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October 16th, 2019 Meeting Details:

Place: University of Massachusetts Club

One Beacon Street, 32nd Floor, Boston

Time: Board Meeting 4:15-5:25 PM

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Dinner and Presentation 6:15-7:45 PM

Parking: One Beacon Street Garage and

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Please join the **CSI Boston Chapter** on Wednesday, October 16th with a presentation and discussion by Dale Gigandet.

Title:

Evolution, Design and Construction

Presenters:



Dale Gigandet, P.E., Managing director and founder of Security Entry Consultants, LLC

Program Description:

This presentation will provide an overview of revolving door technology for both architectural and security applications. Both are in widespread use around the world due to the many benefits they provide, but often misunderstood in the design and construction industry. Subject areas to be covered include history and evolution, codes and standards, design and construction, application and use, and service and maintenance. Elegant designs, energy efficient solutions, and enhanced security capabilities are only but a few of the key benefits associated with revolving door technology.



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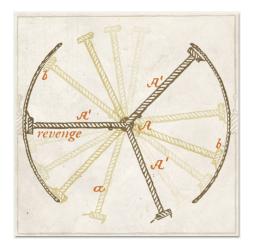
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Who invented the revolving door?

History of the Revolving Door

The next time you step between the panels of a revolving door, take a closer look. Most revolving doors are composed of three or four individual panels; those used to accommodate more than one person have only two panels. Regardless of the number of panels, all fan out from a central shaft that rotates within a glass-enclosed cylinder. Weather stripping on the side of each panel creates a seal between the panel and the cylinder. Curved walls allow a tighter fit. A revolving door's movement is powered either by



someone pushing one of the door panels or by a motor that automatically rotates the doors.

This design has remained the same largely from its invention. The first patent in the world for a revolving door went to German inventor H. Bockhacker in 1881, but the idea didn't

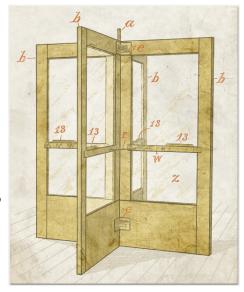
catch on.

In 1888, Pennsylvania resident Theophilus Van Kannel received the first U.S. patent for a three-way storm door with weather stripping to ensure an energy-efficient fit with the doorframe. He set up his own company, the Van Kannel Revolving Door Co., to manufacture his product. In 1907, Van Kannel sold it to International Steel (known today as the International Revolving Door Co.)

Although not much is known about Van Kannel's life, there's an interesting rumor concerning the inspiration behind his invention: He disliked the chivalrous act of holding open doors so ladies could pass through them. Thus, he spent most of his adult life focused on the invention, improvement and installation of revolving doors. He also never married.

Van Kannel was recognized for his invention both during his lifetime and posthumously. In 1889, he received Philadelphia's John Scott Medal for his invention's usefulness to society. In 2007, he was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. The revolving door is not Van Kannel's only claim to fame. He also invented the Witching Waves ride at Coney Island. The ride, which was installed in 1907, featured two-person seats that moved along an undulating metal floor. Van Kannel died in 1919 at age 78, but his revolving doors live on. Today, the doors have been paired with metal- and chemical-detection technology, and

have become an important security feature in airports and detention centers. Some revolving doors even feature facial-recognition surveillance systems.



Author's Note

There isn't a lot of information about Theophilus Van Kannel's personal life, but I do find his apparent tenacity intriguing. He lived during the Victorian era, a time when following the etiquette was the order of the day, yet may have spent the bulk of his life perfecting an invention that broke all the rules. Even today, there's debate about whether a man should enter first into a revolving door to push it into motion or simply allow a woman to go first.

Article by Laurie L. Dove Source: https:// science.howstuffworks.com/ innovation/everyday-innovations/whoinvented-the-revolving-door1.htm



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