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DECEMBER Luncheon

Join Us at Maggiano's

Date: December 20, 2001
Time: Reception - 11:30 A.M.
 Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.
Speaker: Earl E. Newman
 Illinois District 4
 International Director
Topic: Latest News From ITE
Location: Maggiano's
 516 N. Clark
 Chicago, Illinois

For reservations or further information, contact Joe Emry or Joel Christell at 630.773.3900 on or before December 17, 2000.

Cost: \$25 per person
(\$12 for students)
\$5 extra w/o reservation

Next Month: Join us for the Illinois Section Annual Banquet in Arlington Heights on January 11, 2002.

President's Message

We are all aware that we are living in a different world now. President Abraham Lincoln observed during a challenging era nearly 150 years ago, "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we think anew and act anew."

Beyond September 11th

There is no question that the events of September 11, 2001 have changed our environment and how as transportation professionals we will need to respond. As government takes the appropriate actions in the interest of national security, it is also time for us to react. We must consider how we can plan and engineer transportation systems to be more secured, to provide a more durable and safe environment for people, and to provide safe and rapid egress. Legislative and fiscal priorities will change, and they will affect transportation programs and improvements. We need to be aware that investment in transportation infrastructure creates economic benefit, both in the short term as a result of design and construction activity and in the long term through improved access and mobility. And, efficient transportation system operations will be more important. The profession will rise to the challenge.

TEA 21 Reauthorization

During the next two years, the transportation profession will be faced and challenged with the authorization of new federal surface transportation programs. The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), passed in 1998, authorizes the USDOT programs of the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and others through September 30, 2003. ARTBA in its

recent report to Congress stated the need to reauthorize TEA-21 to meet national infrastructure needs; and, to maintain the current infrastructure condition would require an annual Federal transportation budget of approximately \$50B. However, with the current needs in security, defense and social programs, it seems clear that this level or any increase might be hard to attain. There will be challenges ahead to expand transportation funding and programs for the construction, maintenance and operation of the needed federal, state and local transportation improvements. All of us will have to rise to this formidable task.

Section and Institute Affairs

The Section has a few activities underway during this busy time where your action and participation are needed:

The nominating committee, headed by Vice-President **Dawn Marincic**, has created an excellent slate of Officers and Directors to lead the Section in 2002. The slate warrants your support. The ballots have been mailed. Please fill out your ballot and return it quickly so that the results of the election can be announced at the Section's December luncheon meeting.

The Section December luncheon will be held at Maggiano's in Chicago on Thursday, December 20, 2001. Mr. Earl Newman, ITE District IV Director, will report on the ITE's activities and new programs. Contact is **Maynard Abuan** at (630) 773-3900.

The Activities Group is working hard to set up the next Annual Dinner Meeting in January 2002. A postcard announcing the location and date will be mailed to you. If last year's dinner meeting can be used as an example

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of a good outing, this year's should be as good or better. The leadership of the Section will be installed and the Section will present the Past President's Award. Please remember that we will also conduct an auction for the Section's scholarship program. All individual and public sector donations are welcome. The auction contact is **Dorin Fera** at (630) 213-1000.

I cannot believe it's December already and it is time to pass on the gavel to a new Section president. I want to thank this year's Section offices, directors, and their committees for their time and efforts. Go to the last page of this ITEMS issue to see the more than two dozen volunteers who spend time each month working on Section activities. Please thank them when you see them.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve you as President during 2001 and as a Section Board Member for the last five years. I wish the new Board all the best and hope everyone has a most enjoyable Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year.

Your President,

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Did you know?

Despite the increased number of passenger miles traveled by automobile, the holidays are a relatively safe time of year to drive. There are 9.3 fatalities per 100 million miles of long-distance automobile travel during the year, compared with 3.4 fatalities per 100 million miles at Christmas, 3.9 fatalities at Thanksgiving, and 4.6 fatalities at New Year's

Source: BTS, American Travel Survey, Home for the Holidays

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! January 2002 Scholarship Auction

The Scholarship Committee of the Illinois Section ITE is continuing its yearly search for items to be auctioned off at the Annual Student Scholarship Auction to be held during the Section's January 11, 2002 Dinner meeting.

We are asking for donations in all forms: monetary donations, gift certificates, theater

tickets, books, movies, sporting goods, electronic items such as cameras, organizers, and of course, traffic/transportation items as well.

So... if you have items to donate, please give me a call at (630) 213-1000 or e-mail me at df@metrotransportation.com. Then I can arrange for free delivery or pick-up, as needed. Or you can bring any items with you to the dinner.

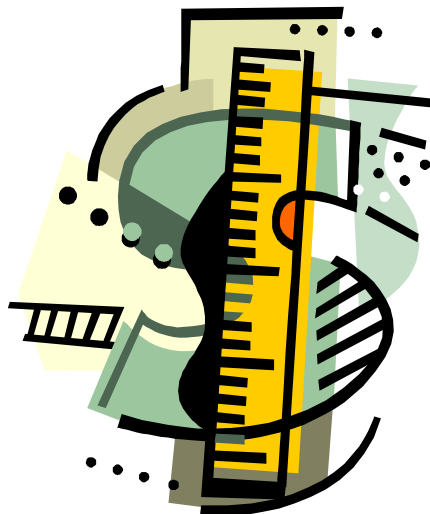
Remember... all donations are deductible as a charitable gift and your contribution will benefit one fortunate transportation student this year, and ensure a strong future for the transportation industry.

As in the past, the Illinois Section will publish the names of all benefactors in the ITEMS newsletter which is received around the state. Thank you in advance for all your contributions and support.

Dorin Fera

Scholarship Chairperson

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Legislative Issues

National

Since September 11, 2001, a bill was introduced that would establish the Federal Emergency Transportation Administration (FETA) within the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT). FETA would be responsible for coordinating domestic transportation during a national emergency, including aviation, maritime and port security, and surface transportation, including rail. During a national emergency, FETA would coordinate national transportation and transportation-related activities of all federal agencies, disseminate critical transportation-related information, develop and notify appropriate federal, state and local authorities of uniform emergency transportation security standards to be followed during an n emergency and to ensure those standards are followed. A copy of the bill is available at:

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/?c107:S.1462:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/?c107:S.1462)

H.R. 2950 was introduced in the House of Representatives as The Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century. The bill authorizes \$71 billion for railroad infrastructure expansion and improvements that include high speed rail, freight and commuter rail improvements, including short lines, and corridor planning and technology development. A copy of the bill is available at:

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c107:H.R.2950:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c107:H.R.2950)

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled "TEA-21 Success Stories," to learn from local and private sector professionals about success stories of surface transportation projects under TEA-21 and the government's role in that process. With the current national economic situation, Committee members anticipate efforts to reduce guaranteed funding levels and pressure to raid the Highway Trust Fund to offset general fund expenditures. As such, this meeting was also an opportunity to shore up support for the core principals of TEA-21.

The Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration quarterly newsletter are available at:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ohim/tmguid/index.htm>

State of Illinois

House Bill 0418 amends the Toll Highway Act. It provides that the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority may not enter into any agreement or understanding for the use or acquisition of land that is intended to be used or acquired for toll highway purposes unless full disclosure of all individuals and entities holding any beneficial interest in the land is made. Provides that if the Authority commences condemnations proceedings to acquire land for a toll highway, holders of all beneficial interests must make full disclosure, unless the court determines that disclosure would cause one or more of them irreparable harm. The bill would be effective immediately. A copy of the bill is available at:

<http://www.legis.state.il.us>

House Bill 0180 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and the Unified Code of Corrections. It provides that upon approaching an authorized emergency vehicle with oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights while the operator is performing official duties, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall yield the right of way by making a lane change if it is safe to do so or shall reduce speed and proceed with caution if a lane change would be impossible or unsafe. A fine of up to \$10,000 could occur for a violation. The bill was adopted and is now Public Act 92-0283. A copy of the Act is available at:

<http://www.legis.state.il.us>

House Bill 0604 amends the Environmental Protection Act. It requires the Environmental Protection Agency to propose rules concerning the water quality impact for facility planning area enlargements. It changes the Agency's consideration of local and regional comprehensive plans to consideration of local, county, and regional land use plans. The bill has been referred to the Rules Committee and a copy of the bill is available at:

<http://www.legis.state.il.us>

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Employment Opportunities

Transportation Planners

Wilbur Smith Associates is an international consulting firm providing professional services in the fields of engineering, planning, and economics. With over 40 offices in the US, as well as a network of overseas offices, WSA is one of the best known & respected transportation consulting firms in the world.

The Lisle, IL office, along with the New Haven, CT office, is seeking entry level, mid-level and senior level (Project Management) Planners with experience in both public and private traffic and transportation planning projects. Responsibilities for these positions include performing traffic analyses and transportation planning for various projects. Specifically included would be toll road studies including toll road feasibility and planning, traffic and revenue projections, privatization, and ongoing operational and revenue studies.

The candidate must have experience in contributing to the development of technical reports including writing and spreadsheets/database analysis. A working knowledge of traffic modeling programs such as CORSIM, MINUTP, TRANPLAN and TransCAD is a plus. A Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering or related field such as Urban Planning, Finance, etc. with transportation emphasis (Masters degree preferred) is required.

We offer competitive benefits and pay. If interested in applying for this position, please forward your resume with salary history to:

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Transportation Planner

The Chicago Transit Authority currently has an employment opportunity with the Facilities Planning Department. Responsibilities include conducting research and preparing recommendations for changes and improvements to transit facilities, and developing design concepts and criteria for CTA's rail, bus and intermodal facility construction projects. The position also includes reviewing design drawings, monitoring construction, and participating in community and access improvement initiatives.

CTA is currently seeking motivated individual with M.S. or B.S. in Architecture or Civil Engineering and design experience using AutoCAD.

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ITE Illinois Section Elections

You should be receiving your ballots for the upcoming elections. The following are people

that are going to be running for the Illinois ITE Board of Directors.



Year 2002 ITE Illinois Section Nominations

Position	Proposed Nominee
President	Dawn Marincic
Vice President	Karen George
Secretary	Jeffery Young
Treasurer	Todd Fagen
Director to 2003 (2 positions)	Dennis Dal Santo Brian Scifers



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Annual ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing Review

The Illinois Section's Annual Golf Outing took place on September 27th. Although it was held later in the year than it had been in previous years, we were lucky enough to have a gorgeous warm and sunny day. This year it was held at Bloomingdale Golf Club in Bloomingdale. The new location did not disappoint, it was a beautiful course with a friendly and helpful staff. After golfing, burgers and brats were served, and prizes awarded. Prizes included gift certificates to Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants, the Bloomingdale Golf Club Pro Shop, Galyan's, Best Buy, Blockbuster Video, and a putter for the longest putt.

It was especially nice to see that the sponsorship of the outing doubled over last year. Many thanks go out to **Land Strategies, Kimley-Horn, Parsons Transportation Group,**

PAT America, Clark-Dietz, Wilbur Smith, Metro Transportation Group, and Civiltech for sponsoring this year's golf outing, and to all the individuals who participated. Your efforts helped raise over \$700 for the scholarship fund! We hope next year's golf outing will be just as successful.

Joe Emry

House & Special Events Committee Co-Chair
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Joel Christell

House & Special Events Committee Co-Chair
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Transportation Trivia

Since the mid-1970's, has the percentage of carpoolers increased or decreased?

Answer: See Page 8

4th Annual Four On Four Basketball Tournament Wrap Up

It was a warm and sunny Saturday morning. Sunlight beamed through the windows of the gymnasium of the Elmhurst YMCA. Players began to arrive representing **Wilbur Smith Associates, NET Corp, Parsons Transportation Group, and Civiltech Engineering.** It was November 3rd, the date of the 4th Annual 4-on-4 Basketball Tournament.

The games began shortly after 10:00 AM. The warriors took to the hardwood and began to do battle. The teams played each other once, and after the smoke had cleared, three teams were tied for the championship, each with a record of 2-1. At this point, everyone still had their legs under them, and was ready to play some more. As a tiebreaker, the teams each played one another again, and again three teams tied with a 4-2 record. By now, everybody was beginning to feel the effects of actually doing something active so early on a Saturday morning. This time, tired legs and aching backs won out, as

the teams decided that a co-champs arrangement would do just fine. Some of the players continued to play a pick-up game, while others headed home for the day.

Congratulations to PTG, NET, and Civiltech, the co-champs of this year's tournament. The folks from Wilbur Smith also had fun, although they failed to find that elusive win. A good time was enjoyed by all who were able to attend, and over \$100 was raised for the scholarship fund in the process. Thanks to all the teams who participated, and we look forward to another successful tournament next year.

Joe Emry

House & Special Events Committee Co-Chair
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A Note From the Activities Director

This has been a busy quarter for the Illinois Section. In late September, we had our annual ITE Illinois Section golf outing at the Bloomingdale Golf Course. On November 4th, the fourth annual 4-on-4 basketball tournament was held at the Elmhurst YMCA. Both events were very successful and fairly well attended. Many thanks go out to all those who participated as well as to the companies that generously contributed to these events. Your support and kind contributions will not go to waste! The proceeds of both these events will benefit our scholarship fund.

Well another year is drawing to an end but a new one is just over the horizon. In trying to get a "jump" on the upcoming year, your Activities Group is already planning for next year's activities. As usual, our monthly luncheons will be the mainstay for interacting with our fellow members. We would like your help in continuing to make these events lively as well as informative. If you have any suggestions for a guest speaker or have an interesting topic that would appeal to all our members throughout the State and would like to make a presentation, please feel free to contact me. In addition to the luncheons, we are also planning next year's golf outing and the fifth annual 4-on-4 basketball tournament. Any suggestions for additional social activities are also welcome!

A Note From the Editor

As 2001 comes to a close, you may have noticed that the physical appearance and frequency of the ITE Illinois Section Newsletter (*ITEMS*) has changed. However, the purpose and intent of the newsletter has remained the same. *ITEMS* is published to help advance the transportation engineering profession, inform members of upcoming section events, and report on past activities, among other things.

I encourage all members to contribute to this newsletter when possible by providing technical articles, notification of upcoming events, advertising employment opportunities, or

Time to mark your calendars! There are two noteworthy events that will be happening in the very near future. The first event is our December monthly luncheon which will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2001 at Maggiano's in Chicago. Our guest speaker this month is **Earl Newman**. Mr. Newman is our ITE District 4 International Director. He will be speaking on "Latest News from ITE." The second event is the 2002 ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet which will be on Friday, January 11, 2002. It will be held at the Wellington of Arlington located in Arlington Heights. Please see the flyer and reservation form on pages 10 and 11 of this issue of *ITEMS* for more details.

For those of you who haven't been to any of our past annual banquets, I encourage you to attend! It is an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow colleagues, enjoy great food, hear some great jokes and even get the opportunity to bid on auction items which will benefit the scholarship fund! I hope to see some new faces at both events!

In closing, I wish all of you Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2002

Maynard A. Abuan
Activities Group Director
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even just dishing out suggestions or ideas for future issues of *ITEMS*. You may also want to consider registering to receive *ITEMS* via e-mail to help reduce production and postage costs.

I would also like to thank everyone who has provided ideas and contributed articles to help make this newsletter successful.

Happy Holidays.

Peter Lemmon
ITEMS Editor
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Did you know?

Holiday travel accounts for 8.3 percent of all long-distance trips and 9.8 percent of all long-distance miles traveled during the year.

Source: BTS, American Travel Survey, Home for the Holidays



Transportation Trivia

Answer:

Decreased

Carpooling to work declined from about 15 percent of commuters in the mid 1970s to 10 percent in the mid 1990s.

Source: FHWA

Transportation Planning Committee Seeking Help

The section Transportation Planning Committee is initiating the development of a "living bibliography" covering transportation planning documents, initially focusing on the Chicago area. The committee is about to solicit basic information on transportation planning studies covering title and author(s), mode(s), an abstract, status and contact. Studies may range from smaller corridor or area studies through metrowide reviews. The collected information will then be input to an Access database, making it "searchable" by any relevant query criteria, and some or all of the database will be posted on the section Web site. The idea is to add new reports over time, making the database a ready reference for section members in any project needing related planning information. Depending on the response and overall interest, the geographic coverage may be expanded to cover other parts of the state as well.

In the initial round, major agencies, counties plus larger cities and municipalities will be surveyed. The list will likely start with CTA, RTA, Metra, Pace, IDOT District 1, all six counties, Chicago, Aurora, Naperville, Schaumburg, Arlington Heights and Joliet as a minimum. It is expected that some of the

surveyed agencies may need a little helpful prodding or assistance. Once responses come in, there will be a need to input the data to the database and run queries and reports.

Sound like an interesting and useful undertaking? The committee soon needs volunteers to help follow-up on the survey responses, and to complete database entry and report preparation. The time frame to receive responses is January 2002, with the aim of placing results on the Web site by springtime. This work will only succeed with the active support and involvement of section members, and the committee is seeking volunteers.

To join in, suggest data sources or ask any questions, please contact:

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Parsons Transportation Group

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Jim Powell

Illinois Section Technical Director

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December Treasurer's Report

As the year winds down, the gains for the Section have been good for the Scholarship Fund. At the Annual Banquet last January, we raised \$1,825. The Golf outing in September brought in an additional \$730. Even the hoopsters at the November Basketball Tourney earned \$120. And as usual, \$3 from every Section member goes back to the Scholarship Fund contributing almost another \$1,000.

A special donation of \$1,000 from KLOA, Inc. was donated to the Section in memory of **Gerald Lindgren**.

All this will add to the \$10,900 presently sitting at National for the Scholarship Fund.

A grateful Thank You to the generous people that make up the Illinois Section.

In other financial news, the CD will again be renewed for 6 months in hopes that rates will take a turn for the better come next Spring. The amount in the CD is about \$2,800 and our checking account sits at \$6,500 after the monies for the Scholarship Fund have been sent to National.

Jeff Young

Illinois Section Treasurer

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Transportation @ ITEMS

"Caught In The Web"

This month's featured topic is red light running, although it was also a previously featured website with a single link. However, due to increased discussion by transportation

official, politicians, and media, red light running has become a popular topic with many resources on the web. Check out the following links for more information.

Safety - Red Light Running

Information and statistics on red light running.

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/stoplr/>

Stop Red Light Running

Campaign providing information dedicated to eliminating red light running.

<http://www.redlightrunning.org/>

Automated Red Light Running Detection

Information on technology, police involvement, legislation, and future detection.

<http://www.co.ho.md.us/redltech.htm>

The Light is Red for a Reason

Campaign to increase public awareness and decrease red light running incidents.

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/outreach/safesobr/12qp/redlight.html>

Red Light Cameras: Q & A

General question and answer session.

http://www.hwysafety.org/safety_facts/qanda/rlc.htm

Case Against Red Light Running Detection

Provides common arguments against automated red light running cameras including Big Brother and privacy issues, unreliability, and "cash cows" for governments and private companies.

http://www.privacilla.org/releases/red-light_camera_testimony.html

On another note, *ITEMS* would also like to feature an additional website associated with the upcoming National Engineers Week taking place February 17-23, 2002.

The American Engineering Campaign

Directed toward creating interest in engineering careers among students across America.

<http://www.americanengineeringcampaign.org/index.html>

If you have any suggested transportation related topics or websites that you would like to see featured in future issues of *ITEMS*, please submit them to Peter Lemmon at pcl@metrotransportation.com.

While you are surfing on the web, go ahead and stop by the Illinois Section website at www.ilite.org and sign up to receive *ITEMS* via e-mail.



**National
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**My feet are
getting tired**



ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet

** FEATURING **

- ★ Master of Ceremonies: John Mick (Clark Dietz)
- ★ Auction to Benefit the Annual Scholarship Fund
- ★ Joke Competition
- ★ Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktails
- ★ Great Food



FRIDAY JANUARY 11 2002

6:00 PM - Cash Bar
With Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 PM - Dinner

Combination Boneless Breast of Chicken & Prime Rib
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Directions

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Annual Banquet Reservation Form



Yes. I will attend the 2002 ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet.
I will be bringing _____ guest(s).

Name	Price
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My check is enclosed for the total amount of \$_____.

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- ★ Mail checks & Reservation Forms to: Civiltech Engineering c/o Joe Emry
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Happy Holidays

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Upcoming Dates

- December 20* Illinois Section **December Luncheon**
Maggiano's
- January 11* Illinois Section Annual Banquet
The Wellington
Arlington Heights, Illinois
- February 17-23* Deadline for Advertisements & Articles for the **March/Spring 2002** issue of *ITEMS*
- February 25* Deadline for Advertisements & Articles for the **March/Spring 2002** issue of *ITEMS*



Please submit important dates for future ite events

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