

From the Office of the President

I can remember sitting down to write my very first President's letter back in January, and I can't believe this is my last address to you as President.

Thank you for the honor to serve you the members. I step down with many good memories and with much gratitude that I was able to hold this position. I will remain very active in the Club serving on the Board and volunteering on the Golf Committee. So I look forward to seeing everyone in 2016. Please continue to support the club as we move into our 109th year. I am confident Mr. Jeff Leppert, our incoming President, will serve the club well. He is fired up, excited and ready to go. Please support him as much as you can to keep the Club strong and growing.

Congratulations to the newly elected Board members and to Erika Matias-Goodman of USG as she moves into an officer's position.

Newly Elected 2016 Board Members

Mr. Bruce Betts, Flak International

Mr. Dan Behr, Behr and Associates

Mr. Donley Forrest, GATX

Mr. Dave Anderson, CN

Mr. Tom Degnan, Elevance Renewable Sciences

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the Holiday Reception and to everyone who attended. We had a lot of positive feedback about the food, venue and the new additions including: a cigar bar, fire pit area, DJ, and raffle prizes. I am already looking forward to 2016.

I recently received one of "those" Christmas letters and it started off with a conversation about letters... Interesting how the simplest of things has changed in our world.

"Hey Everybody! Come Quick! We got a LETTER!"

"What's a letter?"

"Well, it's a printed communication. Longer than a text. Not a tweet. Different than an email. Can't be found on Instagram. Won't be shared indiscriminately on Facebook. It comes in this special container called an envelope. The writer pays money for it to be sent to someone and to have a different person deliver it to his or her address."

"That's stupid all the other ways are free."

"I know but writing letters has always been my tradition."

"Does it have a click-to-chat option or video links or emojis?"

"Nope just words."

"That sounds boring"

Joint TCC-MARS
Executive Series Luncheon

The next Executive Series Luncheon will be a joint event with the Midwest Association of Rail Shippers (MARS). It will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 11:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. The guest speaker will be Pat Ottensmeyer, President of Kansas City Southern.

The cost for this event is \$45 for members and non-members. In order to register, please visit the TCC website at www.traffic-club.org. You may also register by contacting the club office by email at staff@traffic-club.org or by phone at 630-529-1333.

We hope to see you there!

Scholarship Application Reminder

Applications for the Scholarship Committees 2016 awards program were sent to the members in November. If you don't recall receiving this application, please contact the Club office and we will resend you another application. You can also find the application on the TCC website at http://www.traffic-club.org/scholarships/scholarship-application.

The Club office will not contact any students to inform them that their application and/or other required documentation are incomplete. It is the sole responsibility of the student to see that their application and all other required documentation is received by the Club office postmarked no later than January 31, 2016. Applications or any other required information that is received after this deadline date will not be accepted by the committee.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members, who have recently joined the Club.

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Recap: Goose Island Networking

On November 12th, 2015 a networking event was held at the Goose Island Brewery located at 1800 N. Clybourn Avenue in Chicago's near northwest side. This event was a great success with 80 people in attendance! We would like to thank our sponsoring companies: BCS Placement, CN, Sullivan Hincks & Conway, Quality Transport Services, and USG.







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Artwork (**electronic file**) must be received by the club office no later than the 2nd Thursday of the month. For further information, call 630-529-1333.

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Annual Holiday Reception Cantigny Park

The club held its Annual Holiday Reception on December 8th at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL. Some new additions to the Holiday Reception were made this year including a cigar bar, DJ, dance floor, and raffle. A wonderful time was had by all nearly 150 guests that attended, and below are just a few of those who were present for the evening's festivities.





















Traffic Club Dues = Priceless Benefits

Whether you are a Resident, Non-Resident or Young Professional member of the Club, we want to take this opportunity to remind you of the many valued benefits that the Traffic Club of Chicago offers our members, and trust that you will take advantage of these many opportunities.

Executive Series luncheons featuring top industry speakers

Scholarship Fund for children and/ or grandchildren of members

Numerous customer entertainment venues including:

Dinner Theater Events Golf Outings Varied Sporting Events

Monthly newsletter which keeps our members notified on club happenings and events

Dining privileges at the private Millhurst Charhouse & Banquets, including access to other private clubs around the country and overseas

Additional dining privileges at the private Itasca Country Club and Ridge Country Club

Endless opportunities to network with your peers

Belonging to one of the finest transportation organizations in the country

We sincerely thank you for your continued support of the club and encourage all of our members to become more involved, possibly by joining one of our many committees.

The Membership Committee

...President's Message

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My Christmas letter to you. I hope you're not bored.

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy holiday season. I hope the time spent with your families is fulfilling. I have always treasured this time of year. I think it tends to bring out the best in people and I always feel a little sad when the holidays are over.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve and a special thanks to CM Services. I think they have done an incredible job for the first year running the club.

In closing, some interesting facts about the Christmas card:

The commercial Christmas card, as we know it originated in London in 1843. That winter, Sir Henry Cole, a civil servant. Sir Henry decided he was too busy to write individual Christmas greetings to his family, friends and business colleagues. He asked his friend, the painter John Callcott Horsley, to design a card with an image and brief greeting that he could mail instead.

The card was lithographed on 5 1/8" X 3 1/4" stiff cardboard in dark sepia and then colored by hand. An edition of 1,000 cards was printed and sold for a shilling each. Of those cards, twelve exist today in private collections, including the one Cole sent to his grandmother.

Send out your Christmas greetings and enjoy the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Farewell,

Lynn Musillami – President, 2015

Classifieds

Interested in posting something to the Classifieds section? Contact TCC staff by email at staff@traffic-club.org. TCC will post jobs and vacancies, personal ads, ads for various services, tickets and other items for sale.

Recap: November Executive Series Luncheon

Joseph C. Szabo of CMAP addressed the Traffic Club with his presentation on "Logistics in the Region: A Sweet Yet Sticky Situation" on November 19th.

Attendees enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Matteson and had plenty of time to mingle and network with other industry professionals. The Traffic Club would like to thank Bruce Betts of Flak International, Inc. for coordinating the November 19th Executive Series Luncheon. The Traffic Club would also like to thank our education partners for this event, Governors State University and the International Trade Center of GSU.







Membership Challenge 2016...Looking For a Few Good Members

All we ask is that each of our members tries to bring in just *One New Member*. That's all ... just *One New Member*.

It doesn't take much effort and we will even help you there. Below is an application form you can fax to someone you know that's not currently a member and encourage them to become one. Better yet ... just forward them the newsletter so they can read first hand what the club has to offer. As a fellow club member you already know the many benefits available to you and a brief note from you is all that's required. That's all there is to it.

Thanks for your help in making 2016 another successful membership drive year!

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Locations for Our 2016 Summer Golf Outings Announced

Golf Committee Chairman Ron Mazmanian announced that the committee has selected the dates and locations for next year's summer golf outings. Below are the dates and locations for those courses that have been selected for next year.

May 18

Cog Hill Golf Club

Lemont, IL

* This is the Annual Dinner Golf Outing*

June 22

Bridges of Poplar Creek Hoffman Estates, IL

This will be a joint outing with OFA

July 21

Hawks View Golf Club Lake Geneva, WI

August 18

Balmoral Woods Golf Course Crete. IL

September 22

Village Links of Glen Ellyn Glen Ellyn, IL

2016 Annual Dinner Guest Speaker Announced!

Annual Dinner Committee has finalized a location, date AND guest speaker for next year's 109th Annual Dinner!

The Annual Dinner will take place at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers located in Downtown Chicago on May 19th, 2016.

Also, the Annual Dinner Golf Outing will once again be taking place the day prior to the Annual Dinner, May 18th, 2016, at Cog Hill Golf Club.

Incoming Traffic Club President, Jeff Leppert, announced at the Holiday Reception that he has selected a speaker for the 109th Annual Dinner. The guest speaker will be...

Dan Hampton of the 1985 Chicago Bears!





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Traffic Club Calendar for 2016

The following is a listing of Club activities that have been scheduled for 2016. Dates and events will be updated as plans are finalized. Please be sure to mark your calendars accordingly, so that you don't miss any of these important events.

	Joint Traffic Club-Midwest Assn.	June	Cubs Outing	Sept	Networking Event at Pinstripes	
	of Rail Shippers Luncheon Guest Speaker: Pat Ottensmeyer President, Kansas City Southern Location: Westin Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL	June 22	First Golf Outing Joint Outing with OFA Bridges of Poplar Creek Hoffman Estates, IL	Sept	Fourth Golf Outing Village Links of Glen Ellyn Glen Ellyn, IL	
				Oct	Transportation Night	
Feb 25	Loyola University Chicago	July 21	Second Golf Outing Hawks View Golf Club Lake Geneva, WI	Oct	Executive Series Luncheon	
Schreiber Center Chicago, IL			Nov 10	113		
		Aug	Cubs Outing		Goose Island Brewery	
Mar	Networking Event at TopGolf	Aug 18	Third Golf Outing Balmoral Woods Golf Course Crete, IL	Dec	Annual Holiday Reception	
May 18	Annual Dinner Golf Outing Cog Hill Golf Club Lemont, IL					
May 19	109th Annual Dinner Guest Speaker: Dan Hampton of the 1985 Chicago Bears Location: Sheraton Chicago	Visit our website for upcoming event information: www.traffic-club.org/events				

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www.traffic-club.org