

Welcome 2008! The New Year has arrived and HDH Associates, P.C. is looking forward to another great year. We are busy preparing new designs for the upcoming construction season. We have many roofing projects that will be going to bid in the near future in addition to some renovations throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Additionally, we are excited about the project for the State of Wyoming in Cheyenne. In 1999, we had the opportunity to work with the State of Wyoming for the roof replacement project on the state capitol. We now have the privilege to return to Cheyenne for the Herschler Building Plaza and Connector project, which is our project spotlight for this month's edition of HDH Happenings.

Project Spotlight

State of Wyoming Herschler Building Plaza and Connector



HDH Associates presented the State of Wyoming an Investigation for the Herschler Building and Plaza in 2001 and in 2007 we were awarded the design. This investigation outlined the findings and recommended modifications to alleviate problems relating to moisture infiltration into the structure below ground between the Herschler Building and the Wyoming State Capitol.

Many of the existing problems may be remedied with the application of a more advanced and effective method of waterproofing at the structural level of the plaza. The design provides for a dual layer of waterproofing consisting of EPDM and Bentonite Clay. The new walking surface will be achieved with the placement of new concrete pours.

The repairs to the plaza present unique opportunities to accommodate the changing needs of the facility while maintaining the original design intent of the project, including handicapped accessibility to the North entrance of the State Capitol Building and snow removal from the plaza. In addition to maintaining the original intent, HDH Associates explored and presented options to provide a structure that would connect the two buildings and provide a means of travel between them without having to expose staff and visitors to the outdoor elements. This design was then approved by the State and HDH Associates has begun the development of contract documents for the structure and modifications relating to the terrace to incorporate the changes necessary for transition of grades to the connector.

HDH anticipates that construction on the terrace and connector will begin as early as spring with the project being completed over two construction seasons.

Employee Spotlight

Joe F. Hale, President



After many years in the construction business and having a taste of the world of architecture and engineering, Joe decided to open his own firm in 1986. That was more than 21 years ago and HDH Associates, P.C., along with Joe, are still going strong! Although he is not in the office as much as he once was, he still has a great influence in how we go about our day to day operations.

Joe loves the opportunity to tell a story or reflect on times when he was a young man growing up in Dublin, Virginia. Having seen so many places and traveled so many roads, Joe always knows a good place to eat. These days he keeps himself busy working on "the mountain." Joe and his wife, Patsy, live in Max Meadows, nestled in the hills of Wythe County. He has developed a conservatory for the benefit of the wildlife that roams his property. His projects have included ponds, fields with vegetation in areas where clear cuts left it barren, and roads that take you to places where the deer and turkey almost consider you a guest on their tract of land.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tim Hale (January 23)

Mark Lester (March 19)

Frank Jones—12 Years (February 21)

Tom Boyd—5 Years (March 7)

Rainie Ward—4 Years (March 29)

Robin Liebal—20 Years (March 31)