

Family info: Recently and happily married to Lynn Hungate.

Years in practice: 30 (since birth).

School/Education: Carnegie Mellon University (1987).

First job: Cleaning out coffee mugs at my father's firm.

Project you're proudest of: The next one.

Most embarrassing project/moment: Far too many for this tiny space.

Building you wished you had designed: The Pantheon.

Building you'd like to tear down: Any neo-fascist, poured concrete structure in the county.

If you hadn't been an architect what would you have been? Archeologist.

If someone made a movie of your life, who would play you? DeNiro.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where? Everywhere, on a Mahogany Yacht (Cheoy Lee).

Charles L. Desmone II

"Chip"

Firm: Charles L. Desmone and Associates.

What's the best part of your job: Landing a new project.

What would you change about your job? Nothing—well, maybe higher fees.

What have you always wanted to tell your boss? Pap, what do ya say we take the day off and go sailing?

What have you always wanted to tell your clients? Good design doesn't have to be expensive (but great design does).

What's the most annoying thing architects do? Fraudulently acting superior when conversing with peers.

Advice to young architects: Go to law school while there is still time.

The one thing you wish they'd teach you in school is: Humility.

Favorite interior: Any large green pepper (thanks Doug Cooper).

Favorite building: Montezuma's castle (an ancient cliff dwelling) near Sedona, Arizona.

Favorite city: San Francisco (Pittsburgh with an ocean).

Favorite architect: Stanford White.

Favorite book: *Life & Architecture in Pittsburgh* (Jamie Van Trump).

Favorite neighborhood: Shadyside.

Most architecturally-appealing restaurant in Pittsburgh: Cafe Giovanni (Clearwater by Peter Mathews).

Best gift to give an architect: Acknowledgment.

Wish list for downtown Pittsburgh: An ocean.

What's the next big architectural trend?: Sincerity.

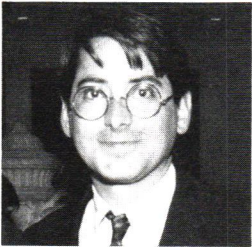
Someday I'd like to: Ski Japan.

I want to be remembered for: Contributing to the good.

People would be surprised to know that: I still haven't won the lottery.

The secret of my success is: No secret, it's my father.

I belong to AIA because: Of its great entertainment value (it's the best deal in town).



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