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## March Luncheon

### Join Us at Maggiano's

**Date:** March 20, 2003

**Time:** Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.

**Topic:** South Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction

**Speakers:** Doug Knuth  
Edwards and Kelcey  
Chris Wuellner  
Chicago Department of Transportation

**Summary:** A discussion of the lessons learned during the reconstruction of this southern gateway to Chicago.

**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 March 20, 2003.

**Cost:** \$30 per person

## President's Message

Welcome to the 2003 ITEMS! Our goal is to provide information to members and future members about the Illinois Section, its members, and noteworthy transportation issues. Please read this newsletter and then pass it along to a colleague or friend in the transportation field.

As we begin the year, the big question on everyone's mind is funding. Are we going to get the funding we need to maintain the transportation systems we have? Will the TEA-21 reauthorization proposal be signed on time? The Administration is expected to send its reauthorization proposal to Congress in late March/early April. The president's FY04 budget request provides a preview of what to expect. The proposal funds the program at \$247 billion over six years, compared with \$218 of TEA-21. Of that funding \$192.5 billion would be for the highway program compared with \$168 billion during TEA-21 and \$45 billion over six years for the transit program, compared with \$41 billion in TEA-21. However, there is still concern that the funding levels are far below what the DOT has determined will meet its needs to simply maintain the current system. A detailed DOT budget document can be accessed at

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2004/pdf/appendix/DOT.pdf>

The reauthorization information above came from the *Washington Weekly*, published by ITE. To keep up with the latest news on the reauthorization, ITE members can subscribe to the *Washington Weekly*. The *Washington Weekly* provides fast and comprehensive information on the latest notices, political pronouncements, and regulatory actions out of Washington that impact your job and career. Sign up at <http://www.ite.org/weekly/index.asp>.

I'm looking forward to serving you as your President this year. We have an exciting year planned for the Section. On January 24<sup>th</sup> we had a successful Annual Meeting. Thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make the evening a success including John Mick, Tom Kaeser, John LaPlante, Joel Christell, Joe Emry, Maynard Abuan, Dorin Fera, and David Angelakis. See inside for the details on the evening, including the Past President's Award, and this year's Scholarship winner.

In February, the ITE Illinois Section supported the National Engineer's Week through a financial contribution and a new Best Futuristic Personal Transportation Choices Award given by the Section during the Future Cities Competition. See inside for more details on the new Award.

The March luncheon is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> at Maggiano's and the topic will be the South Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction project. Please mark your calendars and join us for the wonderful food, conversation, and presentation.

I would like to thank Dawn Marincic Patten and the 2002 Executive Board members for their diligent work. Also, I would like to congratulate the new board members on their election, and the many volunteers that keep the Section running. More volunteers are always needed, please offer to help when you can.

Kudos go to Jeff Young for the wonderful job he did putting together the Roles and Responsibilities of the Section Board members. This document summarizes the specific roles, purpose, and responsibilities of each Board and Committee member. This document would replace the *Board of Directors Responsibilities*

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located in the *What Is ITE* document. Look for a copy of the document in the near future on the Section website, [www.illite.org](http://www.illite.org).

We are off to a great start this year as an organization. I look forward to seeing all of you at Maggiano's on March 20th.

Sincerely,

Karen M. George, PE, PTOE  
2003 ITE Illinois Section President



*John LaPlante singing Karen George her president's song.*



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## 2003 Annual Banquet Wrap Up

At this year's Illinois Section ITE Annual Banquet, we saw the greatly anticipated return of **John LaPlante** and **Tom Kaeser**! John's musical renditions kept us greatly entertained! And as usual, Tom's slide show presentation was highly informative and extremely hilarious! **John "Tex" Mick** also kept the laughs coming as Emcee for the evening. **Chester Kropidlowski** once again left his competitors in his tracks by besting everyone in the joke competition! Maybe it's time for Chester to consider a second career as a joke writer!

John Mick once again did a great job as the auctioneer for the Scholarship Fund auction. Among some of the big ticket items auctioned off this year were an operational traffic signal, Chicago Cubs tickets, an autographed Gale Sayers photograph courtesy of Earl Newman (our ITE District 4 International Director), customizable street signs, and several gift baskets. All in all, we were able to raise \$2,045.00 for the scholarship fund. Many thanks go out to the companies and individuals who generously donated auction items or monetary donations and to the individuals who bid on the auction items! A note of gratitude should also be given to David An-

gelakis for his work in coordinating the auction.

Speaking of scholarships, the Section was proud to award this year's scholarship recipient, **Georgette Hlepas**, with a \$2,000.00 scholarship check. Best wishes and continued success Georgette! Congratulations also go out to **Robert Seyfried** for winning the Past President's award!

The door prizes given away by the Section this year were a \$20.00 gift certificate to Loews Cineplex, a \$34.00 gift certificate to Second City, two tickets to Blue Man Group (a \$110.00 value) and a \$50.00 gift certificate to Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant. Congratulations to the lucky winners! Enjoy!

A sincere **THANK YOU** to **Joel Christell**, **Joe Emry** and **John Sauter** for their help behind the banquet scenes and to **John LaPlante**, **Tom Kaeser** and **John Mick** for making the evening such a great success!

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# 2003 Annual Budget

At our February 2003 Board of Directors meeting, the operating budget for the Illinois Section was approved. The estimated income and expenses for the year 2003 are summarized below.



## INCOME

### Dues

Affiliate Dues	\$1,000.00
Dues from National/District	\$5,706.00
District IV Dues (Annual Meeting)	\$376.35

### Advertisement

Directory Ads	\$500.00
ITEMS Ads (Employment, Business, etc.)	\$875.00

### Activities

Golf Outing	\$2,500.00
Basketball Outing	\$200.00

### Meetings & Seminars

Annual Banquet	\$1,950.00
Lunch Meetings	\$6,948.65
Seminar	\$0.00

### Scholarship

Scholarship Donations	\$2,000.00
Transfer from National	\$2,000.00

### Banking

Interest from CD	\$63.60
Transfer from CD/Savings	\$0.00

**2003 TOTAL INCOME \$24,119.60**

## EXPENSES

### Activity Group

Plaques	\$400.67
Golf	\$2,100.00
Door Prizes	\$218.50
Name Tags	\$10.66
Annual Banquet	\$2,398.65
Lunch Meetings	\$6,150.00
Deposits	\$300.00
Speakers/New Members	\$350.00
Basketball Tournament	\$150.00
Summer Outing	\$350.00

### Dues

Illinois Engineers Council	\$150.00
National Engineers Week	\$300.00

### Operations Group

ITEMS	\$2,500.00
Records/Mail	\$50.00
Year Book Directory (Disks)	\$200.00
Web Page	\$600.00
Insurance	\$900.00
Honorarium	\$100.00

### Postage Supply

Officers Election	\$225.00
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### Public Affairs

Miscellaneous	\$0.00
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### Student Affairs

Scholarship	\$2,000.00
To National for Scholarship	\$2,150.00
Student Activity	\$256.12
Engineers Week Future Cities Award	\$300.00
Student Intern	\$0.00
Student Paper	\$1,000.00

### Technical Group

Committees/Seminar	\$400.00
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### Banking

Checking Account Fees	\$60.00
To CD/Savings	\$2,500.00

**2003 TOTAL EXPENSES \$26,119.60**

*Note: \$2,000 deficit for Year 2003 is caused by a transfer of \$2,500 to the CD account*

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 2003 BUDGET, PLEASE CONTACT MAYNARD ABUAN, TREASURER.

MAYNARD ABUAN  
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## ITE Membership Update

The Illinois Section would like to welcome two people applying for membership:

Lora Supencheck

International Member

HNTB

Michael Sutton

Infrastructure Engineering



ILLINOIS SECTION

*Institute of Transportation Engineers*

The student internship program of the Illinois Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) returns for the summer of 2003. The program provides information to college undergraduate and graduate students in transportation planning and engineering disciplines about internship opportunities at participating firms and organizations. By offering a part- or full-time position through the program, employers are exposed to a pool of enthusiastic students not only from Illinois, but from around the Midwest.

An internship will benefit both the student and the employer. For the student, it provides on-the-job training, an opportunity to translate theoretical learning into practical experience, and an additional source of income. However, you as the employer will experience significant benefits as well. First, the program provides a convenient way to publicize your internship among a large student population. Second, as a recruiting tool, an internship puts your name before a large pool of potential permanent employees. The intern will publicize your firm or agency as a desirable place to work. Last but not least, an intern can help stretch project budgets and assist in numerous project activities.

If you are considering hiring an intern for part- or full-time work, we invite you to participate in our program. Please fill out the attached sheet, even if you do not have a budgeted position available, and return it to us at the address shown. If you have not considered hiring a student intern, give it some thought. You will be doing yourself a service while strengthening the profession and helping a deserving student. Please return the job listing ASAP.

If you would like additional information, or wish to participate on the student internship committee, please contact:

Craig Moore  
Chair, Student Internship Committee, ITE Illinois Section  
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ILLINOIS SECTION  
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**ITE STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

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Organization:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Yes, positions are available:

<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hrs/Wk
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hrs/Wk

Job Description:

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Salary or Wages Data:

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No positions are available now. (Please contact the Internship Committee if a position becomes available.)

Please return to:

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## 2003 Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Georgette Hlepas, winner of the 2003 scholarship. Georgette is a senior at the University of Illinois-Chicago and will be completing her B.S. degree in Civil Engineering in May 2004. The application paper that Georgette submitted was titled, "Downtown Chicago Commuters, Mode Choice Study for West Gate Commuters". She follows several other UIC alumni as scholarship winners, all under the direction of Dr. Boyce. Georgette was fortunate enough to have spent a Summer Study Program in Beijing, China. One of the program foci was Transportation Planning and Development resulting from the upcoming 2004 Beijing Olympics. Georgette has participated as an Undergraduate Research Assistant for several years



Dorin Fera presenting the Scholarship Award to Georgette Hlepas

**Dorin Fera**  
Scholarship Chairperson  
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## 2003 Past President's Award



Robert Seyfried is this year's winner of the Past President Award. This prestigious award is given to an individual who has contributed outstanding service over the years to the Illinois Section or to the transportation profession. The recipient is determined by a group of Past Presidents of the Illinois Section. Bob himself is a past president of the section (1984) and has been active in the local section and International ITE. Recently, he has developed the **Professional Traffic Operations Engineers Certification Program Refresher Course** for ITE. Congratulations!!

### 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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# 2003 Annual Scholarship Auction

The 2003 Annual Scholarship Auction was again a great success, netting a total of \$2,205. The following contributed donations to the auction:

- Earl Newman, Springfield, MO
- Brown Traffic Products, Inc.
- Village of Downers Grove Public Works
- Traffic Control Corporation
- The City of Rockford
- Metro Transportation Group, Inc.
- 3M Traffic Control Materials Division
- Civiltech Engineering
- HNTB Corporation
- Patrick Engineering
- Clark-Dietz, Inc.

Some of the highest bidders for auction items were:

- Bob Seyfried: Four Cubs Box Seats
- Karen George and AL del Santos: Traffic Signal Head & Video Crossing Warning Sign
- Todd Fagen: Rare Gale Sayers Photo
- Rahim Benekohal: School Crossing Sign Set
- Mrs. Hlepas: School Crossing Sign Set
- Brian Scifers: Substance Abuse Prohibition Sign
- Steve Manganiello: Personal Street Sign
- Jeff Young: Video Crossing Warning Sign

Thanks to all who donated and all who participated in the auction.

**David Angelakis**  
*Dwa@metrotransportation.com*



*John Mick serves as the Emcee/Auctioneer of the 2003 Scholarship Auction.*



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## ITE Illinois Section Participates in the Future City Chicago Region Competition

The National Future City competition is held every year as a way of involving grade school (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) students in the Engineering profession and as part of the Engineering Week. The Future City Chicago Region Competition was held at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Saturday, January 25, 2003. This year, the ITE Illinois Section sponsored a special award; the Best Futuristic Personal Transportation System. The award criteria promoted the selection of a future city with the most creative design of innovative modes of personal transportation.

The following Section members volunteered to serve as the award judging panel:

Mousa Abbasi  
 John Ellis  
 Raymond Murphy  
 Govindarajan Vadakpat  
 Supin Yoder

The winner of the Section award was the "Infant Jesus of Prague School". The School's team showed an excellent understanding of the principles of transportation system design and operation. The School's City transportation system also incorporated innovative technologies to promote a safe, efficient and environment-friendly community.



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## FAZWEAVE 3.0 Release

The beta version of FAZWEAVE Version 3.0 is currently available for free on the internet during its debugging phase. So far, it works well and many of its bugs have been eliminated. I encourage professionals to use it and provide me with any problems they uncover using it. The old FAZWEAVE Version 2.0 is still available from McTrans but written in IBM BASIC language of the 1980s.

professionals in designing, planning and operationally analyzing for traffic through weaving segments. It has many weaving models including HCM 2000 U.S. customary unit version and metric version. FAZWEAVE Version 3.0 beta is available at:

<http://www.uic.edu/~jfazio/weaving/>

*What is FAZWEAVE Version 3.0?*

Joe Fazio  
Fazio@iit.edu

FAZWEAVE Version 3.0 is an internet software tool to aid highway and transportation

## Pedestrian and Bike News

The following is from the Chicago Area Transportation Study's monthly report announcing pedestrian and bicycle-related

events, resources, and news. To receive this information monthly, contact Gin Kilgore at [gkilgore@catsmpo.com](mailto:gkilgore@catsmpo.com).

### SOLES AND SPOKES PLAN ON-LINE SURVEY

First, we want to thank the 50-plus people who attended the recent workshop for the Soles and Spokes Plan, the first regional pedestrian and bicycle transportation plan for northeastern Illinois. A workshop summary and next steps will be posted to <http://www.solesandspokes.com> in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we invite you to fill out and spread the word about our new on-line survey, which is designed to gather information about walking and biking trips in northeastern Illinois. We want to learn about how frequently you walk and bike, your typical destinations, what barriers, if any, you encounter, and your ideas for improvements. Please visit: [http://www.solesandspokes.com/input\\_survey](http://www.solesandspokes.com/input_survey)

### PALATINE/WILLOW ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

CATS is developing web pages to help share information with people involved with and interested in this project. A general overview is available at [http://www.catsmpo.com/bikeped/final\\_proposal.htm](http://www.catsmpo.com/bikeped/final_proposal.htm)

This will take you to notes from our most recent meeting. However, the links in that document are not working properly. To view the written comments submitted at the meeting, visit: [http://www.catsmpo.com/bikeped/Jan30\\_comments.pdf](http://www.catsmpo.com/bikeped/Jan30_comments.pdf)

To view the DRAFT technical report referred to at the meeting (warning--large file!), visit: [http://www.solesandspokes.com/ah\\_technicalreport.pdf](http://www.solesandspokes.com/ah_technicalreport.pdf)

### CAMBRIDGE (MA) TO HOST APBP SEMINARS

The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' 3rd Professional Development Seminar Series will be held June 22-24, 2003, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the seminar features a variety of workshops and field trips on topics like: accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians at roundabouts; development, redevelopment, and zoning; making signals work for bicyclists and pedestrians; and context sensitive design. Costs are \$200 for APBP members and \$250 for non-members (if received by May 30). They also offer day rates and banquet tickets. For more information, download the announcement from their website at: <http://www.apbp.org>

### Transportation @ ITEMS

DO YOU HAVE ANY TRANSPORTATION RELATED TOPICS OR WEBSITES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE FEATURED IN ITEMS? PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO:

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