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The Newsletter by and for the Members of the Housatonic Chapter of The Construction Specifications Institute

March Madness
Tuesday, March 18

The Housatonic Chapter was incorporated in 1969. The chapter has an active membership which meets the third Tuesday of the month September through June.

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When in Rome …

On March 18, Louis Grasso of Urban Mining Industries, will present an AIA credited program at Citrus Restaurant in Milford, CT.

"Ground Glass Pozzolans for Sustainable Concrete".

Cost for dinner and program is $40 (cash or check please). Social ½ hour/networking and tabletop display will be from 6:00 to 6:30. Program will start at 6:30.

Please make your reservations with me at rolsen@jcj.com or 860-240-9335 by no later than 5:00 end of day Friday, March 14th.

Ground Glass Pozzolans (GGPs) replace up to 50% of the cement in concrete. The cement component of concrete imparts a large Global Warming Potential (GWP) and replacing the cement with GGPs dramatically reduce concrete's GWP. GGPs are made from recycled post-consumer bottle glass that would otherwise be landfilled. The glass is sourced regionally, GGPs are manufactured locally and distributed regionally - this constitutes the perfect circular economy. GGPs produce a stronger and more durable concrete with extreme resistance to chloride penetration (road salts), sulfate attack and freeze/thaw damage from water penetration.

Examples of the actual use of GGPs in concrete products are presented including a multitude of projects where concrete block and pre-stressed plank are the primary structural components of the projects. The first ever cast-in-place use of GGPs was demonstrated by the Durst Organization for all the high-strength structural concrete in their Halletts Point project in Queens. 2.2 million square feet of 6000-PSI floor slabs were cast using GGPs in the JP Morgan Chase Global HQ project in Manhattan.

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Time to once again sharpen your specification skills. Hear it from the panelists as they respond to the questions supplied by the panel leader.

The **7th Annual Specifiers Roundtable** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th at Eli's On Whitney, 2392 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT. Parking is across the street.

Panel Leader:
Ross Spiegel, FAIA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP BD+C, Specifications Coordinator - The S/L/A/M Collaborative

Panel Members:
Craig A. Battisto, AIA, LEED AP, CSI, Associate Principal / Director of Project Operations - Amenta Emma Architects

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Attendee (and sponsor) registration is open; please confirm your attendance today! This is the Region's most important event of the year.

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