



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER 41 QUARTERLY PROGRAM AND MEETING

PLACE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY (SEE PAGE 7)
DATE & TIME FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2007 -- 10 A.M.

REGION 3 SPRING FORUM

PLACE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
DATE APRIL 27, 2007

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 1, 2007 10% DELINQUENCY CHARGE FOR LATE DUES
APRIL 15, 2007 10% DELINQUENCY + \$50 CHARGE FOR LATE DUES
JUNE 17- 20, 2007 IRWA INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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President's Message

President Bernard B. Banker, SR/WA, R/W-RC

Today's the first day of February and the temperature is FALLING as I write this. The weather forecasters are telling me that the Super Bowl weekend coming up will be the coldest of the season. Brrrrr!

I trust that everyone enjoyed the holiday season and spent time with your loved ones. For the past three years I have had a split Christmas celebration with my sons. I have the usual December 25th get-together with my youngest son who is a student at ISU and then another with my oldest son around January 10th. That is a good thing because that means my son's employer had a good year. You see, he is a member of the Arizona State University football staff. When he's home for Christmas that means they didn't get an invitation to play in a bowl game.

We had an excellent turnout of members and guests at our December chapter meeting, including Jack Holt, our Region 3 Chair. Our activities included a tour of the Martin Marietta underground limestone quarry north of Ames and a wonderful lunch at Cottage on Broad, in Story City. The quarry is 250 feet underground and we used a large school bus for the tour. It is a maze of street-like passageways complete with yield and stop signs. They are in the process of digging down 180 more feet to another productive vein of limestone. Although no one got a case of claustrophobia we all got a feel of what "dark" is. It was a really fun, informative experience.

Per an email I received the other day, I was informed that we will have a published author of a book among us. More information on that as it develops....I hope to see you at the March meeting.

Remember..... **"everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile"** and **"a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks"** **Andy Rooney**

Bernie

CHAPTER NEWS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Reminder

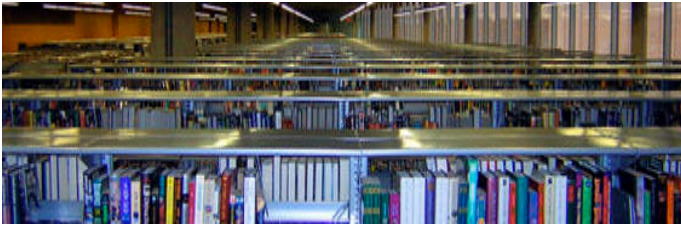
Don Corrigan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Chair

Dues are delinquent as of February 28th.

From March 1 to April 15th there is a 10% delinquency fee
and
after April 15th there is an additional \$50.00 reinstatement fee.

If you plan **not** to renew, please let me know why. Your comments can sometimes improve the organization and help us do things better.

Don Corrigan, Chapter 41 Membership Chair,
donindsm@aol.com.



TOYS FOR TOTS



Attached at the end of this newsletter you will see a letter of appreciation from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation for the \$600 that members of Chapter 41 donated in 2006. Also attached is a certificate of appreciation.

This was nearly double our gift of 2005! Thank you to all who donated.

Let's see if we can do even better in 2007! There were many deserving children who I know had a better Christmas because of our gift!

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Chapter 41 to Host Region 3 Fall Forum October 12, 2007 Riverside Casino and Resort

Plans are underway for Chapter 41 to host the Region Fall Forum at the Riverside Casino and Resort in Riverside, Iowa.

Please mark your calendar now to attend the Forum on Friday, October 12.

We are still making final arrangements but, we can tell you that the rooms will be very reasonable. In order to plan an appropriate number of rooms, please email me (see below) if you are planning to attend and will want a room for Thursday night. We will also plan to have a block of rooms for Wednesday night for the Education Course that will be held on Thursday, as well as a smaller block of rooms for Friday night (at a special rate) if you would like to stay over to enjoy the sites and sounds of Riverside (it would be helpful if you'd let me know of these plans as well).

As soon as an agreement is in place I will send an email to Chapter Members with more information.

Check out their website at

www.riversidecasinoandresort.com

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BUDGET NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Halvorson,
SR/WA, R/W-RAC

Fourth Quarter Report

Income	\$ 3,602.11
Expenses	<u>1,276.22</u>
Net Gain	\$ 2,325.89
Current Balance	\$ 15,302.16
Long Term Obligations	<u>533.00</u>
Net Balance	\$ 14,769.16



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Chair Don Corrigan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

NEW MEMBERS

Brian Shutters of Mid American Energy

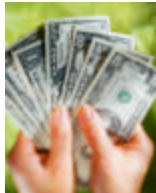
Angela Sheely of Graham and Associates

Welcome—We look forward to your membership.

Have You Paid Your 2007 Membership Dues???

Don't delay any longer...
pay your dues prior to March 1
to avoid a 10% delinquency fee.

2- \$500 Grand Prize Winners!!



At our Chapter Luncheon in Story City on December 1 we had a drawing for \$1000 to be used toward IRWA related expenses. As required if the person whose name was drawn was not present they receive \$500 – and another name is drawn until there is an attending winner. The \$1000 was shared between Earl Wood and Linda Martens!

There was also a drawing for free membership dues and the winner was Mary Ann Carnock.

Remember, each time you attend a Chapter Meeting you get your name in a Meeting drawing for \$50 cash (December's winner was Ken Boatwright).

At the annual meeting all of the entries are thrown in for the annual drawings. In order to be eligible to win the entire \$1000 you must be present to win!!

Congratulations, Earl and Linda
and also to, Mary Ann and Ken

RETIREMENT



Robert Dahlgren, SR/WA

Former Chapter 41 President, Robert Dahlgren, SR/WA retired from the Iowa Department of Transportation on December 28, 2006 after more than 38 years of employment.

Special guests at Bob's retirement coffee on December 21 included his wife, Sandy, sister and brother-in-law and Sandy's parents.

President Bernie Banker presented Bob with a plaque of appreciation at our December Chapter 41 Meeting commemorating Bob's dedicated involvement with IRWA for more than 33 years.

Congratulations, Bob!

No More "Free Lunch"

About 18 months ago, when looking for ways to encourage attendance at Chapter Meetings it was decided that the Chapter would pick up lunch expenses at quarterly meetings.

In December (after six meetings) it was agreed that the anticipated expectation has clearly not had the desired effect.

Therefore, it was decided that the Chapter will no longer pay for luncheons as part of our quarterly meetings. Our desire is to (continually) keep the cost of meetings low, and to keep the expense to members at a minimum. There will not be a nominal fee requested for luncheons at our quarterly meetings.

Also, please remember...if you RSVP that you will be attending, **especially** when there is a lunch your meal has to be paid for (even if you aren't present). Therefore, in the future, if you RSVP that you will be attending it is hoped that you will attend...but, if you can't, it is requested that you pay the Chapter for your ordered meal.

REGION/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

REGION 3 - 2007 SPRING FORUM

APRIL 25-27, 2007

HOSTED BY: GATEWAY CHAPTER 37



DRURY INN UNION STATION
201 South 20th Street
ST. LOUIS, MO 63103
314-231-3900

Room Rates: \$92 - 102 per night
When making reservations
Be sure to mention

IRWA Chapter 37 Region Forum
Reserve online at www.druryhotels.com,
click on

Book it-Fast,
Then, enter group number 134695

or

call 1-800-325-0720
Specify Hotel location and Group Name

April 25, 2007 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
SR/WA Review Session

April 26, 2007 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
SR/WA Review & Exam
(Clyde Johnson -- Facilitator)

Thursday April 26, 2007

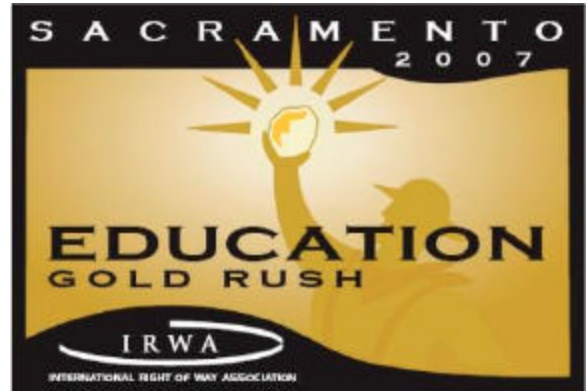
6 – 7 p.m. Happy Hour
Live Auction* at 7:00 p.m.
(Proceeds to go to Education Foundation)

Friday, April 27, 2007

8 a.m. – Region 3 Business Meeting

Contact Cynthia Gan at 314-331-8184
or Ashleigh Robison at 314-436-2296

*NEEDED: MORE AUCTION ITEMS



The 53rd Annual Education Conference Sacramento, California, June 17-20, 2007

Make plans now to attend the IRWA Annual Education Conference in Sacramento.

Remember that Registration is still \$395 for members, but only until May 21, when it will increase by \$50. It will increase again to \$545 after May 21. In addition to the educational sessions your registration includes attendance at the opening ceremony, the President's welcome reception, an awards luncheon, a SR/WA recognition breakfast, daily continental breakfasts daily as well as the installation reception/banquet and dance.

In addition to the members registration package, there are companion packages and youth packages available.

Check out more details at www.irwaonline.org

The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, where rates for a single/double room are \$155. To make your reservations go to their website www.sacramento.hyatt.com



International Right of Way Association

"Spirit of the Heartland" - Iowa Chapter 41



*Minutes of Business Meeting – December 1, 2006
The Cottage on Broad, Story City, Iowa*

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 P.M.

Introduction of Guests:

Jack Holt, Region 3 Chair from Chapter 72, Bismarck, North Dakota. It was a pleasure to have Jack attend our meeting. Jim Deppe, Iowa Department of Transportation, Appraisal Section also attended as a guest.

Bernie Banker presented Bob Dahlgren, who will be retiring from the Iowa DOT in December, with a plaque in appreciation for over 33 years of service Bob has given as a member of IRWA Chapter 41.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the September 15, 2006 business meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report indicated a total net balance of \$14,769.16. A motion to approve the report as presented was made, seconded and approved. Nancy reported net income of \$1200 to \$1500 from Course 214 is anticipated. After a brief discussion it was decided that our chapter will no longer sponsor lunches at future meetings.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Currently we have 67 members, with the addition of Brian Shutters of Mid-American Energy.

All members should have received an on-line notification of their 2007 dues renewal, with another to be mailed in the next several days. After February 28, 2007, dues are delinquent. Between March 1 and April 15 a 10% delinquency fee is assessed and after April 15 an additional \$50 reinstatement fee is added.

The Chapter has received a new membership DVD from International. In addition there is a new brochure entitled 10,000 Reason to join; Don Corrigan has copies for those who are interested.

Education: Ethics Course 103 is planned for 2007, a couple of others are also planned, if there are any courses that anyone needs for certification/recertification or SR/WA please let us know.

Program: Vicki Elscott will be working on the program for the March meeting. If there are any suggestions for future meetings please share with Vicki.

Professional Development: Anne King has successfully completed the requirements and has been approved by International for SR/WA designation and her plaque was presented. Congratulations, Anne!

Old Business:

Bernie Banker, attended the Region 3 Fall Forum, October 20, 2006, in Kansas City, and presented some highlights of the forum. This report is available from Bernie if you would like a copy. Craig Poorker, Vice Chair, discussed IRWA education and courses. Jack Holt, Region 3 Chair gave a Power Point presentation providing some interesting and informative information on a number of subjects. A copy is available on the Region website (www.irwaregion3.org). Another issue presented at the Fall Forum is replenishment of funds for Education Foundation. Bernie also stated he is appreciative of the financial assistance offered to him to attend this very worthwhile meeting.

Region 3, 2007 Fall Forum -- Iowa to host this event, at our last meeting it was discussed that the Hotel Pattee in Perry might be a possible site. We have now learned that this establishment will most likely not be available for the Fall Forum, therefore, it was suggested that we look elsewhere for a possible site. If anyone has any suggestions you might want to share those with Shelly Whiteing.

New Business:

2007 Committees, call for volunteers. When asked to volunteer for a committee please graciously and responsibly accept the request, many times the opportunity to serve can be a learning experience as well as very rewarding.

Don't forget to use IRWA online benefits to further assist you in continuing education. International will require that course coordinators take a 90 minute on-line tested course. You must score 70% on a twenty-question test; there is no charge for the course. There are incentives for the chapter to get more people to attend each class. We must offer all core courses at least once every three years in each region.

Spring Forum: St. Louis is the location of the April 27, 2007 Spring Forum. Election of Region Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer will be held at this event, so it is imperative that all Chapter Presidents and Directors are present to vote.

Candidate for Chair – Craig Poorker, Chapter 20

Candidate for Vice Chair – Rita Rasmussen, Chapter 41

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer-Randy DeGeorge, and Chris Pawloski, both Chapter 78

Fall Forum 2006 Issues: An item to be further discussed at our 2007 Spring Forum, Bruce Reed, Region Rep to R.W.I.E.F., gave a presentation at (2006) Fall Forum on the need to replenish funds of the Education Foundation. Bruce stated that only 41% of members donate the additional \$10 when renewing their memberships. Bruce will be sending a letter requesting that each chapter donate \$2,000 to the Foundation in 2007. Bruce also reported that the Foundation received \$40,000 donated in Howard Armstrong's name.

Public Involvement Workshop for Consultants to be held Spring 2007 in Ames.

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) will be conducting a workshop to present the current DOT Public Involvement Plan which was approved by FHWA in April 2006. The workshop will address public involvement guidelines, display preparation and the public involvement process. Bernie will email the chapter membership as final details become available.

Jack Holt presented a plaque honoring Chapter 41 Professional of the Year, Bernie Banker!

Drawings: We held drawings for the \$1000 Grand Prize, the first name drawn was Earl Wood, who was not present, he is awarded \$500 of the Grand Prize and Linda Martens, who was present, awarded \$500. The "free membership" drawing for second prize was won by Mary Ann Carnock. Ken Boatwright, was the winner of the drawing for the \$50 door prize for December 2006.

Toys for Tots Collection: Today's total is \$249 which will be added to the \$328 already collected this year for a total of \$577, which Vicki will present to Toys for Tots.

At 1:10 P.M. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Martens, R/W-RAC

Vice President/Secretary

Spirit of the Heartland-Chapter 41

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

Friday, March 2, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines

“Des Moines Public Library”

10:00 a.m. There will be two tours of the New Library

- 1 – Tour the new facility**
- 2- “Behind the scenes”**

RSVP to Vicki Elscott for the Library Tours

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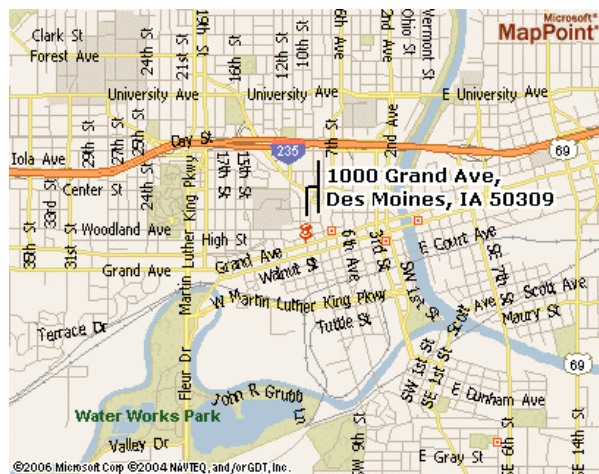
The tours will be followed by a Chapter 41 Business Meeting

There is no planned lunch, however, if there is interest we will proceed to an area eating establishment for lunch.



For More information on directions to the library and parking options, please visit their website at:

<http://www.pldminfo.org/MyLibrary/hours.htm>



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April 15, 2007

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Since 1947

January 12, 2007

International Right Way Assoc
C/O 800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Caring Friend,

On behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and the many needy children who will experience the joy of Christmas because of caring people like you, please accept our very warmest thanks for your generosity.

Your donation for 2006 amounts to \$600. Marine Toys for Tots Foundation provided you with no goods, services, or benefits for your contribution. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Contributions of money to the Foundation are deductible on your federal income tax return to the extent provided by federal income tax regulations. Please consult your tax advisor. This letter is your receipt for record purposes.

Again, thank you for enabling the Marine Corps to meet the significant challenge of providing joy and hope to millions of our nation's neediest children during the Christmas season. Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew T. Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Matthew T. Cooper
LtGen, USMC (Ret)
President

This acknowledgment of your 2006 contribution is provided pursuant to Section 170(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.

MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION

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December 25, 2006

Date

Don H. Perry