the precast panel construction to determine compatibility with local building code.



ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT: SITAR CONSTRUCTION (CONTINUED)

Deficiencies in design were noted and documented by the engineer and SC was contracted by the ownership group to provide a strengthening upgrade for the precast panels. Carbon fiber reinforced polymer strengthening (CFRP) was the desired repair to minimize the impact to the building. We partnered with the ownership group, engineering professionals, and municipality to provide a cost effective solution that met the required building code.



Twin Lakes Balcony Repairs and Replacement: SC was contracted for the repair of over 30 balconies and to provide complete removal and replacement of over 60 balconies. Upon completion, a urethane waterproofing system was placed over the new repairs for protection of our customer's investment. SC worked with the building's residents to minimize interruption to their living environment. Dust and noise reduction were key components for the residents and these directives were completed to their great satisfaction.



ICRI CONTACT:

SC's key personnel consist of Mark Sitar, Jimmy Faitz and Chuck Pleuss with decades of combined construction and restoration experience teaming with Engineers, Businesses, Owners, and General Contractors to provide safe, quality, long-term solutions. We have each enjoyed many years of active membership in the Chicago Chapter of ICRI.

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ON THE WATER..... ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER'S EVENING ON THE CHICAGO RIVER

On July 20th, members and friends of the Chicago Chapter enjoyed an evening cruise on the Chicago River provided by the Wendella Boat Company. This "test run" received very positive feedback as all in attendance found the event to be both informative and an interesting perspective of our beautiful city. Numerous ongoing projects visible from the boat deck led to conversations on means and methods as well as the state of our industry in the downtown market. A special thank you goes out to Chapter Secretary, Alex Szataneck, who provided the avenue for this very successful event. We look forward to providing similar alternative social activities like this one in the future. If you have an idea for an outing, please forward them to us at: info@icrichicago.org.



**INTERNATIONAL CONCRETE REPAIR INSTITUTE
CHICAGO CHAPTER**



Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Topic: "Epoxy Injection: Myths & Misunderstandings"

FEATURED SPEAKER: Robert Trout of Lily Corporation

Our speaker, **Robert Trout**, will be presenting "Epoxy Injection: Myths & Misunderstandings". This presentation will include:

- The Surface Seal; the Critical Step
- The Injection Process; Port-to-Port Injection, Manifolding, Air Entrapment
- Moving Cracks; Can they be Injected? Should they be injected?
- Cleaning Cracks; Benefit or Detriment
- Quality Assurance; Cores, Equipment Testing, Inject to Refusal

Robert Trout is the President of Lily Corporation, a manufacturer of proportioning dispensers and other hardware for the construction industry and concrete repair in particular. Lily Corporation not only manufactures equipment for concrete restoration, but offers instruction in the application of the systems as well. Trout has been affiliated with Lily Corporation for more than 25 years.

Robert is a frequent presenter at International Concrete Restoration Institute meetings and has chaired the University of Wisconsin Extension Program on Concrete and Masonry Repair. He participated in the development of cold weather epoxy injection at the University of Ghent in Belgium and was recently a guest instructor at the University of California in Chico. Robert has also performed epoxy injection training in China, Chile, England, Holland, Mexico and elsewhere overseas.

Robert's memberships include the International Concrete Repair Institute, the American Concrete Institute and the Sealant, Waterproofing and Restoration Institute.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from St. John's University, Collegeville, MN.

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Paul Nardone - Retirement

I want to take a moment to say goodbye to a mentor, and a friend who retired this past July. Paul Nardone was known to us all, from his early days at Glenrock, to his last position at McCann. Many of us have had a chance to work with Paul throughout our careers. Whether it was in the beginning at Glenrock when he was given a Sika catalog that would shape his career, or with his best friend, Frank, at Nardone & Varak, or scores more that worked at McCann with him. You either loved his passion for the sale, or you wanted to beat him to death with a bag of nickels. Either way you grew to respect him. "The only thing constant in life is change" Francois de la Rochfoucauld. Let us take a moment to congratulate Paul in this change in his life, to that of a retiree. "Peace, love, and barbeque."

Jeff Zeitler



In August, **Jeff Smith** took a new position at MCA to develop their restoration and waterproofing division.

McCann's would like to welcome **Victor Ligocki** their newest account manager to the restoration and waterproofing market. Congratulations to **Damian Allen** who was promoted to Sales Manager.

Please welcome **Kevin Ivers** who was recently added to Glenrock's inside sales staff in Elmhurst, IL.


Jeff Zeitler is now an account manager and restoration and waterproofing specialist at CCS Contractor Equipment & Supply, Inc. in Naperville, IL.

ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER WINS ICRI CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!!!
Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Congratulations to the 2011 Board of Directors and General Membership for all their hard work and commitment to attaining the chapter's goals and objectives.




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APRIL DINNER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ICRI Chicago Chapter's April dinner meeting was another installment of this year's focus on structural strengthening. The program, held at Carmichael's Chicago Steak House on April 17th, provided attendees with information on the inspection and repair process of post-tensioned concrete structures. Both speakers (Al Hauter of DYWIDAG Systems and Ken Rowe of Takao Nagai Concrete Restoration) did an excellent job of communicating their knowledge and expertise gained from years of experience working in this area of restoration. Also discussed was the importance of utilizing the ICRI guideline for repair of post tensioned concrete structures. Thanks to the speakers and to the programs committee for their work and dedication in providing another valuable educational program.

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