

Well-Earned Tributes for Two High on the Cliff



Walker and Carolyn Johnson will be honored on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. at Landmarks Illinois' annual Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards ceremony at the InterContinental Chicago. Walker and his wife will be the recipients of the Landmark Illinois' 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award known as the Joe Antunovich Award for

Leadership.

As a young professional, Walker's background in history and architecture propelled him to become a key member in the preservation movement surrounding Chicago during the 1970s. Working in grassroots advocacy to rally public interest and organizational networks for historic preservation, Walker was a founding member of Landmarks Illinois and initiated the preservation branch of Holabird and Root architects/engineers.

Walker's advocacy continues through his architectural preservation practice as a principal at Johnson Lasky Architects, co-founded in 1992 with Larry Lasky, CD'84. JLA's many projects of note include the restoration of Ragdale House in Lake Forest, the award winning Dana-Thomas House restoration in Springfield, as well as restoring the Chicago landmark Essanay Studios building in the Uptown neighborhood.

While Walker continues to provide leadership in organizations such as the AIA, the Association for Preservation Technology, Landmarks Illinois, and the Society of Architectural Historians, we at The Cliff Dwellers are gifted by his 30 years of membership. He has served the Club as our 41st President from 1990-1992; more recently, as a member of the Art Foundation and as the Chairman of the History Committee; and always, with his quick smile as a purveyor of camaraderie at the Members Table.

Zivio Walker!



Wilbert and Marilyn Hasbrouck will be honored on November 8, 2014 from 6-9 p.m. at the Society of Architectural Historians 5th Annual Gala at The Fortnightly of Chicago. The theme of this year's gala is "A Foundation for Preservation," honoring individuals who initiated early historic preservation work in Chicago and continue to support the conservation of the built environment. For their lifetime support of Chicago preservation as founders of the *Prairie School Review* and the Prairie Avenue Bookshop, Wil and Marilyn will be presented the SAH Award for Excellence in Architectural Media.

After relocating from rural Iowa in 1959, Wil as a young architect took a liking to the grandeur of Chicago's older buildings and spent a few noon hours picketing against the demolition of the Garrick Theater. This became the seedbed for the Hasbrouck's' involvement in Chicago's architectural preservation. Involvement with the Chicago Heritage Committee newsletter blossomed into their founding the Prairie School Press to reproduce out-of-print architectural classics. By 1964 they had launched the *Prairie School Review*. A decade later they opened the Prairie Avenue Bookshop to address the highly specialized topics of "architecture and design" for a broad range of interest levels.

Wil has impacted Chicago architectural preservation and renovation on many levels. He authored *The Chicago Architectural Club: Prelude to the Modern*. He led the project to move and restore the Widow Clarke House, the city's oldest surviving house. He worked in restoring the Manhattan and the Rookery buildings as well as Wright's Dana-Thomas House in Springfield. As a member of The Cliff Dwellers since 1964, Wil retells the stories of our Club with wit and wisdom. He served the Club as our 38th President from 1984-1985, remains an active member of the History Committee, and currently is updating and extending Henry Regnery's history of The Cliff Dwellers. Zivio Wil!

- **Of Little Note: When Bill Bowe had not appeared for his newspaper and glass of ice-water prior to lunch at the Club at his usual “first-come-first-served” early hour for several weeks, Tim Herwig called Encyclopedia Britannica to solve the mystery. Bill had retired! So, a couple dozen members formed a “Golden Era” reunion committee and tricked Bowe, the self-proclaimed Emperor of the Era into coming to the Club for a free lunch at the Member’s Table. The “free” ploy worked and the largest Member’s Table of 2014 gathered to feast on the Tuesday buffet and Bill.**

Several members rose to the occasion. Deirdre McCloskey noted that “Bill was the spark at the Members Table. We could always count on him to bring down the level of conversation.” Larry Okrent spent several hours in the dark room searching his 1947 EB for any reference to one *William Bowe* and found nothing. Shifting to Wikipedia he immediately discovered one Theodore “Bill” Bowe from somewhere in Michigan and offered a five minute substitute biography. Delightful but distant!

Mr. Bowe with his son Pat at his side to steady him through the ordeal reminded the gathering of friends, “When I joined the Cliff Dwellers I was tall and thin and young.” Ever the showman, he hesitated. “Now, I’m older.” He paused, “One out of three is okay.” And then in closing Emperor Bill added, “My term in office has become commonly known as “The Golden Era”—a wonderful time that you might not want to visit again.”

Really, Bill. Really!

