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Area 8 Member Meeting - Mt. Vernon - 9/11/10

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WELCOME ILICA'S OFFICE ASSISTANT, SHELBY HURST



Hello, my name is Shelby and for the last couple of months I've been helping Janet at the LICA office in Brimfield. I'm the daughter of Dave Hurst, and granddaughter of Don Hurst, longtime ILICA members. I never really had much to do with the LICA team until this job and I realize now just how much hard work is put into the workshops, meetings, and yearly gatherings.

I'm 21 years old and I also work at Old Navy in Peoria. I was going to enroll at Carl Sandburg College this year for Mortuary Science, but due to financial woes, I decided to hold off and wait until next year to do that. For now, I plan to work and save money toward that goal and help Janet out in any way I can at the ILICA office.

Shelby

Shelby has been a real asset to the ILICA office over the last few months. In the past, summer has been a slower time for the association, however, this year was an exception. Hosting the summer National LICA meetings in July along with the very successful equipment and on-site-waste demonstration at Wayne Litwiller's Morton shop brought some additional activity to the schedule. As soon as the convention concluded, it was time to process the mailings for ILICA's first summer workshop series, a combined drainage workshop and the first erosion control workshop, as well as getting information out for the 2nd annual Area 3 golf outing to both associate and contractor members. Needless to say, Shelby has already had a lot of experience in folding, stuffing and stamping volumes of mail. She also made it possible to process all the handouts for the drainage workshop, preparing folders and nametags for all the attendees, getting Janet out the door in time to make it to Champaign Monday evening. Preparation for the next regular board and committee meetings is in the works as Shelby continues to be invaluable to the timeliness of ILICA's busy schedule.



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Meeting Notice

**ILICA Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Birkey's 1105 Interstate Dr.**

Bloomington, IL

Saturday - November 6, 2010 - 2 pm

Committee Meetings

10 am - 1 pm

See map and directions on page 19



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Readers,

As the days of summer grow shorter many of us are getting ready for the big fall push as crops come out of the field for those of us in the ag related side and the shorter days for those in the more commercial end of the industry work to get things done before the weather turns. It has been a busy summer for the association with workshops and the hosting of the summer national meeting. I was disappointed that more did not take the opportunity to attend there in Peoria and get a chance to see what happens on the national level. And on the other hand I was happy to see those that did. Cat put on a nice show for us as did the University of IL. I greatly appreciate the efforts of all who helped make it a good meeting with many favorable comments from out of state members of LICA.

National meetings were something I didn't start attending until I was expected to as a state officer. I with my Scotch austerity, another word for cheap, always looked at the price as too much. Looking back though I am sorry I took so long to go to one, now I find them as enjoyable as the state conventions and other activities. As for why, its not just what you can learn but the people there. Any association finds its strength or weakness within the people that are members of it. Just as each of us has our own strengths and weaknesses so does an organization and there are some great people within this one. And with sadness we say goodbye to one of ours,

Rose Day. A great lady that has been a part of this group for more years than just about anyone. We shall miss her, and send our sympathies to the Day family.

As we move into the fall I want to have everyone start thinking about the need to bring about a system of area meetings in each area as we head toward having more time to hold them. Winter would be the perfect time to get them going within each area, directors should take the lead in this. We don't have to start big like the membership drive type meetings but something to provide a time and place to get together and talk shop, maybe have a speaker on some topic of interest, or just have some food and a couple cold root beers, for me anyway. If you are wondering why we should do all this, just ask any active member why they are a part of this organization and you will get the answer. When you move beyond writing out the check for the dues as what being a member is then that number on the check is inconsequential. So we are trying to move to a more local involvement to entice those that don't go to statewide events to find out what being a member can bring beyond the simple quantifiable things like insurance program, newsletter, directory, and safety manual.

Everyone have a great fall. Keep safe, take care of yourself as least as well as you do your machines and I hope take pride in the work you do.

Steve Anderson, President



NEW MEMBERS

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Thank You!

2010 DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS...AGAIN!

Once again, there is a correction needed for our 2010 directory. Please make a note in YOUR directory regarding the corrected information below.

Please make the following changes in your directories.

Page 52; Truck / Trailer Sales & Service:

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If you notice an error in your information, PLEASE contact Janet at (309) 446-3700 or via email at janet@illica.net so those can be published in the *ILICA News* as well. All directories being sent from the office at this time have been corrected.


Again, apologies for overlooking these errors and gratitude for your understanding.




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FALL MEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 9TH & 11TH



It's hard to believe, but fall is upon us in a big way and along with harvest and a fresh surge of conservation work for many of our contractors, it is also time for our membership committee to get back "on the road" for ILICA...and this fall, they're doing something brand new.

On November 9th, **Roland Machinery Co** will host the first combined state member meeting for both Illinois and Missouri in their Palmyra Missouri store. They serve several contractors in both states from that location and Matt Roland volunteered to host a meeting there during meeting this spring in Springfield. Debbie Dickens, Missouri LICA ED and Janet Doubet are currently working to secure troopers from their states for the IDOT regulations for contractors program that has been so popular in other areas.

Roland Machinery Co.
701 Industrial Drive; Palmyra, Missouri 63461
Phone: 573-769-2056



Member meetings return to Area 8 on November 11th as Larry Medders at **Erb Equipment Company** has agreed to host contractors in their Mt. Vernon location. Steve Thomas, Director of Operations from Mt. Vernons' Tri-County Electric Cooperative will present safety information for contractors in their service area.



Both meetings will follow the "standard" scheduling of a FREE 6:30 pm dinner sponsored by our hosts, followed by a 1-hour educational presentation by our guest speakers. More information will be available on our website, www.illica.net or as always, contact Janet at (309) 446-3700 for additional information. Please mark these dates on your calendar and see if one of these evening meetings might fit into your schedule.

Erb Equipment Company
11322 State Route 148; Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
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2ND ANNUAL AREA 3 GOLF OUTING IN MEMORY OF GREG GORDLEY



Following a very busy summer for ILICA, September 9th seemed to arrive quickly for the golf outing committee and ILICA ED, Janet Doubet. Planning was in the works as the final drainage workshop in Champaign concluded August 12th and Wayne Litwiller got busy contacting his local associate members to see if they would like to support ILICA's 2nd annual fund raising event at Coyote Creek Golf Club in Bartonville.

Last year's response in sponsorship and attendance provided more than enough encouragement to fuel ILICA's enthusiasm for this year's outing. It was Illinois' first attempt at putting together this kind of activity and everything went very well for an initial effort. Many of our associate members, even those not right in Area 3, supported the event wholeheartedly.

One of those associates was Greg Gordley of Port Industries out of Palmyra Missouri. Greg was one of those guys that was always part of every conservation expo, workshop and convention ILICA had, so it was no surprise when he showed up for the 1st annual golf outing last year. He arrived in time to visit with several of his close ILICA friends before hitting the course with Jon Seevers' group and then stayed for dinner to enjoy the entire day with us. What a blessing that was, even if we didn't realize it at the time.

And although this golf outing is ILICA's main fund raising event of the year, it took on additional meaning this September with a special segment set aside to remember Greg's support and friendship. Greg's parents and sister Jeris, also graciously agreed to be our guests, with Jeris addressing the group to share a little personal insight about Greg, thanking his

friends for their love and prayers. There were several pictures of Greg in the ILICA archives from past conventions and conservation expos so a short pictorial presentation ran during dinner and Kevin Shimp, who was not only Greg's employer but his fraternity brother and dear friend, was presented with a plaque from the ILICA board in remembrance of the deep relationship between Greg and ILICA. Although his presence was noticeably absent, it seemed like Greg may have made arrangements for us to enjoy one of the most beautiful days so far this fall. Perhaps he was there after all.

The success of the 2nd Annual ILICA Area 3 golf outing was everything we hoped for and there are two very good reasons for that: One of them is Wayne Litwiller, the golf outing committee and their continued dedication to ILICA and it's membership growth. The funds raised at this event will provide the means to keep building ILICA membership all over Illinois, increasing our strength in every way. The other reason is the phenomenal support of Port Industries, whom we thank from the bottom of our hearts. Their participation and support speaks volumes of the depth of their affection for Greg.

Many of our sponsors are listed on these two pages and everyone involved is part of this great success. Another special thank you goes out to our golf committee and to Jackie Streitmatter, Kristin Kutemeier, and Lori Kennedy for their help with photos, registration and door prizes. And although alternate locations are being considered for next years' outing one thing is certain...the Area 3 golf outing will continue to be a fun and functional part of ILICA's annual scheduling.

(More photos of the day can be found on page 23 of this newsletter.)



(above left) Greg Gordley at the 2007 McLean Co. Expo; *(above right)* Kevin Shimp receives the commemorative plaque from David Kennedy, ILICA V.P.

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(above) Keith Douglass, Bill Doubet, Dustin Courson & Mark Stansell at the 18th green. (below) 2nd green sponsor signs

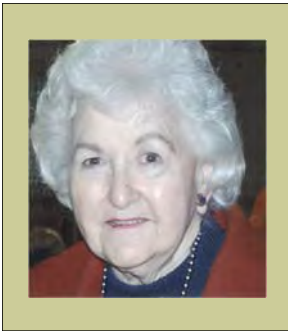


(above) Norm Kocher, golf committee member at the 6th tee; Two of our contractor hole sponsors at the 16th tee. (right, top to bottom) Tina Hart, Neal Barnes, Curtis Cluckey & Todd Winkler at the 1st green; Ken Hofer, Greg Martin, Kevin Litwiller & Brent Breedlove at the 2nd tee; Jon Hardy, Clint Fountain, Kurt Baum & Dan Bagley at the 3rd tee; (below, left to right) Todd Staley, Mike Manahan and Matt Byrd at the 7th green; Ryan Duncheon, Greg Camp, Dustin Neeley and Jeff Hurie at the 5th tee.



(right) Our prize winners - Ken Hofer, Kevin Phipps, Justin Watkins & Matt Neison (below, left to right) Wayne Primus, Brian Brooks, Bob Grothaus & Scott Day; Joe Streitmatter, Bill Dean, Kevin Phipps and Mike Bierbaum; Kurt Noy, Tim McGinty, Chris Cochran and Steve Smet at the 4th tee.





GABBIN' WITH THE GALS...



Rose Marie Day ~ 9/19/1926 - 8/18/2010

The family of Rose Marie Day wishes to express our sincere "thanks" for all of your kind words, memorials and floral tributes. Grandma was truly a Wonder Woman in every sense of the word.

In 1988 ILICA awarded Rose with the Merit Award. Following is the excerpt from the newsletter article announcing the award.

"Rose has made tremendous contributions to our organization. Besides keeping up with a hectic schedule at home and in the office, she still takes the time to brighten our day each time we open up our ILICA Newsletter. Back in July of 1982, this lady was volunteered by her husband to begin writing a column for our newsletter. She created "Gabbing with the Gals" and thirty eight issues later (in 1988), is still writing.

Rose shows her dedication to ILICA in many other ways. She has been on the Devotions Committee for many years and is currently serving as chairman. She also serves on this committee on the national level. She is always eager to share her many talents whether its playing the piano at our banquets, singing and playing the guitar at devotion services or just making us smile while reading her column."

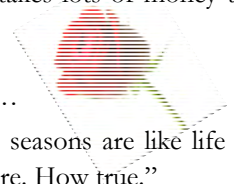
Because of Rose and Clyde's passion for LICA, this organization became a large part of the Day family's lives. Rose and Clyde enjoyed attending the meetings, and many times brought along a grandchild or two. LICA conventions have been our family vacations over the years, not only making it possible for us to see this great country, but also showing us how lasting relationships can be made when people with the same interests get together. I have many, many great memories of travels to LICA conventions with my grandparents, which I treasure.

The "Gabbing With the Gals..." article was very important to Grandma. When I began working at the office with her, one of my responsibilities was to type her article (which was no small feat considering her handwriting had begun to falter) and fax it to the ILICA office. She was always concerned about the deadline, and would stop whatever she was working on to make sure she was on schedule. I don't know how long it took her to write the articles, but I can imagine she edited for days before becoming satisfied with the final product.

Through the years anyone who read Rose's article learned ...

Her view on politics...

"Readers will remember that this gal sometimes likes to ramble about politics, especially in a big election year. This time comments will be limited to a quotation of Will Rogers; "Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money to even get beat with." Period. Amen"



Her thoughts on the weather...

"Someone once said that the seasons are like life – always beginning and ending somewhere. How true."

Her religious views...

"Maybe if we pray a little more and be kinder to all (including those who do not like us) the Man Upstairs will give us more respite time."

And entertaining random facts...

"Thirty percent of new-car buyers prefer one with power seats. (This one is for us shorties because long-legged people don't need to move the seat, right?)"



Her favorite subject, however, was her family. At one time or another each and every one of us has been mentioned in her article. She was so proud of us and she had a knack for making us all feel important and loved.

Grandma was a great talent, she was witty, smart, musical, and most importantly she had a talent for being a great friend. I would think it safe to say that not many other women her age still lunch once a month with their school-mates or are still best friends with their college roommate.

"The word for this issue is "unselfishness". The quality that will bring us happiness more than any other is to be unselfish with our time; time with our family first, then friends. It will overflow into other areas and bring happiness to others as well. See you this summer? Say "Hey" to....."

Rose Day was the definition of "unselfish". She was also happy to call each and every one of you her friend.



.....Kristin Kutemeier

Proud Granddaughter of Ramblin' Rose

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- 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Registration open
- 7:00 am – 8:00 am Continental breakfast
- 8:00 am – 8:15 am Conference welcome
- 8:15 am – 12:00 noon Opening General Session
- 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:30 pm – 4:45 pm Technical sessions (3 tracks):

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- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Tabletop Expo Reception with Suppliers
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Committee and partner organization meetings

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

- 7:30 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 am – 8:30 am NOWRA exhibitor feedback breakfast
- 7:30 am – 8:30 am NOWRA past presidents breakfast
- 8:30 am -- 5:00 pm Contractor Track: Installer/Designer/ServiceProvider
- 9:00 am – 11:45 am Technical sessions (2 tracks):

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- 11:45 am – 1:30 pm Lunch and Annual Business Meeting
- 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Technical sessions (2 tracks):

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- 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm Committee and partner organization meetings
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Thursday, October 28, 2010

- 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Field Trip – Tour of Missouri Sites/Systems

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Illinois had the honor of hosting the summer LICA meetings and pre-tours, which proved to be a great success, thanks in large part to the support of Caterpillar Inc., whose corporate offices are right here in Peoria, as well as the support of ILICA's membership.

Caterpillar spared no expense when it came to entertaining LICA visitors and our contractors responded with outstanding attendance at several events. On Wednesday, over 80 people traveled to the Caterpillar proving grounds at Edwards for hands-on equipment demonstrations, a delicious hosted lunch and tours of two local Caterpillar plants. Although it was a warm day, the rotating observation seating at the proving grounds kept visitors in the shade and the nice breeze made it a very comfortable and enjoyable outing.

On Thursday evening the opening reception marked the official start of the convention with several of ILICA's associate members exhibiting alongside national associates. Caterpillar had an exceptional display, including their 304C CR mini-excavator. Once again, ILICA contractors made a special effort to attend, providing outstanding interaction with the many exhibitors on hand.

(Above - l to r) Dealer support training area at Edwards proving grounds; Wayne and Janice Litwiller visiting the Caterpillar exhibit at opening reception; Guests getting a closer look at the enormous equipment displayed following Friday evening Power Parade at Edwards indoor arena.

On Friday evening, Caterpillar hosted the group once again, investing months of preparation for the very special power parade and hog roast back at Edwards. This unique equipment demonstration brought out the highest attendance of all, and LICA members along with their families came out 250 strong, enjoying a delicious dinner following the power parade. It has been over 10 years since Caterpillar hosted one of these very special presentations and we can't thank them enough for this exciting display of real "power."

All comments indicate that attendees found this to be one of the best summer LICA conventions in memory and Caterpillar's participation in so many ways provided a strong foundation for the many other activities enjoyed by our guests. Other convention activities are described in articles throughout this publication, but please take time to extend a very special "thank you" to Caterpillar for making this Illinois LICA hosted convention such a HUGE success.



Hands on equipment demo at Edwards (Above - l to r) AM guests enjoying the shade of the rotating observation seating; CAT 140M motor grader; CAT backhoe's and excavator being put through their paces by LICA contractors; Hosted lunch in CAT dining hall; Wayne Litwiller operating the CAT 312D Excavator; Louie McFarland and Dean Neiswinger waiting for their turn to operate the CAT 420E backhoe.

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OPENING RECEPTION

Associate exhibitors along with many of our ILICA contractors showed up in big numbers for the Thursday evening opening reception at the LICA summer conference. The room was buzzing with activity and not just around the cash bar! Some of ILICA's newest associates participated in the event, right alongside those who continually support state and national functions, providing a great variety of product displays and information for all our guests.

A list of all those exhibiting is shown to the left and our sincere thanks go out to each and every one along with our thanks to all the contractors who attended and spent time with these supportive associates. There were contractors at exhibits right up until time to close the reception and move things into the hospitality room across the hall. All and all, it was the perfect start to the summer meetings and set the tone for the remainder of the conference. Although there wasn't room to show all our exhibitors, please enjoy the photos below and remember to thank YOUR suppliers that support ILICA.

(right) Mark Baker at the Springfield Plastics exhibit



(ILICA Exhibits, above l to r) Prinsco, Inc; Jean Davis, Mary Jane & Norm Kocher enjoying the opening reception; AquaBlok; Steve Anderson at the Precision Intakes booth with the Rozendaals; Joey Schlatter staffing the Schlatter's Inc booth; New associate, Jet Inc. booth; Kerry at the AgSolutions booth; Chris Mills and Mike Shidler at Fratco exhibit; James Sarnes & Ryan Duncheon at CIT Group booth.

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OTHER SUMMER LICA MEETING TOURS UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS



(Above; upper l to lower r) Kimiko Gunji performing the artistic Tea Ceremony in Japan House; Jim Bier guiding LICA group through the Japanese Gardens and Arboretum Ponds surrounding Japan House; Prasanta Kalita, Dr. Tony Grift and K. C. Ting, head of Dept. of Agricultural & Biological Engineering visit following lunch at the beautiful ACES building; McFarland Memorial Bell Tower; Commemorative plaque at the Arboretum pond site recognizing the contribution of ILICA and donating associates to its construction; Tour group at Erosion Control testing facility that ILICA helped to construct this year; Barry Dickerson explaining the many phases of the Bell Tower project to the tour group; A photo of Memorial Stadium football field as it appears from the press room in the newly remodeled sky boxes.

(Right) Ladies tour group outside one of the many shops visited in Manito Il; (far right) our ladies received a tour of a new, privately owned log home, also in Manito.

(Below) LICA guys racing for the win at Kartville; Norm Kocher and Allison Hack beating the heat on the bumper boats at Kartville; LICA members trying their luck at the Black Jack table during the Saturday evening Casino Night event.



LADIES TOUR



KARTVILLE & CASINO NIGHT



OTHER NATIONAL SUMMER CONVENTION PHOTOS



(Above, left to right) Diane Curtis, Region 4 VP Steve Miller, Janet Doubet and ILICA President Steve Anderson with membership growth incentive checks for Wisconsin & Illinois; Jerry Tracek of Peoria Rescue Ministries was the guest speaker at Friday Devotion service; Saturday Devotions special guests were Teen Challenge Men's Division who sang and gave personal testimonies. Both devotion services were well attended and exceptionally inspiring, thanks to ILICA devotions chairperson, Jean Davis; Kartville race team with Bruce Barnhart as the winner; racing group ready to "rumble"; Xenya Mucha of John Deere Corp and Maura Dibble, New York ED being "sisters"; LICA Officers as board meeting begins; Stan & Miriam Seevers with Mona & Jim Bledsoe of Missouri at opening reception; Steve Gerten, Bob and Donna Clark enjoy their prizes from winning at Saturday's Casino Night.

ILICA WINTER CONVENTION JANUARY 13-15, 2011 - SAVE THE DATE!



It is difficult to think about winter since everyone is just getting their thoughts wrapped around the arrival of fall, but before we know it, the winter convention and member meeting will be right around the corner. The next issue of ILICA News will contain the registration and exhibit forms, so this is just a little reminder to start thinking about making time to attend this fun and informative convention.

The education committee has sessions planned that will cover a variety of business and industry topics and the convention committee is working out all the details for meals,

ladies activities and a children's program with optional activities, hoping to encourage families to attend as they have in years past.

The theme this year is the "Woodstock Era" so be prepared for long-haired hippies and lots of tie-dye at the opening reception, which concludes with the annual auction. The member meeting is set for Friday afternoon, which is your opportunity to let the ILICA board and officers know what you think about absolutely anything that has to do with the organization. Our tour this year is a backhoe rodeo starting on Saturday morning, sponsored by Birkey's at their brand-new Bloomington location. We hope to see lots of you there!



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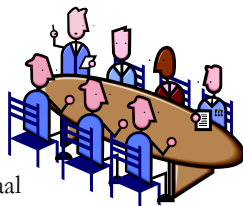
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ILLINOIS LICA BENEFITS



Education

Illinois LICA provides many educational opportunities throughout the year with sessions at our annual convention, at Area 3 and 8 member meetings and at workshops each year. Area 5 director, Brent Breedlove, is in the planning stage of beginning meetings in his area with other areas following suit.

Illinois LICA state convention, which includes exhibits by our associate members, is scheduled each January in various locations around the state. First year contractor members will receive 1 free full participation registration to the convention, which includes all meals during the 3 day event. Several educational sessions are scheduled during the convention along with many social and networking opportunities.



Workshops have been offered annually, however, there is an expanded schedule this year, including two survey and design drainage workshops and an erosion control workshop in August. OSHA 10 Hour certification will be offered every other year as well as Certified Flagger training available as often as demand warrants.



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ILICA News & Annual Directory

The ILICA News is a bi-monthly publication distributed to all Illinois LICA members that contains 24 pages of information relative to the land improvement industry as well as notice of activities and upcoming events. The annual directory of members is published each spring and distributed to all ILICA members and many IEPA, NRCS and SWCD offices throughout Illinois.



Legislative Representation

ILICA has an active Legislative Committee that monitors legislation that impacts small business in Illinois. They participate in the Agricultural Legislative Roundtable caucus and many other events then disseminate that information to ILICA members. They are currently working on a system to streamline this process for more effective communication.

ILICA not only maintains its own relationship with legislative contacts, Illinois along with other state chapters have a combined voice in Washington DC through national LICA. Each year, representation from ILICA travels to Washington DC along with several other chapters, to lobby their congressmen and women regarding legislation that affects land improvement contractors.



National Benefits

A LICA membership entitles contractors to many benefits that can give their company a competitive edge. Listed below are just a few:

- National LICA Contractor Magazine
- LICA Contractor Safety Management Plan
- LICA Mini-Med Basic Healthcare Program
- LICA PerksCard Program
- LICA Transamerica Retirement Program
- National LICA Winter Convention and Summer Meeting
- LICA 6-Pack Health Care Savings Card Program
- LICA FlexSystem
- LICA BizPlan
- Term Life Benefit (discontinued as of January 2011)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Illinois

Area 5 / Missouri LICA Combined Meeting

November 9, 2010

Roland Machinery Co. - Palmyra, MO

Area 8 Member Meeting

November 11, 2010

Erb Equipment - Mt. Vernon, IL

2011 Annual Member Meeting & Convention

Doubletree Hotel - Bloomington, IL

January 13 - 15, 2011

Safety Week Workshop

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel - Springfield, IL

February 8 - 11, 2011

Erosion Control Workshop

I-Hotel & Conference Center - Champaign, IL

March 3 - 4, 2011

National

2011 LICA Winter Convention

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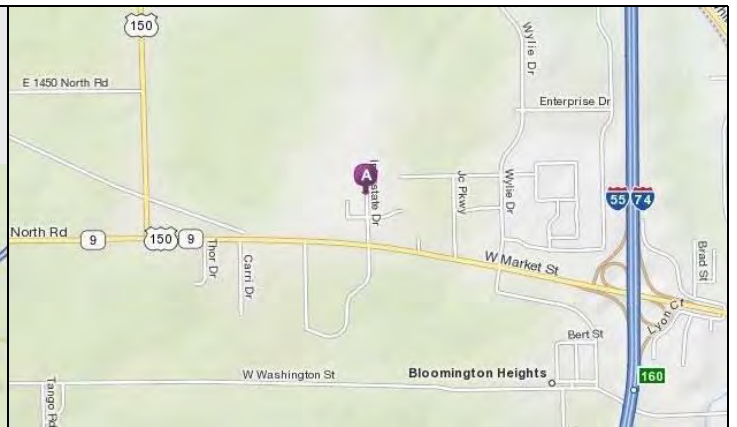
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SCHEDULING FALL CHORES FOR DILIGENT GARDENERS



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Although we may typically think of spring and summer as the seasons for yard work, there are plenty of tasks to do in the fall, said a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

"Fall is a great time of year for lawn care, tree and shrub planting, bulb planting, and overall cleanup. Take the time in September and October to take care of these important items," explained Martha Smith. "Your time and energy will reward you 10-fold next spring."

The ideal time for seeding a new lawn or overseeding a bare area is between August 15 and September 15. The daytime temperatures are warm, the night temperatures are cool, and there is less weed competition. Fall is also the best time to control hard-to-kill perennial weeds. Ground ivy, plantain and clover are actively growing and starting to enter their dormant season so they will take up herbicides better.

"For hard-to-kill weeds such as ground ivy, you may need to apply the herbicide twice," she said. "Whenever applying a pesticide or herbicide, read the entire label for directions, restrictions, and all safety information."

In the vegetable garden, now is the time for clean-up. Remove diseased plants and roto-till under healthy debris. "If you have any aged manure or compost, work it into the soil," she said. "Fall tilling should be 'rough' to allow for maximum freezing exposure and soil insect kill. Fall is also a great time to plant bulbs, and garlic is a bulb. Plant in October to harvest next summer."



Start a compost pile in the fall. This time of year there is ample material to do so. Fallen leaves, grass clippings, and garden debris can all be turned into compost - a rich, earthy-smelling organic substance that can be used next year.

Due to the cooler temperatures, fall is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. The trees are entering their dormancy period so the chance of shock is reduced. Though many plants will shed their foliage, the roots remain active until soil temperatures reach 40 to 45 degrees F.

"This means that newly planted trees and shrubs are setting roots and anchoring in," she explained. "If you are going to fertilize your plants, do so after the first hard frost and after the plants have lost their leaves. At this time, fertilizer will not promote new growth."

"Deep fall watering is recommended especially for evergreens. Before the ground freezes, let water soak down into the upper 12 to 18 inches of the soil. This will greatly reduce

the chance of severe winter desiccation."

Most herbaceous perennials don't need to be cut back in the fall. It is better to leave them upright so they catch snow that insulates them and adds soil moisture as it melts. They are known to re-seed, so make sure you dead-head the old flowers. Tall perennials that tend to flop and become unsightly can be cut back, but leave 6 to 18 inches of growth at the base for identification.

Remove and compost annuals. If you have tender bulbs such as dahlias, gladiolas, cannas or caladiums, dig them up for winter storage. Fall is the time to divide daylilies and peonies. Don't forget spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, and crocus. Roses should be covered in November after frost and the chance of high daytime temperatures has passed.

"Other chores to do in the fall include bringing in house plants that have been outside all summer," she said. "Inspect, clean and prune before bringing indoors. If you have not had luck with your Christmas cactus reblooming, try leaving it outdoors until night temperatures dip into the 50s. The cool temperatures ensure bud set."

"Also drain and store garden hoses, clean flower pots, and clean and sharpen garden tools."

"During the winter, as the catalogs arrive, we dream and plan for next season, knowing that our chores are done and we are ready for the return of spring," she said.

Source: Martha A. Smith, Extension Educator, Horticulture (serving West Central Illinois and surrounding counties), smithma@illinois.edu



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SAFETY FEATURE: SAFETY WEEK WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 8 - 11, 2011



Although there were 4 workshops scheduled for 2010, the education committee began planning for next year several months ago. They began considering some excellent ideas at their committee meeting in May which were finalized in late August. They have also finalized topics for our January convention and are in the process of securing facilitators.

But back to the excellent workshop ideas... As so often happens in ILICA committee and board meetings, a discussion begins with loose ideas and individual thoughts then, seemingly out of thin air, a concept or theme is born. The editor has witnessed this transformation many times and remains amazed at how well the committee structure works to the benefit of the entire organization.

So, with it being time to schedule the 10-Hour OSHA certification class, accommodating the 2 year renewal period, those sessions were a given. The 4 hour Certified Flagger Training course naturally fit into the day and a half time frame of the OSHA training, filling out a 2 day workshop. There had also been a request to cover trench safety and confined spaces at next year's convention, knowing it would be more of an update or review than an in-depth OSHA-type course. However, the later scheduling of the 2011 National LICA winter meetings conjunction with Con-Ex in Las Vegas made it possible to consider extending the workshop another day. Then, out of the blue, Neal Barnes says, "Why not make the workshop 3 or even 4 days, include the trench and confined space safety course and call it "safety

week." The committee agreed and voila, an excellent workshop concept is born!

Individual classes will be offered with a discount for those attending all 4 days. Pricing and other details are being finalized at this time and tentative scheduling is shown below. The dates are February 8 - 10, 2011, Tuesday through Friday, and the **President Abraham Lincoln Hotel** in Springfield has been selected as the venue. Anyone who attended either of the last two winter conventions knows how service oriented the entire staff is and recent renovations to guest rooms will be completed well before our dates. Registration form will be published in the next issue of the *ILICA News* and check our website for more information as the date gets closer.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 8th

Morning

- Confined Spaces
- Shoring & Trench Safety

Afternoon

- J.U.L.I.E Update / Gas Compliance

Wednesday, February 9th

- OSHA 10 Hour Certification

Thursday, February 10th

Morning

- OSHA 10 Hour Certification (continued)

Afternoon

- Flagger Certification

Friday February 11th

Morning

- CPR & First Aide

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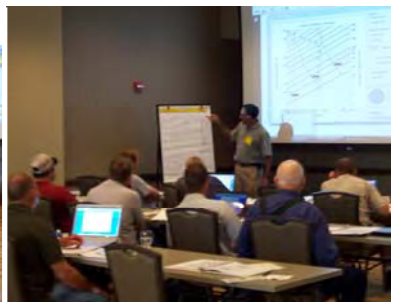
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The final workshop of 2010 was held at the I-Hotel and Conference center in Champaign August 10 - 12th and the timing seemed to work well for most of our drainage contractors. Richard Cooke, Mike Cook and Joey Schlatter facilitated the 3 day workshop and ILICA signed up 4 more contractor members during the process of promoting the event.

ILICA also received outstanding support in the form of meal and break sponsorship from several of our associates, shown to the right. The questionnaires received at the conclusion of the workshop indicate attendees got a lot out of the sessions and that August scheduling should be considered for future drainage classes.



2ND ANNUAL AREA 3 GOLF OUTING PHOTOS



(Upper row) Some of the Port Industries golfers enjoying lunch before the shotgun start; Bryan Molyneux, Mark Baker, David Kennedy and Kevin Shimp on the course; Kevin with Jeris Callarman (Gordley), Louise and Jerry Gordley with commemorative plaque; *(Lower row)* Double rows of carts surrounding Coyote Creek club house with most of our golfers loaded up and anxious to hit the course for the 1 pm shotgun start.



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