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December Luncheon

Join Us at Maggianos in Downtown Chicago!

- Date:** December 19, 2002
Time: Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.
Topic: A Year End Wrap Up
Speaker: Dawn Patten
 Illinois Section President
Location: Maggianos
 516 N. Clark Street
 Chicago, Illinois

For reservations or further information, contact Joel Christell or Joe Emry at 630.773.3900 on or before December 16, 2002.

Cost: \$30 per person
\$12 per student

Next Meeting: Join us for the Illinois Section Annual Banquet at The Wellington of Arlington in Arlington Heights on Friday, January 24, 2003. Reservations due by January 20, 2003.

President's Message

Hello All,

Every year it's always the same thing: the year flies by so quickly. I can't believe we're almost at the end of another year.

The last few months have had many transportation issues as the hot issues of the day. These affect not only us transportation engineers but the whole community. The results of recent elections will help decide the future of transportation issues and program funding for improvements that will affect us all. Hot issues occur in all modes of transportation. Airports and airlines are continuously in the spotlight as they discuss expanding the current facilities or building new airports along with increasing the efficiency and security of the flying community. Rail travel is an issue as faster trains are being tested to make this mode of transportation more feasible. And, of course passenger vehicle travel and the expansion of capacity on our roadways is always a point of discussion. How do we get people to their final destinations in a timely way? This is an exciting time in our profession as transportation engineers. We need to look at these issues in transportation engineering and work together to maintain and improve all the transportation facilities to make mobility feasible for all modes of travel.

In December, our monthly meeting will take place on December 19. We will discuss current programs occurring on the National, Dis-

trict and local level of ITE. The current officers and directors will discuss what has occurred this year and what to expect in the following year. Come learn more about our current programs, what's new, and what ITE has to offer you.

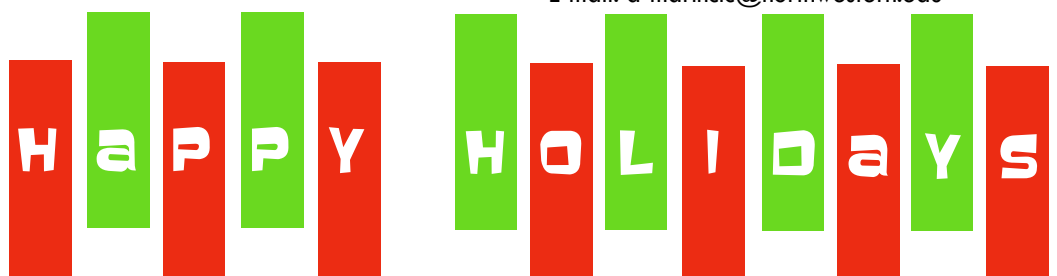
You should have already received your ballots for the local elections next year. Make sure you take the time to vote. Either send it in or bring it with you to the December meeting.

In January, we will be holding our annual dinner meeting at the Wellington. Please mark your calendars for January 23 for an entertaining evening. We are looking for donations for the scholarship auction that will be part of the program. If either you or your company are interested in donating materials or funds to be auctioned off, please contact David Angelakis at (630)213-1000 or by email at dwa@metrotransportation.com. Please see Page 7 for more information.

Hope to see you at the December and January meetings and have a happy holiday season!!

Your Section President,

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Transportation @ ITEMS

“Caught In The Web”

Context Sensitive Design (CSD) is a new approach to transportation planning and how it relates to impacts of society. This method has gained acceptance from the Federal Highway Administration. With CSD, it is recognized that transportation facilities have many

stakeholders and its design impacts the entire community.

For more information on Context Sensitive Design, check out the following websites.

Context Sensitive Design – National Website

Provides links, implementation methods, and resources.

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

Context Sensitive Solutions – Project for Public Spaces

Provides links and information.

<http://www.pps.org/css/cssonline.htm>

Building Roads in Sync With Community Values

Contains information and examples of CSD.

<http://www.tfhrc.gov/pubrds/marapr99/flexdsgn.htm>

Paris Place Context Sensitive Design Example

A newspaper article on how CSD was used when improving the Paris Pike in Kentucky.

<http://www.courier-journal.com/localnews/2002/11/10/ke111002s310829.htm>

2002 Annual ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing Review

The Illinois Section’s Annual Golf Outing was held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on September 28th. Once again, we were very lucky to enjoy a gorgeous warm and sunny autumn day. As in previous years, a scramble format was used, meaning each team member would hit a ball, the best shot would be used, and each team member would then hit a ball from that location. After golfing, burgers and brats were served, and prizes awarded. **Gary Berner** with HOH won the longest putt contest and the \$50 gift certificate to the Golf Club Pro Shop. The best score was achieved by the team comprised of **Jason Elias**, **Aaron Goslee**, **Joel Christell** and **Joe Emry** at 5 under par, each of whom won a \$15 gift certificate to Best Buy. But the highlight of the day was the shot by **Young Jae Ju** with HNTB, who won the closest to the pin contest with a hole in one! Jae also won the longest drive contest, and brought home \$50 gift certificates to both Galyans and Lettuce Entertain You restaurants (sorry Frank, looks like we won’t be

mailing you your prize after all...)

Many thanks go out to **Land Strategies**, **Civiltech**, **Patrick Engineering**, and **John “Tex” Mick** for their generous sponsorship of this year’s golf outing, **Wilbur Smith Associates** for the golf balls they donated, and to all the individuals who participated. Your efforts helped raise over \$800 for the scholarship fund! Don’t let a little snow discourage you from hitting the driving range now in preparation of the Illinois Section’s 2003 Golf Outing!

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Jason Elias tees off during the 2002 Annual ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing.

A Note From The Activities Director

In late September, we had our annual ITE Illinois Section golf outing at the Bloomingdale Golf Course. Once again we were fortunate to have excellent autumn weather on the day of the event and also saw an increase in attendance! Many thanks go out to all those who participated as well as to the companies and individuals that generously contributed. Your support and kind contributions will not go to waste! As always, the proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund. A detailed article about the golf outing can be found on page 2 in this issue of *ITEMS*.

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 19, 2002 at Maggiano's in Chicago. Our speaker this month is our Section President, **Dawn Marincic Patten**. Dawn will be speaking on "A Year End Wrap-Up" for the Illinois Section. The 2003 ITE Illinois Section Board of Directors-Elect will also be announced at the December luncheon. They will then be installed at the 2003 ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet, which leads me to the second event that you should mark on your calendars! The Annual Banquet will be on Friday, January 24, 2003 at the Wellington of Arlington located in Arlington Heights. This year we will see the return of **John Mick** (Clark Dietz) as the Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer as well as the "musical stylings" of **John LaPlante** (T.Y. Lin International). As an added treat, **Tom Kaeser**, Assistant Chief Engineer for the City of Chicago Bureau of Traffic will use some-

thing called "slides" (i.e., pre-Powerpoint, non-digitized visual image projections) to recap a not entirely boring career in municipal traffic engineering! His "slide" presentation is entitled "The Safe and Efficient Movement of One Thing or Another. Accumulated Wisdom from 30 Years as a Traffic Engineer in Chicago". Please see the flyer and reservation form on pages 4 and 5 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!

Well, this is my last article as Activities Group Director. It has been a pleasure serving the Section in this capacity for the last year and three months. As always, the accomplishments of the Activities Group could not have been achieved without the help and support of the members of the Activities Group. In particular, I would like to thank **Joe Emry** and **Joel Christell** for all their hard work and effort behind the scenes!

In closing, I wish all of you Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2003!

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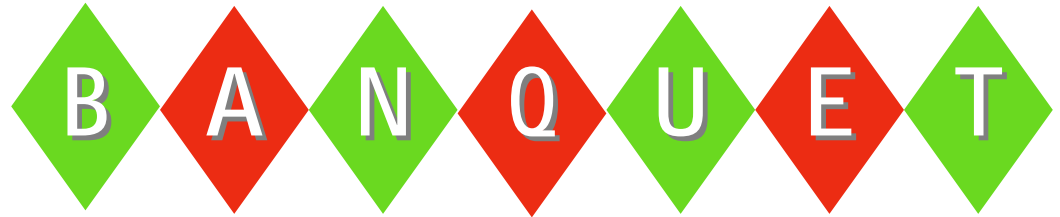
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Annual



ITE Illinois Section

January 24, 2003

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

7:00 PM - Dinner

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Arlington Heights, Illinois

847 . 439 . 6610

Reservations

Contact: Joe Emry
or
Joel Christell

How: 630.773.3900

Cost: \$30 per person

Method: Mail a Check or
Pay at the door,
but reservations
MUST BE MADE
by January 20,
2003

** Vegetarian meal
available upon
request at time of
reservation

Master of Ceremonies/Auctioneer:

John Mick (Clark Dietz)



Musical Stylings of :

John LaPlante (T.Y. Lin International)

“Slide” Presentation:

Tom Kaeser (City of Chicago Bureau of Traffic)

**The Safe and Efficient Movement of One Thing or
Another. Accumulated Wisdom from 30 Years as a
Traffic Engineer in Chicago**

Auction to Benefit the Annual Scholarship Fund

Joke Competition

Hors d'oeuvres, Cocktails, & Great Food



DID YOU KNOW?

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT LOST TIME SITTING IN TRAFFIC CAN COST AMERICAN BUSINESSES UP TO \$100 BILLION PER YEAR.

Public Affairs Update

NATIONAL

BIG CITY PORTS HEADED FOR GRIDLOCK

Although intermodal connections at U.S. ports currently may be good enough to keep cargo moving, they probably won't be in a few years, according to a report by the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

http://www.marad.dot.gov/publications/Intermdlaccess_us%20Ports.pdf

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY: VOL. 1

COMMUNICATION OF THREATS: A GUIDE

This is the first volume of TCRP Report 86: Public Transportation Security, a series in which relevant information is assembled into single, concise volumes, each pertaining to a specific security problem and closely related issues. These volumes will focus on the concerns that transit agencies are addressing when developing programs in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the anthrax attacks that followed. To develop this volume, available information was assembled from numerous sources, including a number of public transportation agencies. A topic panel of experts in the subject area helped guide the researchers in organizing and evaluating the collected data and in reviewing the final document. Future volumes of the report will be issued as they are completed.

http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/tcrp/tcrp_rpt_86-v1.pdf

RED LIGHTS MEAN STOP

This article, from the September/October issue of Public Roads magazine, discusses the magnitude of the national red-light running problem and provides an overview of the FHWA's "Stop Red Light Running Program" that has been in operation since 1995. It also describes two new enforcement techniques, red light signal indicators and red light cameras, that can reduce the cost of enforcement, lessen the danger of enforcement to officers, and increase the driver's perception that he or she will be caught. The article also links to a number of reports and articles about red-light enforcement.

<http://www.tfhrcc.gov/pubrds/02sep/04.htm>

ITS TECHNOLOGY IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency physicians and responders called upon the federal government and the transportation industry to rapidly implement and adapt ITS technologies for emergency response. The medical subcommittee of ITS America's Public Safety Advisory Group authored the new report, Recommendations for ITS Technology in Emergency Medical Services, which was unveiled at a press conference held in conjunction with the American College of Emergency Physicians annual conference in Seattle. The report's release came just one week before the 9th World Congress on ITS in Chicago, a global gathering of the world's transportation technology leaders, where life-saving ITS safety and security technologies was high on the agenda.

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Oct. 4, 2002-Feb. 16, 2003 The National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., is hosting an exhibit, "Me, Myself and Infrastructure: Private Lives and Public Works in America." For more information go to:

<http://www.nbm.org/Exhibits/current/MMI.html>

INTERNATIONAL

NORDIC ROAD AND TRANSPORT RESEARCH

The latest issue of the Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute's "Nordic Road and Transport Research" magazine is now available on the Web. This issue includes road research news from five public road and transport research organizations in the Nordic countries

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Public Affairs Update

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of Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden on the issues of light rail maritime intelligent transportation systems, walking and cycle networks, and water damage on asphalt.

<http://www.vti.se/info/nyhet/edetalj.asp?ReclD=2382&Lang=E>

PROTOTYPE NAVIGATION SYSTEM TAPS INTO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER DATA

In less than a year, a collaboration of German public sector transportation agencies, car companies, research institutes, and other organizations plans to demonstrate a prototype driver navigation system designed to maximize the throughput of the transportation network. Unlike today's leading-edge routing systems that typically choose the shortest or quickest route to the intended destination, this prototype system -- part of the German "INVENT" research initiative -- could send vehicles in similar locations on different, parallel routes to better balance the overall roadway network. Rather than just relying on road or vehicle-based detection, the German prototype system will also utilize real-time traffic control data, like signal timing information, from local traffic management centers. The potential to use in-vehicle navigation devices to help control traffic is clearly the attraction to the public-sector partners in this research project. While collaboration with the selective state and local transportation agencies is currently working well, rolling out such a navigation system nationwide will be a daunting challenge.

http://www.nawgits.com/icdn/invent_itswc.html

Brian Scifers

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January 2003 Scholarship Auction

It has become increasingly difficult to find traffic engineering students within Illinois and across the country. The majority of students today are not considering any type of engineering as a career. Least of all, traffic engineering.

ITE is committed to developing programs that will encourage more potential students to enter the profession.

The Illinois section in particular continues to conduct an auction at the annual dinner in January to help gather funds for a \$2,000 scholarship. This scholarship is given to a student whose course work and career goal emphasis is on Transportation Engineering or Transportation Planning.

The Scholarship Committee is continuing its yearly search for items to be auctioned off. We are seeking donations in all forms including cash, gift certificates, electronic items such as cameras, organizers, and of course, traf-

fic/transportation items.

If you would like to help in encouraging more students to enter the profession please contact David Angelakis at 630-213-1000 or alternatively e-mail Dave at dwa@metrotransportation.com with your suggested donation. Please respond before January 10th, 2003.



Please note that all donations are tax deductible as a charitable gift and your contribution will help ensure a strong future for the transportation industry. The Illinois Section will publish the names of all benefactors at the annual dinner and in the ITEMS newsletter. Thank you in advance for all your contributions and support.

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REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ARTICLES

ALL MEMBERS OF THE ITE ILLINOIS SECTION ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITEMS. PLEASE CONSIDER SUBMITTING TECHNICAL ARTICLES TO THE SECTION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER. ALTHOUGH YOU MAY NOT HAVE A TECHNICAL PAPER CURRENTLY WRITTEN, YOU MAY HAVE PRESENTED A STUDY AT AN ITE CONFERENCE. CONSIDER TRANSFORMING YOUR PRESENTATION INTO A TECHNICAL ARTICLE.

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Employment Opportunities

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Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the RTA (Regional Transportation Authority) currently has a Transportation Engineer position available at our Headquarters in Arlington Heights, IL. Duties include participating in signal priority studies within region for the benefit of PACE; assisting service planning staff with traffic and safety analyses on projects; reviewing transit facility designs; coordinating with regional agencies including IDOT, CATS, ISTHA, RTA on technical projects; promoting transit improvements within facilities; reviewing IDOT, county and municipal roadway projects for transit and pedestrian improvements; conducting site plan reviews as pertaining to transportation improvements under the Technical Review Assistance Program. Qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree in Traffic/Transportation Engineering, 2-4 years progressively responsible experience as Transportation Engineer. Salary \$44-54 + Outstanding benefits package.

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U of I Traffic and Safety Conference: Student Chapter Experience

While some of our fellow ITE members were whooping it up at Alexander's Restaurant in Champaign Thursday night of the U of I Traffic and Safety Conference, a few of us took some time to meet with the Student Chapter of ITE at UIUC. With the help of **Ray Benekohl**, about 20 students came out to listen and ask questions about what it's like to transition from student life to the real world. Myself along with **Brain Scifers** of Patrick Engineering and **Joel Christell** and **Beth Dixon** both with Civiltech shared some of our experiences of what we went through and how exciting the professional life really is. The Section provided some free bees (left over

folders from the Dist. IV conference) and also bought pizza for dinner. Now I know pizza isn't exactly a steak dinner, but I'm sure it helped with the student turnout. I think that the evening was a worthwhile event and is something the Section should continue to do in reaching out to our future coworkers. Oh don't worry, afterwards we whooped it up too and even had a few students tag along.

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ITE Illinois Section Calendar

December 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Upcoming Dates

- December 19** Illinois Section **December** Luncheon
Maggianos
Chicago, Illinois
- January 20** Reservations Due for the 2003 ITE
Illinois Section Annual Banquet
- January 24** ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet
The Wellington
Arlington Heights, Illinois
- February 16-22** National Engineers Week
www.eweek.org
- February 19** Submittal Deadline for the Spring
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