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December Luncheon

Join Us at Maggianos in Downtown Chicago!

Date: December 18, 2003
Time: Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.
Topic: A Year End Wrap Up
Speaker: Earl Newman
 Ken Voigt

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 17, 2003.

Cost: \$30 per person

President's Message

Just as each President has said through the years, and I say as well...I can't believe the year is coming to an end. I have enjoyed serving you this year and would like to thank all the volunteers and members who make this organization great.

The volunteers of this organization have accomplished many things this year to support the members of the ITE Illinois Section. Each volunteer is important in keeping the organization moving forward. We are always seeking more volunteers. We currently are in need of more volunteers to help with the planning and organizing of next year's ITE District IV Conference (more information below). If you are interested in volunteering your time in 2004 to the organization, please contact me or anyone on the Board.

The upcoming events include the December Luncheon and the January Annual Dinner. The December Luncheon is December 19th at Maggiano's in Chicago. The out-going and incoming District IV International Director will be there to discuss the District and International Activities. Also, the Board will present a year-end summary of the IL Section activities. The Annual Dinner is planned for January 23rd at The Wellington. Please plan to attend both events, and bring a guest to the Annual Dinner.

Next year's ITE District IV Conference is being held here in Chicago and hosted by the IL Section. The Conference is planned for June

30 through July 2, 2004 at the Allegro Hotel on Randolph in Chicago. Please mark your calendars now to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help with the planning, please contact either of the co-chairs: Kathy Meyerkord (kmeyerkord@Civiltechinc.com) or Thomas Kaeser (tkaeser@tylin.com).

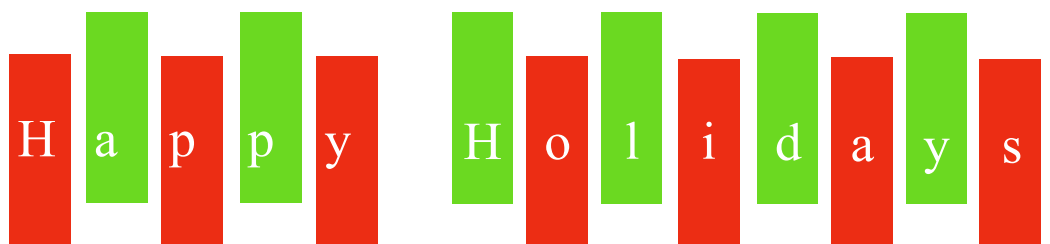
The IL Section will soon unveil a revised website. The new website is more user-friendly and informative, as well as more aesthetically pleasing. Please watch www.ilite.org for the changes before the end of the year.

The Section is also updating the address list of our membership. If your address has changed, please use the change of address form on the website to send the information to the Section. Also, if you are currently receiving ITE information in the mail or at your home address and wish to receive information via e-mail, please let us know by sending your e-mail address to YoungJae Ju "Jae" at yju@HNTB.com. We are encouraging the use of e-mail as it has dramatically cut our costs to run the organization.

My thanks go out to a wonderful Board, great volunteers, and fellow members for making this year an excellent one! Thank You.

Sincerely,

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





Do you have employment opportunities?

Advertise your Firm's job opening in the next issue of *ITEMS*. Contact your *ITEMS* editor for information.

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Illinois Section Paper Competition

The Illinois Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers has a paper/project competition for its student members. The purpose is to increase the participation of our student members in the section's activities. The student paper/project competition covers topics devoted to a transportation subject. Possible topics could involve traffic flow, parking, design, planning, economics, operations, or other appropriate subjects. The guidelines and requirements are shown below. For more information or questions, please contact [Dave Angelakis](#) (630-213-1000).

Award: \$1000 from the Illinois Section

Eligibility: 1) Must have been a student member of Illinois Section ITE during the period between May of one year to May of following year. 2) Must have completed work that provides the basis for the paper or project while a student member of ITE.

Topic/Format Requirements:

- Transportation subject
- Written in English
- Typed, double-spaced, on 8½ x 11 paper
- Maximum length: 15 pages
- Table of contents
- Title page: title, author's name, date
- Projects must be translated to report format

Evaluation Criteria:

- Topic originality
- Contemporary Significance
- Scope and Format
- Validity
- Applicability

The paper submittal deadline is January 5, 2004

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Business Cards

Business card advertisements are available annually in *ITEMS*. To continue or add your company business card advertisement for 2004, please contact Mark de la Vergne at (630) 213-1000. The annual cost for a business card advertisement is \$100.

Project Briefs

Starting with the next issue of *ITEMS*, we will begin to publish project briefs of interesting transportation projects conducted by our members. It is asked that the project briefs be informative in nature and summarize the highlights of a special project, and include pictures or graphics if available. All project briefs should be submitted to Mark de la Vergne

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Golf Outing Wrap Up

The Illinois Section Golf Outing was held on September 25, 2003 at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Although it was a little cool, it was a bright, sunny day, perfect golfing weather. We had 23 golfers participate and gave prizes for various contests. After golfing, burgers, brats, and chicken were served. The winning team of Scott Lee and Tony Cioffi from Iteris, Bob Greene from the City of Aurora, and John Mitchell from IDOT received \$15 gift certificates to Best Buy, the second place team of Jim Woods of Civiltech Engineering, Alecs Ho of Gabriel Group, Jean Alix-Peralte of Bloom Consulting, and John O'Neil from CH2M Hill received \$10 gift certificates to Blockbuster. The longest putt went to John Mitchell of IDOT, who received a \$50 gift certificate to the Bloomingdale Golf Club Pro Shop. The longest drive went

to Jim Woods of Civiltech Engineering, who won a \$50 gift certificate to Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants and the closest to the pin went to Joel Christell of Civiltech Engineering, who received a \$50 gift certificate to Galyans. The outing was able to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. Special thanks go to the sponsors which were **Clark Dietz, Civiltech Engineering, Gewalt-Hamilton, HNTB, and Metro Transportation Group**. Thanks go to everyone who participated and helped out this year.

Joel Christell
Special Events and House Committee
Activities Group Director
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University of Illinois Traffic and Safety Conference: Student Chapter

A few of your fellow ITE members spoke to the Student Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Thursday night during the U of I Traffic and Safety Conference. With the help of Ray Benekohal, about 15 students came out to listen and ask questions about what it's like to transition from student life to the real world. Topics also included the difference between public sector and the private sector. Myself along with Maynard Abuan of Civiltech Engineering and Jeff Young of the McHenry County Highway Department shared some

of our experiences of what we went through and are going through now in the professional world of engineering. The section provided pizza and pop for dinner. The evening went well as we talked and answered questions for over two hours. I believe the students enjoyed it and got some good information on the "new world" after graduation

Joel Christell
Special Events and House Committee.



E-mail any ideas or topics for any traffic and transportation websites to feature in future editions of *ITEMS* to:

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- Master of Ceremonies: John Mick (Clark Dietz)
- Auction to Benefit the Scholarship Fund.
- Joke Competition
- Special Surprise Entertainment

FRIDAY JANUARY 23, 2004

6:00 PM Cash Bar

With Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 PM Dinner

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MUST BE MADE
by January 19,
2004

** Vegetarian meal
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request at time of
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Annual Banquet Reservation Form

Yes. I will attend the 2004 ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet.



I will be bringing _____ guest(s).

Name	Price
_____	@ \$30 \$
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_____	@ \$30 \$
Total _____	

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

Please make checks payable to: ITE Illinois Section

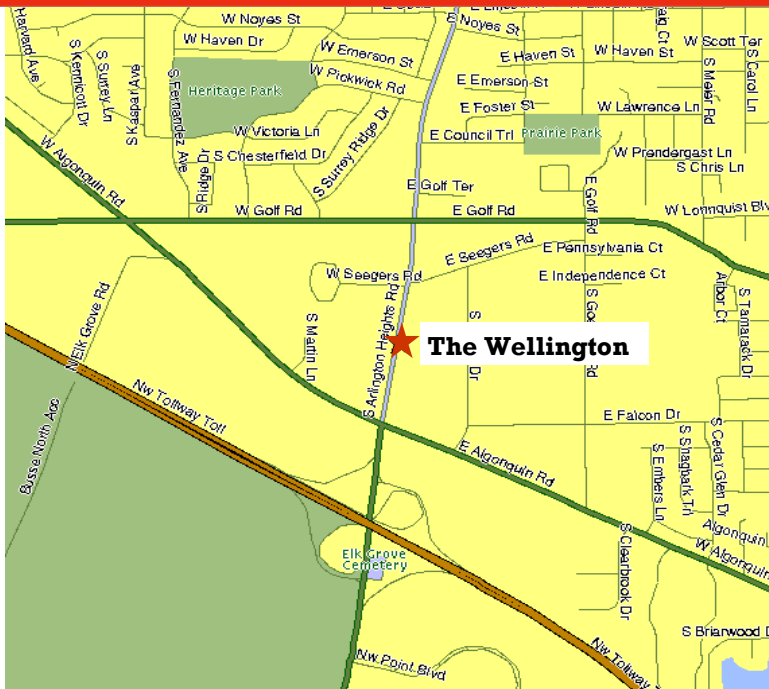
Mail checks & Reservation Forms to:

Civiltech Engineering c/o Joel Christell
 450 E. Devon Avenue, Suite 300
 Itasca, Illinois 60143

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Transportation in the News

Roadway Safety Awards Recognize Highway Programs in 13 States

Federal Highway Administrator Mary E. Peters named 13 roadway safety projects in 13 states that received National Highway Safety Awards from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Roadway Safety Foundation (RSF). The awards recognized initiatives that save lives by improving roadway design, operations and overall planning.

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/fhwa0333.htm>

States Still Face Budget Woes

A biannual survey released Thursday by the National Governors' Association and the National Association of State Budget Officers provided little reason for short-term optimism regarding state budget woes, despite a brightening of the national economic picture.

In fiscal 2003, 21 states had to cut general fund spending compared with the previous year. Also, 40 states reduced enacted fiscal 2003 budgets by \$11.8 billion after they were passed. During the previous fiscal year, that had been necessary in 38 states total.

NHTSA "May" Propose Lap/Shoulder Belts Systems for Small School Buses

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that may apply to small school buses under 10,000 lbs. GVWR.

The proposed rule would require lap/shoulder belt safety systems for all forward-facing designated seating positions in all passenger motor vehicles of less than 10,000 lbs. It is an outgrowth of "Anton's Law," which provides for the improvement of child safety devices when installed in motor vehicles. The NPRM proposes a three-year phase in period commencing on Sept. 1, 2005.

More Travel Reported on Thanksgiving Day Than Previous Day, New BTS Report Says

Thanksgiving Day is more heavily traveled than the Wednesday before Thanksgiving for long-distance travel, according to a new report on National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) findings soon to be released by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS).

Nine out of 10 Thanksgiving holiday travelers (about 91 percent) use personal vehicles - such as a car. More air, bus, and rail passengers travel on Wednesday than on Thursday.



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January 2004 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, traffic/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 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.

David W. Angelakis
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Job Posting



Position: Director of Transportation Services

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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.

Mark de la Vergne
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June 30th thru July 2nd

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For more information on this annual meeting including the technical program, schedules, and accommodations, please watch for future announcements or contact the conference planning committee.

Planning Committee Co-Chairs:
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Ty-Lin International

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ITE Illinois Section Calendar

December 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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January 2004

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February 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Upcoming Dates

- December 18** Illinois Section **December Luncheon**
Maggiano's
Chicago, Illinois
- January 19** Reservations Due for the 2003 ITE
Illinois Section Annual Banquet
- January 23** ITE Illinois Section Annual Banquet
The Wellington
Arlington Heights, Illinois
- February 20** Submittal Deadline for the Spring
Issue of *ITEMS*
- February 22-28** National Engineers Week
www.eweek.org



Please submit important dates for future ite and Illinois section events.



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