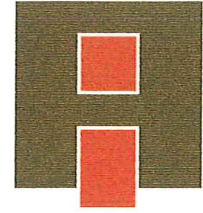


Larry L. Rizor, AIA

Architects Incorporated, P.C. Resume



Education

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Bachelor of Architecture, 1971

Registration

Architect: Michigan

Employment Experience

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February 1991 - ~~Present~~ **DECEMBER 2014**
President / Principal / Owner

Robert Lee Wold & Associates, Incorporated
1986 - 1991
Operations Manager / Project Manager

Sarvis Associates
1971 - 1985
Secretary / Principal / Owner

Memberships

Michigan Barn Preservation Board
State of Michigan, Board of Architects
State of Michigan, Board of Professional Engineers
American Institute of Architects
Michigan Society of Architects
AIA Western Michigan AIA Treasurer, 1981 - 1985
Battle Creek Kiwanis Club, 1978 - present
Burnham Brook Senior Center, Past Board Member, Project Manager
Community Leadership Academy, 1981
Memorial Park Cemetery Board Secretary, 1990 - 2001
Visiting Nurse Services of Southern Michigan, President, Chairman of
Building and Site Committee, 1984 - 1990
Battle Creek Senior Housing Study Committee
Battle Creek Public Schools, District Improvement Planning Committee
Battle Creek Area Soccer and Tennis Committee
Albion District Board of Church Location & Building Committee Chair,
United Methodist Church
City of Battle Creek Historic District Commission (Past Chairperson)
City of Battle Creek Housing Board of Appeals
City of Battle Creek Zoning Board
City of Battle Creek Planning Commission
Calhoun County Planning Commission
Calhoun County Linear Trailway, Board Member

Project Experience

Cultural/Religious

First Church of Christ Scientist, Battle Creek, Michigan
Addition to First Wesleyan Church: Battle Creek, Michigan
New Faith Baptist Church: Battle Creek, Michigan
Addition to Marshall United Methodist Church: Marshall, Michigan
Addition to First United Methodist Church: Battle Creek, Michigan
New Jonesville United Methodist Church: Jonesville, Michigan

Senior/Child Care

Burnham Brook Center Owner's Representative: Battle Creek, Michigan
Renovation for Munger Properties - Head Start: Battle Creek, Michigan
Y-Center Head Start Center Study: Battle Creek, Michigan
New Woodlawn Preschool: Battle Creek, Michigan
Addition & Renovation of Altrusa Children's Place in the Park: Battle Creek, Michigan
Battle Creek Health System/K.C.C. - Kid's Campus Daycare: Battle Creek, Michigan
CentraCare Renovations, Burnham Brook Center, Battle Creek, Michigan

Education/Recreation

New Davenport College: Battle Creek, Michigan
Renovations to Y-Center - Health Fitness Center: Battle Creek, Michigan
Doris Klaussen Center Renovations, Playground, Landscape, & Site Improvements:
Battle Creek, Michigan
New Greenhouse for Calhoun Area Technology Center: Battle Creek, Michigan
New Youth Warehouse for First Wesleyan Church: Battle Creek, Michigan
Ropes Course Improvements for Battle Creek Public Schools: Dowling, Michigan
Tracks, Tennis Courts, Softball Facilities: Athens, Pennfield, Lakeview, & Battle Creek Schools
Addition and Renovations to Valley View Elementary School,
Battle Creek Public Schools, Battle Creek, Michigan
New Helen Warner Branch, Willard Public Library, Battle Creek, Michigan

Preservation

Relocation of Pioneer Log Cabin for Battle Creek Public Schools: Dowling, Michigan
Renovation of Historic Sullivan Dairy Barn: Battle Creek, Michigan
Master Planning Study for First Presbyterian Church: Battle Creek, Michigan
Preservation Study of Hart Hotel: Battle Creek, Michigan
Addition to First United Methodist Church: Battle Creek, Michigan
Sullivan Dairy Barn Restoration: Battle Creek, Michigan

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Summary

Larry has contributed in ways large and small to our Battle Creek community. Serving on a number of non-profit boards, state, city and county professional boards and commissions, he has left his touch on both the interior and exterior of buildings along with visible actions that protect our buildings and environment. He has helped countless commercial building owners, both public and private, navigate the complicated system of building design, government plan review and construction, as well as assisting in fundraising for area non-profits organizations and churches.

He stayed in Battle Creek, raised his family and started to develop his career in architecture with a respect and focus on history and the environment rather than pursuing his career in larger cities. He grew a successful small business and has helped many local entrepreneurs get started on their own road to success. Larry is a trusted member of the community; he is interested and involved in the local processes that involve both the private and non-profit sectors. He has earned the respect of city, state and federal government officials, other architects and engineers, contractors and subcontractors. He is

an architect that listens to his clients and tries to satisfy their needs, not his own ego, and is not afraid to challenge government restrictions on a commercial building owner's rights. His knowledge of state and local building codes, Historic District regulations, public school construction law, and Americans with Disabilities Act, has, over the years, saved local public and private business owners hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Making a difference in the lives of others

Larry's design work has helped enabled local schools, churches, healthcare agencies and commercial buildings to function better, provide more or improved services, and enabled the start and/or growing of these businesses and organizations. His volunteerism to non-profits and community boards has helped to save numerous historic buildings, provide guidance that helped facilitate important discussions and decision-making. His involvement at the county level has resulted in the development of a non-motorized trailway to enhance the recreational and health benefits available to citizens both locally and visitors. As a small business owner, he provided a livelihood to ^{A NUMBER} hundreds of employees over the years, and shared his knowledge with others in both an educational and advisory capacity.

Larry's sense of responsibility is seen in many ways - concern and protection of our environment and natural resources (i.e. Mill Pond Project, Trailways Alliance Project); respect for our past (buildings, programs and the history they represent) and people of all ages (projects to help senior citizens, teens, young children). In every aspect of how he uses his time both in work and as a volunteer, it is obvious that he has impacted lives in ways that can't always be measured.

Volunteer efforts (alphabetical not chronological order)

Albion District Board of Church Location & Building Committee Chair
American Institute of Architects, Michigan Society of Architects, Western Michigan AIA Treasurer
Battle Creek Area Environmental Action Council
Battle Creek Area Soccer and Tennis Committee
Battle Creek Kiwanis Club – Board of Directors 1982; Past President 1985, member
Battle Creek Public School District Improvement Planning Committee – Member
Battle Creek Senior Housing Study Committee
Battle Creek Township Advisory Council
Burnham Brook Senior Center – Past Board Member
Calhoun County Planning Commission
Calhoun County Trailway Alliance, President
City of Battle Creek Development Advisory Council
City of Battle Creek Housing Board of Appeals
City of Battle Creek Zoning Board
First United Methodist Church – BC – Member, Endowment Committee, Usher
Historic District (Battle Creek) Commission – Past Chairperson
Memorial Park Cemetery – Board President, Secretary
Michigan Barn Preservation Board; conference presenter
State of Michigan Board of Architects – Governor Appointment
State of Michigan Board of Professional Engineers – Governor Appointment
United Way of Battle Creek - Account Executive
Visiting Nurse Services of Southern Michigan, President, Chairman of Building & Site Committee

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West End Redevelopment Association – Board Member

Major community involvement and/or recognitions (alphabetical order)

Note – Some of the community involvement items are listed above and could also easily be listed in his section

Battle Creek Area Transportation Study - Citizens Advisory Committee - Representative
Battle Creek Historical District – Distinguished Service Award on behalf of local history
Battle Creek Regional History Museum - consultant
Battle Creek Township Advisory Council
Burnham Brook Senior & Community Center – Planning Committee – All Phases of Development
City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department, master planning process
Community Leadership Academy – Graduate 2nd Leadership Class
Junior Achievement Recognition – Larry Rizer & Architects, Inc.
Kalamazoo Riverfront Development (previously known as Battle Creek Whitewater) - organizer
Volunteer Center – Lend A Hand Recognition -1999

NOTE:

Larry became a core organizer and then President of the Calhoun County Trailway Alliance (CCTA), an organization formed to facilitate the coordination of a countywide fundraising campaign to raise over \$1 million in public and private donations to add to state and federal grant funds to complete Phase 1, Segment 1 of the Calhoun County Trailway. CCTA was successful in raising those funds and the trail has become a reality.

In its entirety, the trail will connect the cities of Battle Creek, Marshall, Albion, and the Village of Homer along with connecting to trails in Kalamazoo and Jackson Counties. When completed, the Calhoun County Trailway will become part of the Great Lake-to-Lake Trail from South Haven eastward to Port Huron as well as part of the North Country National Scenic Trail extending from New York to North Dakota.

A unique feature of the Calhoun County Trailway will be a number of donated historic iron bridges used to cross-wetlands and add interest to the trail. Larry's contributions to these efforts were monumental as they included resources of his time, office and personal financial support.

Major personal accomplishments and recognitions

Started his own architectural firm in Battle Creek in 1992.

Undertook the establishment of JRS Development Group that oversaw the acquisition and renovation of Historic Sullivan Dairy Barn – home of Architects, Inc.; Jessup Group and other small businesses. The renovated Sullivan Dairy Barn was placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Development of Calhoun County Trailways Access – from idea to reality (see note in #4).

Established with his wife, the Larry and Kathy Rizer Scholarship Fund (BCCF) in 2015 to help area high school students.

Major professional accomplishments and recognitions (alphabetical order)

Architect or consultant for the following new buildings:

~~Arcadia Brewing Company - development~~

Battle Creek Transit Facility

Binder Park Golf Course Clubhouse

Capitol Crossing - Battle Creek Hearing Services & Wells Fargo Offices

Davenport College - preliminary design & development

Faith Baptist Church (CHARLOTTE, MI)

~~First Baptist Church~~ FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH (HELMER ROAD)

First Church of Christ Scientist

First Wesleyan Church - Student Center

~~Greislinger Facility~~ GREISLINGER FACTORY (FT. CUSTER)

Helen Warner Library - Branch of Willard Public Library

Kalsee Credit Union

LifeCare Ambulance Service Complex

Co-Author with Larry Anderson on the design of LifeCare Ambulance Service in an article that appeared in the Journal of the American Ambulance Service

Lung and Sleep Center

Memorial Park Cemetery Administration Offices

Residential - 103 Wentworth Place house designed for the Mulders and used in the Decorators

Showhouse - a major fundraiser for the Battle Creek Symphony

Sullivan Barn Office Complex

First Wesleyan Church Student Center

Major building additions and renovations include:

Battle Creek Central High School Athletic Complex and Field House elevator addition

Battle Creek Intermodal Facility (train station),

City of Battle Creek- various buildings

Doris Klaussen Developmental Center

Family Y-Center Multipurpose Building

First United Methodist Church - addition, renovations

First Presbyterian Church - addition, 2 major renovations

Nursing Clinic - expansion

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits

Post-Franklin Elementary School - addition

Valley View Elementary School - addition

~~Nursing Clinic - expansion~~

The Kool Family Community Center (formerly Burnham Brook Community Center)

Willard Library Children's Room - renovation

WK Kellogg Auditorium Renovation ²⁴ project coordinator

St. Peter Lutheran Church

St Thomas Episcopal Church - fire assessment and building needs consultant

Sullivan Barn renovation and new use

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Lakeview School building renovations include: an addition to the Maintenance Office building, cafeteria and restroom improvements, new service entry canopy, site improvements and press box at the Junior High, Prairieview Elementary kitchen and site improvements, and playground, pavement, restroom, lighting and piping upgrades at many of the other district elementary buildings.

Other comments/observations...

In addition to previously mentioned volunteerism on a number of boards and committees for local government, community and church groups, Larry has also found time to mentor students from the local school districts, help with master planning for City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department, assist the board of the Battle Creek Regional History Museum, and is currently one of the core organizers of the Kalamazoo Riverfront Development (~~previously~~ known as Battle Creek Whitewater), a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the downtown by providing development that will attract new housing, offices and service providers to form high-quality neighborhoods near downtown and develop the riverfront into a more naturalized and publically utilized resource.

Larry has assisted many local non-profit organizations over the years. He was instrumental in helping to establish the Burnham Brook Center, now known as The Kool Family Community Center, assisting the original core organizers with property acquisition and serving as the owner's representative during design and construction.

Larry has never sought recognitions or awards for his building designs. He has remained in the Battle Creek area over 40 years, working as a commercial architect and volunteering as a community advocate. Working with owners, sometimes on limited budgets, Larry takes a "Spartan" budget and designs and returns a warm, inviting, functional building. His work speaks for itself. As you look over the lists of accomplishments, recognitions he has received in both a personal and professional capacity, you start to see the **magnitude** of his contributions to our community. As you look over the list of new buildings or buildings where he's had a part in an addition or renovation - AND - then think about when you might have been in one of those spaces - from the outside to the inside - you sense his respect and appreciation for history, elements of design, use of materials and an ultimate feeling of comfort and interpreting the owners wishes - there is a sense of awe in recognizing these unique gifts and how they have grown and developed over the past 50 years - ~~his name rightfully deserves to belong with those local architects who have preceded him - A.B. Chanel, Binda, Sarvis and now Rizor.~~

Family

Wife: Kathy (Sargent) Rizor LHS '68, retired Educator/Harper Creek High School - Community Volunteer and Advocate

Daughter: Dr. Kelly (Rizor) Desino LHS '94, PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry, employed by Abbvie in Chicago - senior research scientist in drug metabolism

Son: Derek LHS '98, Degree in finance and management; sales manager for Biddergy - an online auction agency

Grandchildren: Lilly, Adia and Mason