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Member Spotlight
Kristine Wentworth, AIA
I Am A Member Of The American Institute Of Architects (AIA) Because...I get to be part of a network of designers around the country who share ideas about the profession and encourage local community involvement.

I am an architect with Studio BV out of Minneapolis, MN. Originally from Lakeville MN, I knew from a young age that I wanted to be an architect. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture in 2016 and a Master of Architecture degree from North Dakota State University in 2017 and followed many other Bison alumni down to Las Vegas to work in gaming and hospitality design. I have since used that background to transition to elevated workplace and retail design. With the help and support of my friends, family, and colleagues, I received my license in June of 2019. Since living in Vegas, I have been involved with our AIA local chapter as well as an NCARB ARE case study committee. Outside of architecture, I like to travel, hike, ski, and eat.

How can architects provide “value add” to their clients? Clients are looking to us and our expertise to anticipate their needs and provide them with functional spaces. In order to do that, we not only need to stay educated on design trends and construction methodologies but also the cultural and social needs of the users. If we are charged with designing the spaces of tomorrow, we can’t be looking at yesterday to show us how it’s done.

How do you think the profession will evolve in the next 5-10 years? I think the bridge between design and construction will become even stronger. Designers and contractors have a lot to learn from one another, and when the relationships are positive and communication is effective, projects run efficiently, design isn’t compromised, and the client feels supported throughout the entire process.

What person, living or dead, would you most like to talk with? Cardi B. Hers is a story of how hard work, tenacity, and authenticity proved to be her recipe for happiness and success.

What is the most important thing you’ve learned? Never compromise your values and sync your model often.

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Last month several members from AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada attended the last regional conference of Western Mountain Region at the WMR 21 Summit in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There were tours through the architecture of Old Town and speakers over the course of the event which provided AIA continuing education credit. One of the highlights for the conference was AIA Las Vegas member Michele Brigida, AIA who was awarded the 2021 AIA WMR AIA 10 Award. This award recognizes those individuals who, at an early stage of their architectural career, have shown exceptional leadership in design, education and/or service to the profession.

I wanted to offer congratulations again to Michele on the recognition of your award.

In October, the AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee hosted our monthly member meeting on the 20th will an interactive panel discussion. The panel consisted of Christine Hess, Executive Director for Nevada Housing Coalition; Lorri Murphy, VP of Real Estate Development for Ovation Development; Brooke Page, Director, Southwest for CSH; and Hillary Lopez, PhD, Senior Associate for Praxis Consulting Group. Monica Gresser, the chair of the affordable housing committee moderated the discussion which highlighted many of the concerns we have in our valley with adequate affordable housing. If you were not able to attend, please take some time to watch the recording and take action by getting involved with the AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee or one of the other non-profits represented during the meeting. You can watch the recording on our YouTube Channel here.

Coming up this month our November member meeting will focus on the AIA Las Vegas Government Affairs committee. This committee is looking to build members and work for all architects in Las Vegas as well as Nevada on issues that matter to us. Please register here and join the upcoming meeting on November 17th at 5:30pm via Zoom.

As we wrap up 2021, we will be celebrating AIA Nevada Design & Service Awards & AIA Las Vegas Holiday Celebration to be held at 6:00pm on Saturday, December 4th in the Grand Ballroom of the Four Seasons Hotel located at 3860 Las Vegas Blvd. South, LV, NV. 89119. Each year, AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas come together to acknowledge and celebrate the Members and Projects that deserve recognition. We will also take this opportunity to introduce the new Board of Directors for the AIA Las Vegas Chapter and have them take their oaths of office. We cannot wait to celebrate again the tradition of our black-tie optional affair in an elegant setting, wrap up the AIA Las Vegas meetings for 2021, and kick off the Holiday Season. If you have not reserved your seat, please find a link to register now before it sells out. You can RSVP here.

This month I decided to pull a quote from a famous author who we all probably studied during college or some point in our career. I am referring to Ayn Rand and of course her novel The Fountainhead. The book has become a classic with the depiction of the character architect Howard Roark and so I end this month with the following quote: “I don’t build in order to have clients. I have clients in order to build.” – Ayn Rand

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The AIA Las Vegas Chapter’s Government Affairs Committee has organized to directly engage advocacy issues which focus on the strategic organization of our chapter and the allied committees representing our membership. Our committee is actively working to build awareness of upcoming legislation ahead of the next session in an effort to strengthen our collective voice. We welcome you to share in this discussion to advocate on behalf of our collective interests—Please join us as we look to grow our network and make an impact on future decisions facing our members!

Our Panel is

Chris Lujan, AIA
SGN Representative

Jason Andoscia, AIA
AIA Nevada PAC

Mike Hillerby
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There is no charge to attend but we ask the courtesy of an RSVP so we can plan accordingly

Registered for 1.5 AIA CE’s

The AIA Las Vegas October Membership Meeting
"Collaborating for People: Removing Obstacles In Affordable Housing" was recorded and is available online.

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On a recent trip to Chicago, our Executive Director, Carlos Fernandez met with Ryan Gann, Assoc. AIA of AIA Chicago, IL. Gann is also an AIA National 2021–2023 At-large Director. They took this opportunity to discuss AIA National's initiatives on Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) as well as developing a leadership pipeline for young professionals within the AIA.
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*please click here for descriptions of each seminar
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The Post Pandemic Built Environment
Presented by Thomas Fisher, Director, Minnesota Design Center
Break - 10:00 - 10:15am
Session 2  -  10:15am - 12:15pm
State Of The Industry: Modular Construction
Presented by Tom Hardiman, CAE, ED, Modular Building Institute
Lunch - 12:15 - 1:15pm
Session 3  -  1:15 - 3:15pm
Tricks of the Trade: Code Analysis From A Fire Protection Engr.
Presented by Jim Begley, PE, FSFPE, CFM, Founder TERPconsulting
Break - 3:15 - 3:30pm
Session 4  -  3:30 - 5:30pm
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CONGRATULATIONS MICHELE!

Michelle Brigida, AIA was awarded the 2021 AIA WMR AIAIO Award during the Design + Honor Awards Gala at the WMR Summit in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 30, 2021. The Award was presented by Honor Awards Jury Chair, Dwayne R. Eshenbaugh, AIA and WMR Directors Dino Sakeller, FAIA (Arizona) and Mark Ryan, AIA (Nevada).

The AIA WMR AIAIO Award recognizes those individuals who, at an early stage of their architectural career, have shown exceptional leadership in design, education and/or service to the profession.

Michele is a Partner and Principal of Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects. She was honored as the 2020 AIA Nevada Young Architect of the Year and has over 18 years of architectural experience in all aspects of design, construction documentation and client service.

Michele graduated Cum Laude from the University of Southern California School of Architecture. Born in Los Angeles, Michele grew up and studied abroad in Argentina, beginning her architectural studies at the Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata before returning to Southern California. She continued developing her passion for design at USC and afterwards with a roster of internationally prominent architects in Los Angeles before relocating to Las Vegas and joining CSD Architects in 2007.

Jenifer Johnson, City of Henderson Design and Construction Manger states: “Michele and I have worked together on numerous projects of various sizes including UNLV Hospitality Hall, UNLV Lee Business School conceptual design, City of Henderson Emergency Operations Center, City of Henderson Fire Stations 91 and 85, and a large variety of smaller projects. While all projects face challenges of differing degrees, Michele brought out the best of each and every one of these projects that she developed. Michele’s dedication to her profession and individual projects is inspiring.”

Firm Principals Rick Sellers and Michael Del Gatto had this to say: Michele is a rare young Architect who exhibits the highest level of talent in both design and technical construction knowledge. She is respected by our clients for both her service and passion, and she has worked tremendously hard to earn all that she has attained in her career. Michele volunteers for many AIA speaking engagements, panel discussions and design exhibitions; including those that promote the advancement of women in the profession. Her significant efforts contributed to our firm receiving the 2019 AIA Western Mountain Region Firm Award. Additionally, the design projects she has significantly contributed to have resulted in 48 design awards.

Eshenbaugh stated the jury was impressed by a very well-rounded (Principal) Architect with significant experience and a strong portfolio of work – all achieved within five years of licensure. The jury was equally impressed by Michelle’s work outside of practice where she dedicates much of her time advancing the profession. Michelle Brigida exemplifies what the AIAIO stands for.
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Committee News

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AIA LV Committees and Meeting Schedules

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Virtual Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm

AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee
Chair: Rick Van Diepen, AIA  rick@GRNVision.com
Virtual Meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30am

AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee
Co-Chair: Monica Gresser, AIA  mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com
Andrew Martin, AIA  martin.andrew.design@gmail.com
Virtual Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Members Committee
Chair: Lee Hopkinson  lee.hopkinson@uscad.com
Virtual Meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30am

AIA Las Vegas Government Affairs Committee
Chair: Chris Lujan, AIA  clujan@tska.com
Virtual Meeting Schedule 1st Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Co-Chairs: Melvin Green, AIA  melvin@kmearchitects.com
Sydney Katz, katz@spkatz.com
Virtual Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Education Outreach Committee
Chair: John Torpey, AIA  jot751@aol.com
Hybrid Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Women In Architecture Committee
Co-Chairs: Monica Gresser, AIA  mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com
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Virtual Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas UNLV School of Architecture Committee
Chair: Glenn Nowak, AIA  glenn.nowak@unlv.edu
Virtual Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30am

AIA Las Vegas Strategic Planning Committee
Chair: John Sawdon, AIA  johns@knitstudios.com
Virtual Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00am

AIA Las Vegas EPYAF Committee
Chair: Brandon McLaughlin, AIA  bmclaughlin@lgainc.com
Virtual Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Urban Sketchers Committee
Chair: Eric Roberts, AIA  ericr@knitstudios.com
Virtual or In Person Meeting 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 or 11:00am

Step Up!
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Want to get involved?
There's no better way than to join an AIA Committee.
The AIA Education Outreach Committee’s participation in the Construction Career Day at CSN North Las Vegas Campus on October 15, 2021 went very well. It was an outdoor event and the weather was perfect. We combined with Melvin Green, AIA and his office staff. They brought architectural models, drawings, books, banners, a slide presentation and best of all, themselves. There was a lot of interest from dozens of students. It was good to see so many in attendance and to see so many vendors in the construction trades as well.

The next College and Career Fair that the Education Outreach Committee will be participating in is at Western High School. It will be outdoors and scheduled for the morning of October 28, 2021. We have three Committee volunteers set for this. Thank you to Erik Swendseid, AIA, Mili Turbull, AIA, and Stacey Hatfield. NSBAIDRD. Michelle Tapia, UNLV student and staff member from KME Architects, whom I met at the Construction Career Day, has also volunteered to assist us at the Western High School Fair.

I have also been in contact with Darby Mims at Valley High School. Darby is interested in scheduling the AIA bus tour that was being planned prior to COVID-19 restrictions. This was organized as a tour of 4 buildings in Las Vegas for a group of 50 “Viking Scholars” who are interested in architecture and design. It is an exciting idea and will require planning and a number of volunteers to accomplish this activity. The proposed date is sometime in January 2022. Once a definitive date has been decided I will reach out to the Education Outreach Committee and general membership for assistance for this special project. Anyone who had previously volunteered for this Project when it was initially organized in 2020 and is still interested please contact me directly.

We welcome you. Join your friends, the Nevada Fellows, at our monthly Zoom gathering the first Monday of the month at noon. We are here to answer all your questions and advise you along the way if you choose this very rewarding journey.

The path to Fellowship is a path that for most is years in the making. The sooner you start learning about Fellowship, the more organized and focused your path will be……and it is never too early to start. In fact, the earlier you start, the better.

If you are interested, please contact Carlos at the AIALV office and he will send you a zoom invite to our next meeting.

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We are excited to be back in person and are eager to collaborate with our industry professionals again. We are open to anything from firm crawls, site visits, firm presentations, portfolio reviews and even connecting you to students for mentorship!

If you are interested please feel free to reach out to me at osorilt@unlv.nevada.edu.

My fellow students and I look forward to connecting with you soon!

Contact Glenn Nowak, AIA at glenn.nowak@unlv.edu
ARE MIGRATION TO PSI

Starting early next year, the Architect Registration Exam (ARE) will no longer be administered through Prometric; it will be administered through PSI. NCARB has stated numerous benefits to this migration, including more test centers, smoother test delivery, and adjusted rescheduling policies for greater candidate flexibility. The earliest the migration will roll out is early February 2022.

NCARB is currently in the testing phase to help ensure the migration will go smoothly. Once NCARB has completed testing on its end, it will roll out an “operational pilot.” During this pilot program, NCARB will be recruiting 300-400 volunteers to take the exam, both at test centers and online. Candidates taking part in the operational pilot will be able to take a section of the exam for free, in exchange for providing NCARB with feedback on the user experience under PSI. NCARB will begin recruiting for the operational pilot in October, with exams potentially being administered in late December to early January. If you are interested in volunteering, read and subscribe to NCARB’s ARE Updates for more information.

NCARB has assured candidates that the test itself will not change—this is only a change in test administrators. NCARB says candidates should continue to prepare to pass the exam as they are currently.

Additional benefits of the migration will include:
- Updated ARE 5.0 Guidelines
- Enhanced demo exam
- Free full-length practice tests for each division (coming Summer 2022)
- Updated “fail” score reports with expanded feedback

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Having associates that are registered makes your firm more valuable. Because NSBAIDRD’s mission is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by assuring the quality of the built environment, we would like to assist you in encouraging associates in your firm to become registered.

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Coverings – the premier tile & stone trade event in North America – is pleased to announce that it’s now accepting submissions for two incredible programs. Enter your top projects to the 2022 Coverings Installation & Design (CID) Awards or nominate a young emerging leader to the 2022 Coverings Rock Star program by December 17.

Even in uncertain times, one thing is for certain...you work hard, and you deserve to be recognized for it.

The 2022 CID Awards recognize and award projects featuring tile & stone that feature beautiful design and impeccable installation. As always, multiple entries are accepted and there is no cost to enter.

Winners will receive industry recognition and accolades, features in various media outlets, and a complimentary one-night stay to attend Coverings 2022 in Las Vegas.

If you know of a young industry talent that has a bright future in the tile & stone industry, nominate them to be a Coverings Rock Star. They must be 35 years or younger and currently working in the industry.

Rock Stars will receive industry accolades, a complimentary one-night stay to attend Coverings 2022, and unique professional development opportunities.

Enter by December 17
Nominate by December 17
On October 5, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance which modifies the Clark County Code and transfers the supervision and management responsibility of the Fire Prevention Bureau for the Building Code Official to the Fire Chief, or his designee. This amended ordinance will be effective on October 30, 2021. At that time, the Clark County Department of Building & Fire Prevention will change to the Clark County Building Department (CCBD) and the Clark County Fire Prevention Bureau (CCFPB). Jerry Stueve will remain the Director of the CCBD and the Clark County Building Official. Senior Deputy Chief Kelly Blackmon will have command of the CCFPB and will be the Clark County Fire Code Official.

For the development, contracting and consultant communities, as well as the general public, this change should be seamless. Both CCBD and CCFPB will continue to be located at the County’s Russell Campus, and will continue to work closely together to meet the needs of the community.

Seems like we’re running short on just about everything these days... and if you can get it, it’s taking longer to arrive. I know—there are supply chain issues and labor shortages and high demand and all, but this is starting to get old. At least there’s no shortage of hand sani or toilet paper now, so I guess that’s a start.
Las Vegas’ Historic Westside is about to become the first neighborhood in the city to have a community-based urban agriculture farming facility of this nature thanks to a $500,000 philanthropic contribution from MGM Resorts International to the city of Las Vegas, via the Mayor’s Fund for Las Vegas LIFE and its fiscal agent, Nevada Community Foundation, Inc.

The Historic Westside Farming Facility will establish a new, local food source in the Historic Westside in the city of Las Vegas. This facility will serve to tackle food insecurity rates in the neighborhood while addressing unemployment and building community wealth. The Historic Westside community has consistently struggled with reliable access to healthy food. As a food desert, Historic Westside residents experience 25.5% food insecurity – the highest in the Las Vegas Valley.

“The city of Las Vegas is committed to bringing unique solutions, whenever possible, to challenges that may face communities,” Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman said. “This partnership will not only revitalize a currently unused public space and transform it into a farming facility providing healthy food, but it will also serve as a model for replication in other parts of the community.”

The Historic Westside Farming Facility will be located within James Gay Park in the Historic Westside. The city of Las Vegas will use the funding from MGM to acquire two ready-built, plug-and-play container growing facilities. The pre-built 40-foot shipping containers (manufactured by Freight Farms in Boston) are climate-controlled and can operate year-round, providing approximately 320 square feet of vertical growing space, and producing the output of nearly 3.5 acres of flat farming each, or 8 tons of produce. The containers provide diversified crop production capability – their systems can grow lettuce, leafy greens, herbs, vining berries and vegetables, root vegetables and flowers, allowing the community to grow produce that is needed and desired by its residents. Once the container operations are launched, they provide their first harvestable crops within eight weeks.

“The iconic Las Vegas Strip would not be what it is today without the Historic Westside Community,” said MGM Resorts CEO and President Bill Hornbuckle. “We are honored to join our neighbors in developing this farming facility that will have a positive and direct impact for those who are currently food insecure. At MGM Resorts we take seriously our commitment to invest in our communities, and we believe that we are all better off when we unite with one another for the common good. We are grateful for the entities who together have turned this innovative idea into a reality and look forward to the produce that will be readily available for Historic Westside families and individuals to harvest in 2022.”

The containers are anticipated to be placed and operational by early 2022. While the immediate focus would be to provide produce to support the community, excess produce would be available for sale to the public and community partners to help support the ongoing operations of the facilities, which would be operated by a community-based organization. All revenues generated would be reinvested to the growing operations and supporting facilities in the Historic Westside.

The facility will also build community by providing a much-needed neighborhood hub, and will celebrate community through trainings, programming and events that inform, educate and celebrate cultural food traditions as well.

The impetus for this project was the HUNDRED Plan (created in 2016), which outlined a number of desired programs and projects for the Historic Westside utilizing the input of more than 250 residents of the neighborhood over the course of a year. The need to address food insecurity as well as high unemployment levels rose to the top as two of the most critical needs to be addressed. Those elements were prioritized in the implementation strategy for the HUNDRED Plan – the HUNDRED Plan in Action (completed in July 2020). The city has been working with community partners to identify funding to implement this project since that time.
OPEN CALL FOR ART

‘Over & Over & Over’ at the Winchester-Dondero Cultural Center Gallery
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The Clark County Public Arts Office and the Winchester-Dondero Cultural Center present an open call for art around the theme of patterns. Patterns can be found in nature, throughout history, and made up yourself, using colors, lines, and shapes, and we encourage artists to go beyond the simple definition of repetition.
This exhibition will be juried by Eric Vozzola, a studio artist, muralist, and graphic designer based in his hometown of Las Vegas, NV. He received his BFA in Graphic Design from UNLV in 2011. Eric has shown studio work in solo and group shows locally and nationally, and has multiple public artworks around Vegas. His most notable solo shows in Las Vegas were held at Winchester Gallery, Whitney Library Gallery, and the Alumni Gallery at his alma mater of UNLV. He has created murals and public art for Resorts World Las Vegas, Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Circa Resort & Casino, DTP Companies, the City of Las Vegas, the City of Henderson, Life Is Beautiful festival, Meow Wolf at Area 15, and various private residences and local businesses in Las Vegas.
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IN MEMORIAM
JAMES VELTMAN
1939-2021
By Edmundo Brondo

We have lost a notable Southern Nevada Design Professional and great man. James Veltman passed August 28, 2021 at the age of 81 in Conroe Texas. He was born December 5, 1939, he leaves a wife Nadene, five children and several grandchildren.

James had degrees in Architecture, Land Planning and Landscape Architecture from Calvin College, University of Michigan, and the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation, Jim began his career as a licensed architect with WRT with Ian McHarg. His focus was on Environmental Landscape planning and architecture where he was a key contributor of the original team that developed two master planned communities The Woodlands, TX and Summerlin, NV. He also worked as an entrepreneur and businessman creating and running a company named JVA Designs and Studio VBM. His focus remained on Environmental design and architecture until his retirement in 2019.

In addition, Jim taught at UNLV School of Architecture for 7 years with a focus on Planning and Urban Design lectures. He started a chapter of the Rotary Club in Las Vegas and served as the president for several years.

Jim was a dedicated family man that enjoyed family time with his wife, siblings, and children.

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FRANK ZILM, FAIA

Frank Zilm has led a life of service and advocacy. His introduction to local AIA chapters came just after high school and instilled in him the notion that architects must give back—to their communities, their professions, and the schools that launched their careers. Zilm has been a Citizen Architect ever since. As AIA Kansas City chapter president, Zilm built a scholarship program that fosters the next generation of architects. (Privately, Zilm and his wife also have established and sponsored two other scholarship programs.)

As a college professor, he has helped students understand how architects can improve the health and safety of marginalized communities. As a citizen advocate, he has led volunteer coalitions that are shaping the policy answers to society’s most pressing challenges.

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This week, delegates from around the world will meet at COP26 to accelerate action that addresses climate change—and a delegation from AIA will be among them. AIA’s delegation will continue to push world leaders to take a stronger stance on climate action. It will also connect with potential new partners who can help reduce the built environment’s impact on climate change.

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AIA LV Urban Sketchers Meeting - "Las Vegas Springs Preserve"

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DECEMBER

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7
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24
Christmas Eve

25
Christmas Day

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New Years Eve

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AIA LV Urban Sketchers Meeting - "TBA"

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