# News Bulletin of the Traffic Club of Chicago December 2016



# From the Office of the President

This is it. The End. Well, not really, but it is the end of my tenure as your President. I am sad to leave but change is healthy and in this case required by our by-laws. Before I go I have some people to thank.

First, Megan Galeher (formerly Gold), our director. There is no one more dedicated to the Club than her and without her, it simply doesn't function or grow. At the next event you attend, please take a moment to find and thank her. Thank you, Megan.

Next, my fellow board members and committee chairs. This Club is testament to a person's desire to volunteer their time and help an organization with a historical purpose – ease the burden of building a career in transportation. I thank you all for your time and support and simply say – well done.

Lastly and most importantly, our members and sponsor companies. During 2016, my team and I tried to make each event worth your time, rooted in relationship building and some fun along the way. Thank you for participating and while my tenure has closed, 2017 is already framed to be better than this year under the leadership of your new President, Paul Deasy. Paul, congratulations and I look forward to your leadership.

In closing, I have a request. Alright. Two Requests. (This is the perk of being able to write these each month.)

One, please take a moment and log into your account profile and update it. (Traffic-Club.org) Our Club is confidential and we will not sell or solicit your information but in order for us to contact you, and more importantly, for you to network, we need proper information for each member. It takes seconds.

Two, Engage us. Refer us. Tell our story. It is a good one. No, it is a great one. For 109 years, we have helped people in our industry, but we have more to do. A lot more. This industry is dynamically changing and we need you to make sure we change with it.

Good bye is too permanent, so I simply say, with my sincerest thanks, see you at our next event.

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year!

Your President,

Jeffrey R. Leppert

# 2017 Annual Dinner Guest Speaker Announced

The Annual Dinner Committee has finalize a location, date AND guest speaker for next year's 110th Annual Dinner!

The Annual Dinner will once again take place at the Sheraton Grand Chicago located in Downtown Chicago on Wednesday, May 24th, 2017. Yes, that's correct. The Annual Dinner will be on a Wednesday in 2017!

Also, the Annual Dinner Golf Outing will once again be taking place the day prior to the Annual Dinner, May 23rd, 2017, at Cog Hill Golf Club.

Incoming Traffic Club President,
Paul Deasy, has announced that he has
selected a speaker for the 110th Annual
Dinner. The guest speaker will be...

Co-Pilot of U.S. Airways Flight 1549, "The Miracle on the Hudson," Jeff Skiles!



Mr. Skiles was recently portrayed by actor Aaron Eckhart in the film "Sully" which was released in September of 2016. The film has received rave reviews from critics, and has grossed over \$218 million worldwide.

To view Jeff Skiles full bio, <u>click here!</u>
More details will be released as the event nears!



# A Message from the Scholarship Committee Chairman

The Traffic Club of Chicago recognizes academic excellence through the administration of annual scholarship awards. I've been involved as a scholarship committee member for the last four years, and as the scholarship committee chairman for the last two years. I believe providing scholarships is one of the best, most enduring values that our club provides.

I've been amazed by the volume of phenomenal applications our club receives each year from remarkable students. After reviewing applications, letters and transcripts in great detail, I only wish there were more scholarships and more money to award in recognition of our applicants hard work and ongoing achievements.

Scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of Club members who are enrolled as full time undergraduate students at accredited four year colleges and universities. Scholarships are also available to student members of the Traffic Club, pursuing degrees in transportation, logistics or supply chain management.

Last year we were able to award 13 scholarships totaling over \$15k. This year, I'm proud to write that we've increased the number of scholarships to 15, in addition to increasing the total monetary award level by over 37%.

Our scholarships are funded entirely by the events we host such as our Annual Dinner in May, TCC's ongoing networking events, golf outings and educational programs. It's a fantastic testament to our club and to all of our members to be able to provide these awards.

I hope that our members see the value of our Clubs on-going support of our scholastic funding and annual awards. I encourage those with children or grandchildren in college to explore our website and utilize the scholarship link to apply by January 31st 2017. Awards will be given in March.

Happy Holidays from our Scholarship Committee!

Sincerely,

Bryan F. Vaughan, VTG Rail, Committee Chairperson Jim Keuck, Keuck Consulting, Ltd., Committee Vice Chair Frank Moczulewski, Committee Member George Macko, SCO-Pro LLC, Committee Member Patrick Seger, PPG Coatings, Committee Member

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# **Recap: November Business Development Forum**

On November 29th, 2016, the Traffic Club of Chicago held a Business Development Forum at the Wojcik Conference Center of Harper College in Palatine, IL. The Education Committee put together a stellar group of speakers and panelists for this year's event which was attended by over 70 people.

















# A Sincere Thanks to Our Holiday Reception Sponsors

The club would like offer its sincere thanks to the following companies whose sponsorship of this year's Annual Holiday Reception at the Union League Club of Chicago made it an event to remember. Those companies are:

## **Platinum Sponsors**

Chicago Freight Car Leasing Co. CIT Rail CN FourKites GATX Corporation

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# **Scholarship Applications Reminder**

The Scholarship Committee has distributed the applications for the 2017 scholarship awards program via email to Club members. You can also access the Scholarship Application on the TCC website by <u>clicking here</u>. The scholarship awards are tentatively scheduled to be presented at the March, 2017 Executive Series luncheon program. That location will be announced at a later date. Applications must be received post-marked no later than January 31, 2017, which will allow students ample time to get all the required documentation to the committee. Applications and any other supporting documents post-marked after January 31 will not be accepted and the application will be considered incomplete.



# Membership Challenge 2017...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 2017 another successful membership drive year!

THE TRAFFIC CLUB OF CHICAGO											
Application for Membership											
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PLEASE FAX YOUR APPLICATION TO THE CLUB OFFICE AT: (630) 790-3095											

# Annual Holiday Reception Union League Club of Chicago

The club held its Annual Holiday Reception on December 6th at the Union League Club of Chicago. 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

# Joint TCC-MARS Executive Series Luncheon

This Executive Series Luncheon will be a joint event with the Midwest Association of Rail Shippers (MARS). It will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort.

The speaker for this year's Joint Luncheon is David Gardner, Vice President of Supply Chain and Customer Experience at Ingredion, Inc. Please see the event breakdown below for further details.

**What:** Joint MARS-TCC Executive Series Luncheon

**When:** Wednesday, January 11th, 2017, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort, 3500 Midwest Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523

Cost: \$45 for members and non-members

## Agenda:

11:30 a.m. Networking 12:00 p.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. Speaker: David Gardner, Vice President of Supply Chain and Customer Experience at Ingredion, Inc.

#### **Registration Options:**

<u>Click here</u> to register online Email TCC Staff at staff@traffic-club.org Call TCC Staff at 630-529-1333

We hope to see you there!

\*If you have already registered through MARS, you do not need to register through TCC

If a cancellation needs to be made, please do so by Wednesday, January 4th, 2017.

# Locations for Our 2017 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 23, 2017

Cog Hill Lemont, IL

\*\*This is the Annual Dinner Golf Outing\*\*

June 21, 2017

Bridges at Poplar Creek Hoffman Estates, IL \*\*TCC/OFA Joint Golf Outing\*\*

July 20, 2017

Evergreen G.C. Elkhorn, WI

August 24, 2017

Seven Bridges G.C. Woodridge, IL

September 28, 2017

Odyssey C.C. Tinley Park, IL

# 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.



# **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.

Jan	7	Finance Committee Meeting (Conference Call)	May	18	109th Annual Dinner Golf Outing Cog Hill Golf Club	Aug	25	Executive Series Luncheon Guest Speaker: Justin Hall
Jan	11	Board of Directors Meeting			Lemont, IL			Chief Customer Officer, YRCW
Jan	13	Joint Traffic Club-Midwest Assn.	May	19	109th Annual Dinner			Location: Fountain Blue Banquets
		of Rail Shippers Luncheon			Guest Speaker: Dan Hampton			& Conference Center, Des Plaines, IL
		Guest Speaker: Pat Ottensmeyer			of the 1985 Chicago Bears			
		President, Kansas City Southern			Location: Sheraton Chicago	Sept	8	Finance Committee Meeting
		Location: Westin Yorktown			Hotel and Towers,			(Conference Call)
		Center, Lombard, IL			Downtown Chicago	Sept	8	Retiree Luncheon
Jan	31	Scholarship Application Deadline				Sept		Board of Directors Meeting
		CINCIA VIIII	June	2	Cubs Outing - Cubs vs Dodgers	Sept	22	Fourth Golf Outing
Feb	4	Finance Committee Meeting	June	9	Finance Committee Meeting			Village Links of Glen Ellyn
		(Face to Face)			(Face to Face)	nette		Glen Ellyn, IL
Feb	8	Board of Directors Meeting	June	13	Board of Directors Meeting	Sept	29	Pinstripes Networking Event
Feb	25	3rd Annual Career Fair	June	22	First Golf Outing	Evans	on.	1 Million Contraction
		Loyola University Chicago			Joint Outing with OFA	Oct	6	Finance Committee Meeting
		Schreiber Center			Bridges of Poplar Creek	0-4	10	(Face to Face) Board of Directors Meeting
		Chicago, IL			Hoffman Estates, IL	Oct	10 12	Transportation Night
						Oct	20	Executive Series Luncheon (Southside),
Mar	10	Finance Committee Meeting	July	7	Finance Committee Meeting	Oct	20	Holiday Inn, Matteson, IL
		(Conference Call)			(Conference Call)			Honday IIII, Matteson, IL
Mar	14	Board of Directors Meeting	July	11	Board of Directors Meeting	Nov	10	Finance Committee Meeting
Mar	17	Executive Series Luncheon	July	21	Second Golf Outing	1101	10	(Face to Face)
		w/ Scholarship Award Ceremony			Hawks View Golf Club	Nov	14	Board of Directors Meeting
		Ditka's, Oakbrook Terrace, IL			Lake Geneva, WI	Nov		Business Development Symposium
Mar	30	TopGolf Networking Event						Wojcik Conference Center at
			Aug	3	Cubs Outing - Cubs vs Marlins			Harper College, Palatine, IL
Apr	oose 7	Finance Committee Meeting	Aug	4	8			CHICAGO
		(Conference Call)			(Conference Call)	Dec	6	Annual Holiday Party
Apr	11	Board of Directors Meeting	Aug	8				Union League Club of Chicago,
			Aug	18	Third Golf Outing			Chicago, IL
May	5	Finance Committee Meeting			Balmoral Woods Golf Course	Dec	8	Finance Committee Meeting
		(Conference Call)			Crete, IL			(Conference Call)
May	9	Board of Directors Meeting				Dec	12	Board of Directors Meeting

# Chicago Area Reciprocal Clubs Available to Club Members

#### MILLHURST CHARHOUSE & BANQUETS

1901 S. Meyers Road
Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
630-691-1300
Monday-Friday, Breakfast, Lunch and
Dinner, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and
Saturday, Dinner Only, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Meeting Rooms Available.

#### ITASCA COUNTRY CLUB

400 E. Orchard Street Itasca, Illinois 630-773-1800 Tuesday-Sunday, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Monday, Lunch Only, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meeting and Banquet Facilities Available. Dining Only. No Golf Privileges.

#### RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

10522 S. California Avenue Chicago, Illinois 773-238-9400 Winter Schedule Tuesday-Sunday. Lunch Only 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Dinner, Wednesday-Sunday from 6:00 pm.- 8:00 pm. Meeting Rooms are Available. Dining Privileges Only. No Golf Privileges.

Nearly 100 private dining and country clubs are available to the members around the country and overseas.

To see the list of available clubs please visit our website at:

www.traffic-club.org