Member Spotlight
Ken Meechudhonne
Congratulations Ken, on 25 years with TJK
I am a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) because... When I started my career in 1995, I was invited to several AIA functions by my mentor, Mr. Tom Krob. As I began to attend the AIA monthly meetings and participate in the AIA activities regularly, I found myself drawn toward many of the AIA Las Vegas chapter leadership teams and several of its members. I became friends with many of them and respected their values. Their values aligned with one of my personal core values regarding giving back to the community by using my skills and talents. I am a member of the AIA because I believe in giving back to the community through our professions.

It took some time, but my business partner, Tom Anderson, and I were able to set up our firm to support who we are individually and our core values. This month I’m celebrating my 25th anniversary with TJK Consulting Engineers, Inc. and my time in the A/E industry. I’m a co-owner & principal of TJK Consulting Engineers, Inc. Our firm has provided Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Technology designs in Nevada and neighboring states since 1986. 60% of our work is in the public works section and 40% is in private development. Our firm’s motto is “Life Through Design”. We provide designs utilizing the latest technologies to enhance architectural creations. Our designs enhance architectural features, create safety & security, provide comfort and increase convenience to the architect and owner’s vision & creation. Our firm takes pride in everything that we design. We have been a very successful part of the A/E community in Southern Nevada for almost 35 years.

I’m a coach, a mentor & a supporter of the many people in my life. I discovered my love for coaching when I was in college. I had the opportunity to serve as an assistant to my old high school volleyball coach for 3 years. I gave up coaching to focus on my career when I started working for my mentor, Mr. Tom Krob, in 1995. In 2008, I had the opportunity to coach again, this time in soccer. In 2009, a group of my friends/coaches and I got together and decided that we were going to pool our resources and start a 501 C3 Youth Soccer Academy. We grew quickly from 50 players to +300 players in 2 years. For the next 9 years, I was a coach, trainer, director & principal of that Academy until we did a 3 clubs merger and became one of the largest youth soccer clubs in Southern Nevada. I stayed on with the new club as one of their directors for 2 more years until I once again retired from coaching in summer of 2019, to focus more time on my family and especially my son. During my 15 years of coaching, I discovered that I really enjoyed teaching and mentoring young people and watching them discover their “ah ha” moments. I loved watching them achieve their goals and wins through hard work. I loved to help pick them up and dust them off and encourage them to try again. I enjoy mentoring them as they are now moving into their adulthoods in college, starting their professional careers, working to advance in their professional careers and leave their parents’ homes.

Providing exceptional MEP & Technology service to our clients through our ability to listen, effective communication, caring for our clients’ needs, and our ability to match our clients’ intensity is a priority. This allows me to be who I am, which is a coach, a mentor & a supporter to my team. I can focus my time and energy on the things that my team needs to be successful.

What is the most important thing you’ve learned? The most important thing that I’ve learned is that I’m happiest when I take myself out of the equation. Providing support and watching someone accomplish their goals is the most fulfilling feeling to me.

What is your favorite piece of architecture? Why? I have many favorite pieces of architecture all around the world, but the 1st major piece of architecture that made a significant impression on me is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Las Vegas Temple at the base of Frenchman Mountain. In 1988, at the age of 14 years old, I moved from Thailand to Las Vegas. In Thailand, I had seen the construction of several Buddhist Temples, but they were nothing in comparison to the massive size and complexity of this temple. Our home was in an area called Winterwood near Nellis & Sahara just a few miles from this project construction site. I would often walk or ride my bike up the hill to visit the site and watch the workers construct this masterpiece. I was fortunate enough to witness the construction of this massive project 1st hand and still visit this facility from time to time.

Where will you be in 20 years? Hopefully not in a wheelchair. Haha.. Many of my body parts need to be upgraded. I have a lot of sports injuries that were not properly treated from High school & College. In 20 years, our kids should have their own families and be on their way to being successful adults. I’m hoping to be enjoying my time at our ranch with my wife, Kim, and our dogs & horses. I would like to travel across the country in an RV from Washington to Florida and play golf with Kim at as many golf courses as we can. I also would love to be able to build a school in Thailand in honor of my grandparents. I kept telling my kids that when I’m retired and move to our ranch fulltime, I will start a golden retriever rescue sanctuary.

What person, living or dead, would you most like to talk with? I would love to talk to my grandparents. My grandparents raised me along with my aunt & uncle. They are a large part of who I am today. I miss waking up early in the morning from my grandfather’s radio playing the morning news. I miss listening to him reading the newspaper to me and teaching me about Thailand’s politics I miss the smell of his coffee and cigarettes. I miss cooking with my grandmother. I miss listening to her directions as she taught me how to prepare traditional Thai meals. I miss hearing her gentle voice and how she would sing Thai folk songs while she was cooking.

How can architects provide “value add” to their clients? I have been in the A/E field now, for 25 years, and I have worked with a lot of architects. My favorite architects to work with are ones that have the heart of a teacher and the ability to listen, relate and teach.
Welcome to November! Did you know November begins on the same day of the week as March every year (February does as well except in leap years)? November is a very active month with the ending of Daylight Savings Time, a Presidential Election, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, and of course Black Friday. Furthermore, the days are growing shorter now and we are inching closer to the end of 2020. Amazing to think what we have been through this year. I am certain many of us would like to have a do-over for 2020.

Although the month of November is the last full month of autumn, many parts of the country are beginning to experience colder temperatures and even snow during this month. Even Las Vegas had its own few days of a cold spell in October. One record we can’t seem to break is Las Vegas has had almost 190 consecutive days of no measurable rainfall at McCarron Airport, which surpasses the 150-day record from 1959.

Meanwhile, the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane season has been one for the record books. As Tropical Storm Zeta heads towards the Gulf Coast, it is the 27th named storm of the season and will mark the 11th storm to make landfall in the United States this year. Breaking the record of 9 that was previously set over one hundred years ago in 1916. 2020 is only one storm away from tying the all-time record for number of storms in a given season set in 2005 with 28 storms.

Last month, we were fortunate to have Edward Mazria, FAIA, CEO and Founder of Architecture 2030 present at our virtual membership meeting. Mr. Mazria’s presentation was the culmination of AIA Las Vegas’ focus on Climate Change – Taking Action to Transform the Practice of Architecture. We were honored to have him share his decades of research and knowledge on energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in the built environment.

Ed is an internationally recognized architect, author, researcher, and educator. Over the past decade, his seminal research into the sustainability, resilience, energy consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions has redefined the role of architecture, planning, design, and building, in reshaping our world.

Mr. Mazria laid out a clear and obtainable path to carbon reduction and the key points of his presentation are outlined below. Focusing our attention on new buildings, existing buildings and materials are vitally important and require our attention to achieving carbon reduction by 2030.

Achieving carbon positive in the built environment is a two-step process. First, we need to electrify planning, design and construction, which will get us about a 70-80% reduction at no or very little cost. Second, we need to add renewables to achieve carbon positive, which will complete the additional 20-30%. Renewable energy is necessary because buildings will always use energy.

Since 2005, the US building sector floor area has grown +18% (47 billion s.f.); however, building sector energy use has gone down -1.7% and building sector CO2 emissions has gone down -21%. In Nevada, energy use consumption is trending upward unlike the national average of trending downward.

Attaining zero-net-carbon will require a focus on three areas.

1. New Buildings (building operations). All new buildings need to be designed to meet net-zero energy and net-zero-carbon. This is done by designing an efficient building using the most current building codes, AND, adopting the Zero Code (appendix to 2021 IECC).

2. Existing Building (building operations). Establish a two types of buildings policy for large and small buildings. Each type accounts for about 50% of building sector emissions. For large building emitters, require electrification, use of renewable energy and zero carbon by 2030. Small building emitters can be address similarly yet will require electrification and use of renewables at building intervention points, which are zoning and use changes, at time of renovation, equipment replacement, and at point of sale or lease. Both will benefit from providing phased incentives like fast track permitting, low interest loans, tax abatements, rebates, and equipment discounts. These policies will reduce building sector operations by approx. 65% by 2030 and newly renovated buildings are less likely to be demolished, which saves a large amount of embodied carbon.

3. Materials, Construction and Infrastructure (Embodied Carbon). 43% of the global CO2 emissions come from the Industry sector, which consists of infrastructure, building structure, substructure, enclosure, finishes, equipment, and systems. Of the 43%, concrete (11.1%), steel (10.1%) and aluminum (1.5%) alone represent approximately 22.7% of Industrial CO2 emissions. If the cement industry were a country, it would be the third largest carbon dioxide emitter in the world only surpassed by China and the US. Embodied carbon minimum targets should be 40% reduction now, 65% reduction by 2030 and zero emissions by 2040. What’s more, Architecture 2030’s even more ambitious goal is to have zero emissions in concrete and steel by 2030.

Mr. Mazria’s presentation left me feeling inspired and ready to tackle decarbonizing our AEC industry. We have an enormous amount of work to do, yet I am confident our local, state and national firms are ready to take this critically important undertaking of achieving a carbon positive built environment.

As always, stay healthy, stay positive and stay Vegas Strong!

Sincerely,

Lance J. Kirk, AIA, LEED AP
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What do you believe needs to be the next area of innovation in our profession? I feel that our city has been sitting in this weird pocket of, “Are we a big city, or are we not?” I think Southern Nevada needs to allocate some energy and funding in finding alternate means of moving the residents around the city. The current means focus on the access within the Las Vegas Strip and downtown. I believe that if we could provide additional means of transportation, aside from personal vehicles and the CAT bus system, we could reduce traffic, pollution, and stress.

How do you think the profession will evolve in the next 5-10 years? Just like the technology industries, changes will come to our industry that we will need to respond to quickly and adapt. Many times, in our industry, we are not even allowing the current ideas to prove themselves before we disregard them. Sometimes, I feel like we are all squirrels, always looking for the next bigger and better thing. To answer your question, I do not know what our profession will look like in 10 years, but I hope that we take the time to honor the history of what we have currently.

How can AIA lead reform and innovation? I think the AIA, local and national associations, do a really good job honoring the history of architecture by continuing to have board members that are connected to the past and at the same time bringing up young architects with new energy and ideas to push our profession forward.

If you were to change one thing about our profession today what would it be? I think we need to do a better job on how we can come together as an A/E organization. We need to figure out a better system to protect ourselves from liability for our professional service. Most of us are owners of or are working for a small business. We should not be responsible for financing large multi-million dollar projects with our small percentage of the total construction cost for our design fees.

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Grab a cup of coffee and spend a half-hour in a virtual meeting with a key architect, firm principal or decision maker in the AIA membership.

When: Thursday, November 12, 2020 - 9:00am PST
“Building Ventilation and Architecture Impacts During and After a Pandemic” Featuring

Brett Ewing, AIA
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The AIA Nevada October Membership Meeting
“Climate Change: What Architects Can and Must Do” Featuring Ed Mazria, FAIA was recorded and is available online at https://youtu.be/Lm_m0ZYODxY

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Three of the most notable and respected female architects in the country will be with us on November 18th, at Noon, to share their architectural journeys, their insights into the profession and their exceptional work. This special virtual meeting is provided by the AIA Las Vegas Women In Architecture Committee.

Kirsten R. Murray, FAIA, Principal and Owner, Olson Kundig Architects in Seattle, WA – Kristen Murray's body of work is characterized by authentic, contextual buildings and spaces that result from a collaborative design partnership with her clients and colleagues. Since joining Olson Kundig in 1989, Kristen has designed a range of project types, from private residences to mixed-use buildings, multi-family developments, art spaces, historic commercial renovations and urban design projects. She has created buildings and spaces that strengthen and enrich communities and is known for integrating stakeholders and community members throughout the process, shaping the design around their collective goals.

Taal Safdie, AIA, RA is the Co-Founder of Safdie Rabines Architects, located in San Diego, CA. Since its establishment in 1993, Taal has led the firm with a focus on creating sustainable, site specific solutions that are sensitive to their context and highly responsible to the needs of their users. Safdie Rabines' diverse portfolio of projects contains an ever-increasing range of project types and sizes. From the place-making concepts of their master plans, their urbane treatment of large civic, educational and multi-family housing structures, to the thoughtful treatment of custom single-family residences, they are acutely aware of how space is perceived and utilized.

Christiana Moss, FAIA, is a founding Principal of Studio Ma, an internationally recognized architecture firm that designs inspiring environments for all. She studied architecture at Cornell and with the Pritzker award winner, Sverre Fehn. After working in New York, she moved to Phoenix and founded Studio Ma in 2003 with her partner in life and work, Chris Alt. Guided by holistic perspective, deep expertise, and shared passion, the studio creates the balance of joy within and function throughout. Together with forward-thinking clients, they transform ideas into significant spaces that create lasting connections between people and places. Studio Ma is ranked within the top ten 2019 Architect 50 Firms and was honored as the 2016 AIA Arizona Firm of the Year and as a 2014 Architectural Record Design Vanguard Firm.

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What:  "Innovations In LED Lighting"
Hosted by Apparatus Design
Presented by Therese Lahaie
Registered for 1 CE/HSW

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Innovators in LED Lighting gives designers fluency in LED lighting Technology through demonstration of LED products across applications. The lighting industry updates every 6 months and our goal is to keep designers up to date. This education allows designers to guide clients towards informed decisions about LED lighting and increases the understanding of quality of light required to make design projects 100% successful.

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AIA/NSBAIDRD C.E. SEMINAR IS NOW A VIRTUAL SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 19TH

With an awareness of the current need for social distancing and a concern for the safety of our members, AIA Nevada and the NSBAIDRD have made the decision to provide our annual Continuing Education Seminar as a virtual seminar on November 19, 2020, from 8:00am to 5:30pm.

To register and receive the full 8 hours of C.E./HSW Credits and 2 Code Requirements, PLEASE CLICK HERE.
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In order to receive credits, you must be registered and in attendance for the presentation.

The registration fee is $95 for all four sessions.

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Session 1 - 8:00- 10:00am
Scoping for Accessibility in New and Existing Buildings
Presented by Todd Snider, SE, CBO / Regional Manager WC3
Break - 10:00 - 10:15am

Session 2 - 10:15am - 12:15pm
The Future of Design and Its Impact on the Health, Safety and Welfare of All Stakeholders
Presented by Jared Zurn Jared N. Zum, AIA, NCARB, CAE, NCARB VP, Examination and Andy McIntyre, NCARB VP, Marketing & Communications
Lunch - 12:15 - 1:15pm

Session 3 - 1:15 - 3:15pm
Introduction to the IEBC
Presented by Chris Kimball, PE, SE, MCP, CBO / West Coast Code Consultants
Break - 3:15 - 3:30pm

Session 4 - 3:30 - 5:30pm
Navigating Contract and Legal Issues Facing Nevada Design Professionals in 2020
Presented by John Wendland, Weil & Drage

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This piece was created as part of the AIA Las Vegas Urban Sketchers Saturday Morning Sketch Crawl. It is of the Las Vegas Cathedral with gouache & ink on a Trader Joe’s grocery bag.

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AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee would like to invite you to attend our program ‘Embodied Carbon In Architectural Design’ presented by Dirk Kestner, PE, Principal and Director of Sustainable Design at Walter P Moore & Associates.

The topic of embodied carbon in the AEC industry has become a critical issue. Buildings alone account for 40% of the global greenhouse gas emissions. Two-thirds of that total impact is from operational emissions while the remainder is from embodied emissions. Embodied emissions include all the emissions required to produce everything that goes into our buildings—the structure, enclosure, and all the materials inside. Historically, the focus in the design community has been on reducing operational emissions since they represent the majority of the total impact. In response, the AEC community has been able to reduce operational emissions in the built environment through designing smarter buildings, as a result, the recent focus has shifted to the other one-third of the pie: embodied carbon.

This presentation provides an overview of embodied carbon, the role that architects and structural engineers play in the sustainable design process, how design teams can measure and minimize carbon impacts in building systems, and an understanding of how sustainable design of building structures integrates with other building systems to reduce overall impact. We will also review Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment and LEED v4 through a recent case study.

WHEN: Monday, November 30th, 2020
TIME: 11:30am to 1:00pm PST

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The school year has begun and the COVID-19 pandemic is unfortunately still with us. The school district is working with the health district guidance in planning for distance learning or various forms of a hybrid in-class learning and distance learning programs. Currently CCSD is holding all classes online. The committee held its collective breath during the summer hoping that this virus would disappear by the fall and we are now working on programs and activities that we can do online.

One of the programs that was postponed last spring was an in person presentation to the students at Valley High School. This was brought back to life recently with Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA reconnecting with Valley High School’s John Bence, Valley Viking Scholars advisor. Mike Del Gatto, AIA and Wade Simpson, AIA presented to their alma mater via Google Meets platform with Kelly Pedrik, a Valley High School adviser, as the coordinator. Mike and Wade did an excellent job in keeping the students interested and fielded many questions during the hour long presentation. There were 28 students that participated. With this success there may be additional opportunities to reach students during this virtual world experience.

The High School Design Competition is planning to continue this year although with the added twist of being virtual rather than in person as in past years. The design challenge will be similar to last years but with some modifications. Ryan Sisti, Assoc. AIA will continue to be the lead on this with teachers, schools and mentors involved. Ryan thinks that the students will be using different learning platforms than last spring. Hopefully we’ll even have more schools involved.

WE NEED YOU!!

AIA Las Vegas is again looking for dedicated mentors willing to offer up some of their time to advise students throughout the valley and guide them towards an award winning design solution! The need is much greater this year to provide support and mentorship—doing so through virtual means due to the restriction on groups and in-person learning. The competition brief will be released Mid-November, 2020, and the competition will run through April of 2021. Frequency of mentorship/participation will be agreed upon between the mentor and instructor. If you are interested in participating, please email Ryan Sisti at ryan_sisti@gensler.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

It has been a while since our last update. Like so many, in our community, who have been directly affected by both the virus itself and the economic shut down, we’ve met a few challenges as well. I’d like to take just a moment to share with you how we’ve been doing and what we think the next few months look like for The Good Deed Project.

Seeing first hand the insurmountable challenges families are facing during this time, and being restricted by our current circumstances, has been heartbreaking. I know that many other nonprofits who offer services to our community’s most vulnerable have also been greatly affected. Many traditional events throughout the city were canceled or postponed to a later (unknown) date and our largest fundraiser, the 3rd Annual Good Deed Spring Brunch, was canceled as well. We felt we were on the cusp of establishing a tradition for the organization and the brunch, which brings in about $50k, was an enormous loss to us. We also lost our downtown office space and then our sponsored storage units met their due.

There are safety considerations with every home improvement project we take on but with unknowns related to this virus, safety concerns became much more difficult and proved impossible in the short term. The loss of revenue combined with an increase in potential expenses to keep people safe while performing services, drastically impedes on the way we are able to operate. Despite everything, I am proud to say, with the help of donors and volunteers, we have continued helping families with miscellaneous aid including furniture donations, groceries, and bill assistance.

If you have been looking for ways to help, there is no better time than now! There are so many families in need of assistance — you can be a part of our efforts to serve them!

1. We are looking for a home to set-up an office for our operations. Do you have extra space in your office?

2. We are looking for a sponsor(s) for our storage needs. Needed: $10k total to cover the next 12 months.

3. Our Building Hope fundraising challenge will be announced soon. We are looking for a minimum of 25 people to join us! Please email us at DoGood@TheGoodDeedProject.org if you are interested in joining our fundraising efforts! The fundraising will be done via Facebook and is very easy to set up and share. Last year, we met our goal of $20,000, and this year, we’d like to double that goal!!

4. Please contact us if there is another way you can directly help personally or through your business.

I am beyond grateful to have had your support over the last 5 years and continue to be inspired by your generosity as our mission continues in helping families live healthy, safe and decent lives by improving their living conditions.

I send my best wishes for the health and well-being of you and your families as we all navigate through these difficult times.

With Gratitude,
Mandy Telleria, Executive Director

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Our Good Friend, Alex Raffi, the author of the book Creative Courage, is conducting interviews with artists, teachers, and industry professionals to discuss creativity and problem solving in their specialized fields.

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Maureen Guttman, AIA, has more than 25 years of experience in energy-efficient and green building design. A committed advocate at the local, state, and federal levels, Guttman is a leader in the fight for the development, adoption, and implementation of the type of robust building codes that will help the United States more effectively address the global climate crisis.

Maureen Guttman, AIA, was instrumental in the development of AIA’s groundbreaking 2019 report, “Disruption, Evolution, Change: AIA’s Vision for the Future of Design and Construction,” which details an aspirational path to meeting the profession’s 2030 climate objectives.

Guttman’s journey as a Citizen Architect began about three decades before the release of “Disruption, Evolution, Change,” however, when she left an architecture firm in the nation’s capital and headed back to Pennsylvania. (Guttman holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from Carnegie Mellon University.) Guttman became involved in AIA's Pittsburgh chapter and, in short order, was asked to join the board of directors. A position with AIA Pennsylvania’s board soon followed.

In those roles, Guttman advocated for a statewide building code in the Keystone State, tracking legislation, meeting with state policymakers, and even creating AIA Pennsylvania’s political action committee (PAC). In 1999, the legislature passed, and then-Governor Tom Ridge signed into law, a bill that directed the Department of Labor and Industry to promulgate regulations adopting certain building codes as the Uniform Construction Code (UCC).

**CITIZEN ARCHITECT OF THE MONTH**

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**NOV**

3 Election Day
   *if you haven’t already, GO VOTE!!*

10 AIA LV Virtual C.E. Luncheon
   “Apparatus”

11 Veteran’s Day

12 Coffee With An Architect
   “Cunningham Arch. & NV5”

   and

   AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting

14 Urban Sketchers
   “Neon Museum”

17 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting

18 Women In Architecture Meeting
   “Conversations With Three Notable Architects”

19 AIA Nevada / NSBAIDRD Seminar

26 Thanksgiving

30 AIA LV COTE Presentation
   “Embodied Carbon In Architectural Design”

**DEC**

AIA LV Holiday Celebration and
AIA NV Design & Service Awards

AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting

Coffee With An Architect

AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting

   Urban Sketchers

11 - 18 Hannukah

14 - Jan. 4th, 2021
AIA Office Closed

24 - 25 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

26 - 31 Kwanza

31 New Year’s Eve

**JAN**

1 New Year’s Day

4 AIA Office Reopen

9 Urban Sketchers

18 MLK Day

AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting

Coffee With An Architect

AIA LV Membership Meeting

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