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 **ILICA - NRCS ANNUAL MEETING**



On March 26th, 11 ILICA contractors met with State Conservationist Bill Gradle, State Conservation Engineer Ruth Book and Farm Bill Coordinator Paula Hingson at the State NRCS office in Champaign. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for ILICA contractors, who work directly with landowners utilizing NRCS cost share programs, to discuss issues they encounter while putting practices on the ground.

The topics on this year's agenda were submitted by ILICA board members and included discussions on seeding date specifications, standards on the reworking of existing terraces, tile size limits on funded waterway tile projects and Highly Erodible Land (HEL) tract qualifications. All ILICA members are encouraged to submit their concerns at any time during the year and are also welcome to attend the meeting, normally scheduled sometime in March.

One of the changes that has taken place as a direct result of this annual meeting is "foregone income payments" which provide cost share on **double** the acres required to construct a waterway. This allows our contractors to schedule the installation of a waterway during the growing season instead of

being pressed to do every waterway before planting or after harvest. These payments are designed to cover lost income on the few acres taken out of production while our contractors get the work done, allowing for seeding to be done according to NRCS specifications, which is so important in this practice.

Illinois NRCS and ILICA have published a joint press release, available on our website, promoting foregone income payments to encourage landowners to take advantage of the funding available. ILICA contractors are encouraged to share the press release with the landowners they think could benefit from the program.

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All that man builds is from the land. We often take it for granted or even abuse it; And yet many, unthinkingly and unknowingly pass the land by. What man does with the land will be the deciding factor of his survival.



Meeting Notice

**ILICA Board of Directors &
 Summer Members Meeting**
 1448 N. State Highway 32, Cisco IL
 Saturday - June 26, 2010 - 1:30 pm

Morning Tours - 8:30 am
Home Grilled Picnic Lunch - 12:30 pm



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

As we have probably noticed by now there can be a considerable difference in the weather patterns from year to year. Last year everyone was tired of fighting the mud, the rain, and the cold. This year we have been working away with dry feet and shirt sleeves for the better part of the spring. It is shocking to look at the calendar and see its May 4th and not only is most of the corn planted around here but its up as well. Time does fly when you are going downhill. Hopefully, everyone in the association is working away just like we are.

Soon it will be summer and there will be a host of activities to put on your calendars. First off time wise will be the picnic at the home of Jon and Veronica SeEVERs. They have put together quite a selection of activities in the Monticello area as well as the food and fun in the backyard. Since this is one of our general membership meetings of the year, I urge all to attend. It is a good time for new members to get acquainted and for the longer term members to pick up where they left off.

Second will be the National summer meeting that the state is hosting this year in Peoria. It has been a few years since we have hosted the national group, so lets make it a big turn out and show everyone why we have won the top state award 2 years running. We're looking for a 3rd, so lets see a lot of our faces there. There are some very interesting tours and a chance to see what goes on at the national level. It is also a good time to learn and to voice your stance on national issues.

Third is our summer workshops which will be able to hold many more than first anticipated due to being able to use

a larger classroom area. This should allow you to attend either the two drainage workshops, intro and advanced and the first annual erosion control workshop that is what is being taught to IDOT personnel so that you can be up with the latest ideas and be fully current with how they will want to do erosion control on state jobs. If either of these topics interest you then I urge you to get in that registration. If neither do then get in contact with someone on the education committee, myself, or Janet with what you want to have a workshop on. We each are unique businesses and we need your input, if we aren't meeting your need then its probably because we don't know what it is.

It is shaping up to be a good year both in ILICA and in working days. I hope to see a lot of you at the events this summer. Be well, be safe, and do good work. Make that green triangle be the badge of quality for all to see.

Steve Anderson, President

Remember Those Who Serve



Memorial Day: May 31, 2010



"It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."

Norman Schwarzkopf



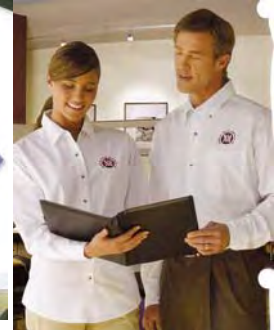
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Ladies Cotton or Poly blend Shirts - XS - 3XL

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Shirts can be purchased through the ILICA office or the ILICA logo can be stitched on company shirts you already own! Contact Janet via email at janet@illica.net or by calling (309) 446-3700 for more information on any of the shirts shown above.

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Thank You!

1ST AREA 5 MEMBER MEETING HOSTED BY ROLAND MACHINERY CO.



ILICA area 5 has joined the list of those routinely scheduling evening educational meetings for members and other land improvement contractors with the first Area 5 member meeting hosted by Roland Machinery Co. at their Springfield facility. Roland Machinery has been a long-time associate member and supporter of ILICA and quickly agreed to host the area's first session when asked by Brent Breedlove, area 5 director and chair of the ILICA education committee.



And although the ILICA membership committee had been very busy setting up meetings in areas 3 and 8 since last November, it took until April 1st to conclude the spring meeting series this year. Nice weather (finally!) at the end of March allowed our contractors to get back to work in dry conditions that lasted almost two weeks, giving everyone time to get started on the backlog of work resulting from the wet fall and lingering winter.

Even so, around 20 contractors attended the event and enjoyed a delicious home cooked meal, several promotional items provided by Roland Machinery and an informative

(Above, left to right) ISP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer, Joe Lebeane reviews IDOT trucking regulations; registration area and table with give-aways provided by Roland Machinery Co.; New Komatsu equipment getting a good going-over by contractors; Many contractors had questions for Trooper Lebeane during the presentation.

program by Illinois State Police Trooper Joe Lebeane on IDOT trucking regulations for our contractors. Trooper Lebeane also provided handouts explaining many of the regulations he covered during the presentation. Guests were encouraged to ask questions specific to their operation even after the presentation concluded, which many of them did.

We would like to thank Matt Roland for continuing the outstanding relationship his grandfather started with ILICA so many years ago; Melissa Brockhouse for an exceptional job in coordinating the event...during her end of year processing; and our chef, Mark Reeter, who is not just a great cook, but also serves as Roland's Finance Manager. We would also like to thank Roland's parts, sales and rental staff for their part in making the evening a real success by providing information and assistance to all those who attended.

And last but not least, our special thanks goes out to the Illinois State Police for allowing Trooper Lebeane to join us that evening to share this important information with area contractors.

Matt Roland has already expressed an interest in hosting another area meeting at one of Roland's other locations, so watch the newsletter and our website for details on that!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: TAXPAYERS FUNDING UNIONS

Submitted by John Peterson, LICA Director of Government Relations: 02 May 2010

Recently *Washington Examiner* editorial writer Matt Hemingway wrote an excellent series about sweet deals for unions from taxpayers. Since LICA has position papers on card check and other union issues, this information should be of interest. I will try and summarize one disturbing activity. I have written about Project labor Agreements (PLA's) before.

The recent Annual Report of the White House (I'll bet you didn't know houses could write reports) Task Force on the Middle Class turned out to be an appalling smorgasbord of payoffs to politically influential labor unions. Nowhere is the report's doublespeak dishonesty more evident than in the section on "Responsible Federal Contracting."

Responsible Federal Contracting really means "big money for big labor." More specifically it means one item on the union wish list in particular, "high road" contracting policy. Federal contracts would not go to the lowest bidder, but to companies that pay a "living wage" and meet other criteria, all defined by the government of course.

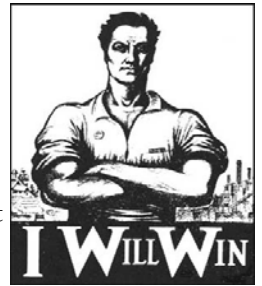
The Associated Builders and Contractors, which represents about 25,000 mostly non-union contractors, said "high road" contracting policy could increase the cost of each contract by 20 to 30%. About \$500 billion in federal contracts are awarded each year. In other words the administration wants to rig federal contract criteria to that unions will both be favored in the contracts, and then also be paid more for the privilege.

According to the Task Force Report, currently there are "inadequate controls" on the firms that get federal contracts, notably those with "substandard wages and benefits." That rationale is based on the charge that "contractors can pay their employees so little that they will have to go on welfare just

to survive." Can you believe that? That is absolute union (and administration) nonsense.

The Report also spends 2 pages advocating for the card check legislation that LICA opposes. Who does the White House Middle Class Task Force think will pay for all this union largesse? It looks to me as if the \$400 million that unions spent electing officials in 2008 will have gotten them billions in exchange, mostly from us middle class taxpayers. Some senators have written to Peter Orszag, director of OMB about this matter, but not surprisingly he has not responded, and I doubt that he will. Rotten business in my view.

If you have not been receiving John Peterson's emails via the ILICA office, please contact Janet via email at janet@illica.net or call (309) 446-3700 to verify or add your address to the email distribution group. John keeps us all up to date on what's going on in Washington regarding our industry and he wants YOU to be informed too.



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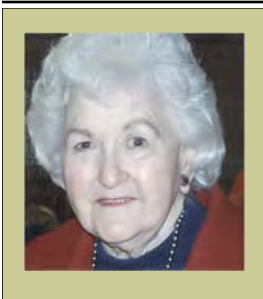
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GABBIN' WITH THE GALS...



Please keep Rose in your prayers as she continues to recover from surgery. The following article was originally published in the 1994 May-June issue of the ILICA News so enjoy another blast from the past with Rambling Rose.

We have come through the Lenten season, Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day. The next national holiday will be Memorial Day on May 30. There is always something to look forward to, isn't there? Decorations for Easter weren't as prevalent as they were for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's. Possibly because people are more busy at Easter time than the other two special days. The little ones still like to hunt those Easter eggs, don't they? Mom and Pop have a lot of chef salad and/or egg salad to eat too, right? It's worth it for all the fun it gives the little ones. Methinks the big ones get a lot of fun out of it too.

This is the time of year you can find all those garden items to plant. People who have always had garden and still put one out even though they may have only two in the household. They give a lot of it away and if you think about it, that is a very good gift because gardening is no snap and requires lots of work plus the cash put out to buy the plants, seeds, and what-have-you. My, oh my. This gal didn't realize that garden work was so risky. Just reading where you can develop "Covent Garden Hump" from carrying those heavy sacks of seed, mulch, etc. You need a wheelbarrow for heavy loads. A gardener can suffer "tulip fingers", a skin irritation caused by handling tulips and daffodils. If you squat down to plant a lot of rose bushes, you might suffer "rose planter's thigh"; operate a garden tiller for the first time and get "tillerman's shake"; cutting your own firewood could cause "woodchoppers wobble". Always knew there was some reason why this gal didn't do these things and now I really have it in black and white!



Did you know that January 1835 was the only time in our history that the U.S. was free from debt? So those of us who have a tendency to blame this one or that one for getting us so far into debt really have a lot more people to include as it's been a long stretch since 1835. It is unlikely that until the end of the world we shall ever see a time when we are out of debt. It did seem necessary to let all you good folks know that it is possible to be out of debt, even if only once in a lifetime.

Here is a line that is worth remembering: Don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines. And another niblet to store away: In 1932, Nevada Legislature limited persons to 3 divorces in one lifetime. Seems reasonable to me.

Our town is soccer-happy. Soccer every April and soccer every October. Teams are made up of youngsters from kindergarten through eighth grades. They are really enthusiastic. It is fun to watch them and to watch for their chances to kick the ball. With all our modern conveniences, it is hard to teach children to be on the lookout for something to do. They should also learn that you don't wait for the ball to come to you but to meet it on the way. This is the best way to get ahead in your profession or work when the time comes and if playing soccer can instill this in your children then this gal says more power to them. Also, each team has to have a coach and children soon learn that it is an education in itself, dealing with some adults. It also keeps them from being a couch potato, for a while at least. It can be applied to this adage: animals whose hoofs are hardened on rough ground can travel any road.

Old card players never die; they just shuffle off. Reminds me of one of my sisters who would rather play cards than eat. When this writer was growing up, playing cards was probably the most popular pastime. Families visited more often then and while the children were outside playing, the parents were inside playing. Cards, that is. It was hard to get the adults to let you play if you were under 18. And no instructions, because we had watched this card playing so often that we knew what was going on. Of course, when it came to strategy, that had to be learned while actually playing cards.

We have all heard remarks that so-and-so "deserved" the treatment they received because they were asking for it. Isn't it odd that no judge has dismissed robbery charges on the grounds that the bank was "asking for it" by having all that money on the premises? Rose B went into an antique store because the sign said, "We Have What Your Grandmother Threw Out." Sure enough, there was Grandpa. Grandpa was asked if there was any advantage to old age. "Yep," he said, "Now I can sing while brushing my teeth." Baseball fans have to cut down on their hot dogs and beer or they will get a ball-park figure. It's hard to say where one generation ends and the next one begins - but it's somewhere around ten o'clock at night.

The word for this issue is "strategy." Not a day goes by but that we have to employ this word in our everyday living. The most simple things in life, i.e.: getting up in the morning and getting ready for school or work, require a plan or method. It makes the day more interesting if we can change our strategy often and maybe outdo our intelligence.



Be careful whose hide you tan this summer!!

.....Rambling Rose

ILICA ANNUAL PICNIC & MEMBER MEETING REGISTRATION JUNE 26



Due to the already busy summer scheduling for ILICA, the 2010 Picnic and summer member meeting is returning to a 1 day event. Jon and Veronica Seevers have graciously volunteered to open their home, swimming pool and HUGE backyard for the annual picnic, rain or shine.

Optional Morning tours:

- ◆ 8:15 am - Meet bus at Jon & Veronica's for trip to the University of Illinois' Allerton Park or drop off at driving range
- ◆ 8:30 am - Meet at the Monticello Driving Range if driving separately
- ◆ 8:45 am - Meet bus at Allerton Park for guided tour
- ◆ 9:30 am - Leave Allerton Park to pick up golfers and drive to the Monticello Railway Museum which features a restored 100 year old steam locomotive
- ◆ 30 minute train rides are also available in a vintage passenger car or caboose.
- ◆ 11:15 am - Leave for tour of the proposed 2011 Piatt Co. Conservation Expo show site.
- ◆ 12:05 pm - Leave for Seevers home for picnic lunch

- ◆ 12:30 pm - Picnic lunch including Stan's famous slow grilled butterfly pork chops, marinated chicken breast & bison burgers from Lieb Farms (expo host), baked beans, potato casserole, five cup salad, broccoli salad and home-made ice cream & sherbet
- ◆ 1:30 pm - Board meeting /Annual Member meeting

Optional Afternoon activities:

- ◆ Swimming at the Seevers' in-ground pool (changing room available)
- ◆ Hillbilly Golf tournament
- ◆ Washer ring-toss tournament
- ◆ Couples golf cart racing
- ◆ Socializing



The Show committee will meet following the member meeting with the Piatt Co. SWCD conservationist and both land owners regarding a potential 2011 Conservation Expo. Show committee members, please make every attempt to attend this important planning meeting.

Picnic Registration

Name/Company Name: _____ # Attending: _____ X \$7.50 = _____

Yes, I (we) will attend the morning tours

Yes, I (we) will attend the picnic lunch

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DRAINAGE WORKSHOP AGENDA AUGUST 10 - 12, 2010

Due to the big response from area contractors to the March drainage workshop in Champaign, an additional workshop has been set for Champaign this August. The first two days will cover the same information presented at the survey and design sessions in March with the third day dedicated to more advanced drainage topics.

Topics for the survey and design days are: **Understanding Latitude/Longitude; Introduction to GPS; Laser Guided Land Leveling; Field Session - Laser surveying; Excel Lat/Long Converter; Field Data Analysis; Drainage Design, Drainage Coefficients; Soil Properties, Illinois Drainage Guide and Resource Mgmt. Mapping Service.**

The advanced drainage class will include **RTK and AGPS Mapping & Machine control technologies and the possibility of a water table control structure installation at the South Farm.**

To accommodate more attendees, the class venue has been moved to the I-Hotel, which also provides a wireless internet connection in the conference space. It is within 2 miles



of the university's South Farm and the hotel will provide shuttle service to the site for all attendees at no extra charge. A room block has been secured at the I-Hotel running \$125 per night, (normal pricing is \$145) however, there are many hotels in the area that may be more reasonably priced.

Please note that laptops will be VERY helpful for the survey and design workshop and that parts of both drainage sessions will be held outside so plan to dress accordingly. All sessions qualify for CEU for the ILICA certification program.

Basic Drainage Survey & Design Workshop

August 10th: 9 am - 5 pm (lunch & breaks included)

August 11th: 8:30 am - 4 pm (lunch & breaks included)

Advanced Drainage Workshop

August 12th - 8:30 am - 5 pm (lunch & breaks included)

EROSION CONTROL WORKSHOP AGENDA AUGUST 18 - 19, 2010

Expecting a similar response from area contractors as seen with the drainage workshop, our first erosion control workshop will also be held at the I-Hotel, providing a larger venue while furnishing free shuttle service to the South Farm for the field exercise sessions. Dr. Kalita has the first module, which is mandatory for the program, completed and in the hands of IDOT for their approval. Once classes conclude next week, he will focus all of his attention on completing the other 4 modules and installing the rain simulator over the berm. By



the time our contractors arrive in Urbana for the August workshop, Dr. Kalita will have completed his "pre-beta" run through with engineers, contractors and IDOT personnel to evaluate the program and recommend any changes, prior to the first formal session.

The Fundamental Module covers the basics of all the topics that are covered in-depth in the other modules. This overview is mandatory before taking the other modules and will include erosion and hydrology, regulations for storm water pollution protection, sediment and erosion control, the design and maintenance of practices and inspections. Although the module can be covered in one long day, the ILICA workshop will provide additional time for the field session and allow more time for discussion during the classroom portion. The tentative agenda is listed below and the registration for both August workshops can be found on the following page.

Erosion Control Workshop Fundamental Module

August 18th: 9 am - 2 pm: Basics of Erosion & Hydrology, Regulations for SWPP, Sediment & Erosion Control (lunch & breaks included)

2 - 4 pm: - Field session at South Farm

August 19th: 8:30 am - 3 pm: Design and Maintenance, Inspections, Testing (lunch & breaks included)

ILICA Certification will be given at the conclusion of both workshops, August 12th and August 19th, for any interested contractors.



DRAINAGE AND EROSION WORKSHOPS REGISTRATION



August 10th & 11th - Basic Drainage Survey & Design / August 12th - Advanced Drainage

	ILICA Members:	Non-Members
Survey & Design	\$100	\$125
Advanced Drainage	\$75	\$100
Combined (3 days)	\$150	\$200

Fees After July 1, 2010

	ILICA Members:	Non-Members
Survey & Design	\$125	\$175
Advanced Drainage	\$100	\$150
Combined (3 days)	\$200	\$250

Optional Certification Review & Testing (Aug. 12th) (2 year certification period)

	ILICA Members:	Non-Members
Certification	\$100	\$500
Bi-Annual Re-Cert	\$50	\$100

No fee for re-testing or additional classification testing

August 18th & 19th IDOT Level Erosion Control Workshop



	ILICA Members:	Non-Members
Erosion Control	\$100	\$125

Fees After July 1, 2010

	ILICA Members:	Non-Members
Erosion Control	\$125	\$175

Optional Certification Review & Testing (Aug. 19th) (2 year certification period)

	ILICA Members:	Non-Members
Certification	\$100	\$500
Bi-Annual Re-Cert	\$50	\$100

No fee for re-testing or additional classification testing

Both workshops are set for the I-Hotel & Conference Center - 190 S. First St., Champaign.

All drainage workshop attendees should bring laptops if at all possible and laser receivers for the Survey & Design segment. There will be field sessions involved in all workshops so please bring boots and/or hats & sunscreen as weather dictates. Attendees will be shuttled to the South Farm for field sessions during the Erosion Control workshop.

Yes, I will attend the following August Workshop(s) and/or Certification Review and Testing program.

(Mark all choices of interest. See pricing listed above)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Survey & Design Drainage (2 days) | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion Control Workshop (2 days) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Drainage (1 day) | <input type="checkbox"/> ILICA Certification (see schedule above) |

Name: _____ Area #: _____

Address: _____ City, State _____

Company Name: _____ Phone # _____

Additional Attendees _____, _____, _____

Pre-Registration fees must be received in our office by deadlines stated above.

Mail to: ILICA - P.O. Box 474 - Brimfield, IL 61517 or Fax: (309) 446-3744 Total Enclosed: \$ _____

EXHIBIT SPACE AVAILABLE AT SUMMER NATIONAL LICA MEETING

THURSDAY JULY 15TH, 6 - 9 PM



There is exhibit time scheduled on Thursday evening for the opening reception during the summer national LICA meetings in Peoria this July. The exhibit form is available on our website, www.ilica.net or you may contact Janet at the ILICA office, (309) 446-3700 or Eileen at the National LICA office in Lisle, (630) 548-1984, for more information.



Exhibit spaces are \$325 and include a 10' exhibit area, (1) 8' draped table and 2 chairs. Set up will be from 3 - 6 pm on Thursday, July 15th with the reception hours from 6 - 9 pm that evening. Since meals will be served in the exhibit hall the next day, exhibits may remain up through noon on Friday. The form also includes opportunities for meal sponsorship, including the reception.

National and ILICA Associate members are welcome to exhibit during this special event, and ILICA directors, officers, and committee members are actively working to get as many ILICA members there as possible. See additional details on the following pages and consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to present your products to LICA contractors from all over the country.

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NATIONAL LICA SUMMER TOUR DESCRIPTIONS



Tentative Schedule



Tuesday, July 13th - University of Illinois - Champaign

Tour of University / ILICA projects: Guests will be welcomed at the College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences (ACES) followed by a short presentation by one of the research professors on a topic TBA. After a quick look at the McFarland Memorial Bell Tower, a U of I / ILICA construction project just outside the ACES building, the group will take a short ride to the site of another collaborative project at the university's South Farm. The Erosion Control Testing Facility and its 300 foot long, 13 foot high berm will provide a multitude of research projects in erosion control and storm water management. Lunch will be served in the new skybox area of Memorial Stadium, complete with outstanding views of the campus; The Arboretum Ponds were one of the first cooperative projects between the university and ILICA and following lunch our guests will be treated to a private Formal Japanese Tea Ceremony and/or tour of gardens and Arboretum Ponds project. It remains the largest in-kind donation received in the history of the University. **Wednes-**



day, July 14th - Caterpillar Proving Grounds

After a very short ride to Edwards, half of our guests will have the opportunity to operate a wide variety of CAT equipment at their proving grounds (indoors or out, depending on the weather), as the other half travels to the East Peoria D6 to D11 factory and the Morton Parts Depot for a tour of those plants. Everyone will meet back at Edwards for lunch and then switch activities to make sure everyone has a chance to operate and see everything available. At the end of the day, one bus will take anyone interested a few miles to Morton, IL for the optional On-Site Waste Display at Wayne Litwiller's shop. Several septic systems will be on display and operational with easy access to each and manufacturer representatives on site.



Wednesday, July 14th - Ladies Tour - Manito IL

Our ladies will be welcomed at the Manito Village Square with coffee & Danish and complimentary "Manito Bucks" which can be used at any store in town. Several demonstrations are scheduled throughout the day and include live pottery, woodworking and candy-making demonstrations. Lunch will be served from Hearthstone at Willett's Winery who will also provide a tour of the facility and wine tasting. Shopping is always an option on the Manito square and the village hall will remain open for an air conditioned retreat from the summer heat. If you plan to bring your children, they are welcome to stay at the hotel for supervised children's activities.



Thursday, July 15th - Ladies Tour - Washington Square

Thursday's ladies tour begins with lunch at Denharts Bakery, a renovated bank building on the nostalgic square in Washington, IL. There are several antique, specialty and craft shops right on the square, including one of the largest quilt shops around. After a leisurely lunch, the afternoon is open for browsing the shops that fill the quaint square before heading back to the hotel for the evening's convention kick-off reception.

Friday, July 16th - CAT Sponsored Dinner with Live Equipment Demonstration

Friday evening, Caterpillar has invited everyone to be their guests back at the Edwards proving grounds for a delicious hog roast by Rabers and one-of-a-kind equipment demonstration that you do NOT want to miss.

Saturday, July 17th - Free Time Activities



RiverFront Market is open every Saturday morning from 8 am to noon, nestled in the art district and within walking distance (or via Hotel shuttle) from the Holiday Inn City Centre. The RiverFront Market features local produce, meats, eggs, cheeses, fresh breads, flowers and a great selection of local art including jewelry, pottery, candles and much more. 1st & 3rd Saturdays feature a Chef's demonstration at 10 am.

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Cost \$30 per person	Total \$ _____
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STATUS OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ILLINOIS PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL CODE



The seemingly never-ending saga of the proposed changes to the Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Code is still staggering forward. The Illinois Department of Public Health has spent the last 10 years or so trying to draft a new Code that can get the approval of the legislature. Originally, the Illinois Private Sewage Advisory Commission was established to provide input from various interest groups for recommended changes to the Code. However, the Commission was never very effective (they didn't play well together) and has not been seen for the last few years. Interestingly enough, the Commission has a legal mandate from the Legislature to meet at least semi-annually.

Last week, Chad Moorman of the Illinois Department of Public Health, met with the Illinois Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators (IALEHA) to discuss the status of the proposed Code changes. Although, IDPH supposedly cannot provide copies of the proposed changes, Mr. Moorman did advise the members of IALEHA that the Department did receive over 250 comments on the last proposed draft. Based upon those comments, IDPH did make some changes. For example, operational permits will not be required; and, the homeowner will be required to keep copies of their maintenance records.

According to Mr. Moorman, the proposed draft of the Code is currently sitting on the Governor's desk and will be reviewed by the State Board of Health at their June meeting. Following the Board of Health meeting, the proposed draft of

the Code will be sent to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for first notice. At this time, the draft will be published and will be available for public comment. OWPI anticipates that we will have a link to the proposed Code changes on our website: www.owpi.net.

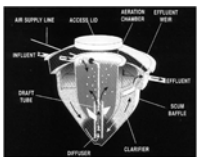
Although it seems apparent that IDPH has made little, if any attempt to solicit input from individuals and groups who will be affected by the new Code, it is important that everyone involved with the on-site program read the proposed changes and forward your comments to JCAR. A list of the members of JCAR is included with this article. Historically, JCAR has been very receptive to comments they receive. This will also be the time for a public hearing to be requested in order to voice your opinions verbally.

Submitted by: Calvin Locker, OWPI

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ON-SITE WASTE DEMONSTRATION JULY 14TH IN MORTON



As the pre-tour to Edwards CAT proving grounds and area factories conclude on Wednesday, July 14th, interested contractors can travel the short distance to Wayne Litwiller's shop near Morton to see the latest on-site-waste systems available today. Each unit will be operational and easily accessible from the gravel driveway with factory representatives on hand to answer any questions about their product.

Wayne has been working to find a way to hold this demonstration during the summer national meetings after it was suggested at the winter on-site-waste committee meeting. With so few days available for pre-tour activities and so many activities to choose from, it took a little time to come up with a plan that worked.

Since Wayne thought the Holiday Inn City Centre would prefer that septic tanks NOT be buried on their small, manicured lawn space, he kept talking to everyone involved until the idea of adding a short, optional trip to the end of our second pre-tour day to Edwards came about. Lectures are fine, but demonstrations are better! Anyone interested in seeing the demonstration will be bused directly from Edwards to the demo site. Wayne is also inviting septic contractors in the area to attend regardless of whether they join LICA for the pre-tour to Edwards. Don't miss this great opportunity to get first hand information about these products and learn a little more about what Wayne does most days.

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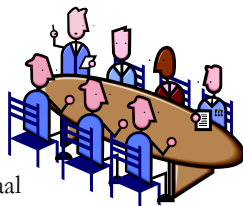
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FEBRUARY 2011 WORKSHOP WILL FEATURE SAFETY TOPICS



Although there are still two more workshops set for 2010, the education committee has been planning for next year and came up with some excellent ideas at their committee meeting on May 1st. They have selected several topics for our January convention and are in the process of securing facilitators at this time.

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.

The 10-Hour OSHA certification class is due again, accommodating the 2 year renewal period, so 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. However, with the 2011

National LICA winter meetings delayed until March in conjunction with Con-Ex in Las Vegas, February is wide open for state scheduling. There was some talk of having 2 workshops that month, however, a concept was beginning to form! There had 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 course. Then, out of the blue, Neal Barnes says, "Why not make the workshop 3 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!

The tentative dates are February 8 - 10, 2011 with Springfield and Morton being investigated as possible venues. Classes will be offered individually with a discount for those attending all 3 days. Look for more information in upcoming issues of the *ILICA News* and on our website.






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Basic Survey & Design Drainage Workshop
I-Hotel & Conference Center - Urbana, IL
 August 10 - 11, 2010
Advanced Drainage Workshop
I-Hotel & Conference Center - Urbana, IL
 August 12, 2010

Erosion Control Workshop
I-Hotel & Conference Center - Urbana, IL
 August 18 - 19, 2010

2nd Annual Area 3 Golf Outing
Coyote Creek Golf Club - Bartonville, IL
 September 9, 2010
 1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Area Member Meeting Schedule Resumes
 November 9, 10, 11, 2010
 Locations TBA

2011 Annual Member Meeting & Convention
Doubletree Hotel - Bloomington, IL
 January 13 - 15, 2011

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2010 LICA Summer Convention
Holiday Inn City Centre Peoria, IL
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U OF I EXTENSION ANNOUNCES RESTRUCTURING PLAN

Source: Gary Beaumont, Extension Communications Specialist

To address unprecedented cuts in state funding, University of Illinois Extension announced today a restructuring plan, including a consolidated administrative structure, closing center offices, and staff reductions.

"In our public meetings, we heard loud and clear from our clientele how much they value Extension programming and our local presence," said Robert Hoefft, interim director of U of I Extension. "This new plan will maintain a local presence in every county."

He says the restructuring addresses financial constraints, but also provides for a continuation of what Extension is known for -- research-based, high-impact programs meeting changing societal and personal needs.

Extension's goal is to administer local county programming from 30 units of at least three but not more than five counties, reducing the number of county director positions by 46, which will make funds available to support programs. In anticipating the restructuring, Extension has held open many county director positions, so the actual number of people affected by these cuts will be far fewer than 46. Cook County will remain as a single-county program.

The minimum staffing for the proposed units will consist of a county director, a unit secretary, three educators and a position to manage volunteers.

Furthermore, Extension plans to close several of its center offices, which house Extension educators. The following centers will close on or about June 30, 2010: Carbondale, Effingham, Matteson, Macomb and Mt. Vernon. The educators, housed in these centers, will be moved to county offices.



Remaining center facilities will be closed at the earliest possible opportunity contingent upon lease terms. They include: Quad Cities, Rockford, Countryside, East Peoria, Springfield, Champaign and Edwardsville.

Decisions regarding civil service employees will be determined after multi-county partnerships and program priorities have been established. Furthermore, it is anticipated that the number of educator and administrative positions will be reduced, too.

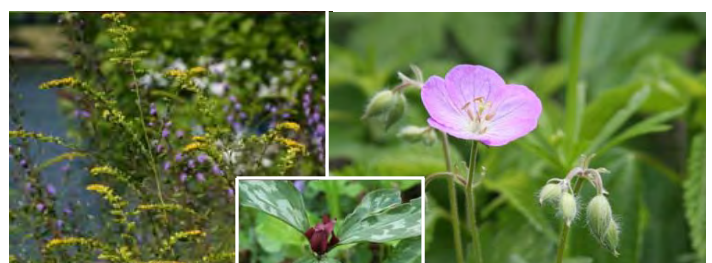
Extension has asked county directors to propose a unit configuration by May 10. By May 19, Extension will notify county directors of acceptance or change in the proposal. By June 10, educators will be notified of their new office location. And by June 15, county directors will submit FY11 budgets.

Governor Pat Quinn proposed a state budget on March 10, 2010. Extension funding was cut \$5.56 million in this proposal, which is the first step of what will be a very complicated budget process.

U of I Extension's FY09 budget is about \$65 million, supporting about 800 people of all job classifications from the director to secretarial staff in local offices as well as full- and part-time staff. This budget comes from federal, state and local levels: 18 percent federal, 21 percent local counties, 46 percent state, and 15 percent grants and revenue-generating activities.

U of I Extension has a 90-year history of connecting the citizens of Illinois to their land-grant university by providing educational programming around the state. More than 260,000 youth participate statewide in the popular 4-H program. There are more than 4,000 Extension Master Gardeners in the state. Extension also offers educational programs in the areas of nutrition, family economics and agriculture.

Source: Gary Beaumont, Extension Communications Specialist





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Employees resist wearing hearing protection more than any other type of personal protective equipment. One reason is, they don't think they really need it. But hearing loss occurs so gradually (even in intense exposures) that by the time you notice it, irreversible damage has already occurred. Another reason for not wearing hearing protection is that it can feel uncomfortable. Sometimes workers "spring" the muffs so they don't seal properly against the head, or snip off the inner portion of ear plugs leaving only the outer end to fool their supervisor. If you feel the need to do this, see your supervisor about obtaining a different type or style that fits you correctly and comfortably.

Slight initial discomfort may be expected when a good seal between the surface of the skin and the surface of the ear protector is made. The amount of protection you obtain depends on obtaining a good seal and even a small leak can substantially reduce the effectiveness of the protector. Remember to check the seal several times each day. Protectors - especially ear plugs - have a tendency to work loose as a result of talking or chewing, and must be resealed occasionally.

Properly designed, fitted, and clean ear protectors will cause no more discomfort to most workers than wearing a pair of safety glasses. Earplugs are made of soft material such a neoprene to prevent injury to the ear canal. Skin irritations, injured eardrums, or other adverse reactions from using ear plugs are very rare if they are kept reasonably clean.

There are many different styles, types, and brands of ear protectors available, but when correctly fitted, they all provide similar levels of protection. The best hearing protector for you is one that fits correctly so that you can wear it properly.

Some signs that you should be wearing hearing protection include:

- If it is necessary for you to speak in a very loud voice, or shout directly into the ear of a person to be understood, it is likely that the noise level is high enough to require hearing protection.
- If you have roaring or ringing noises in your ears at the end of the workday, you are probably being exposed to too much noise.
- If speech or music sounds muffled to you after you leave work, but it sounds fairly clear in the morning when you return to work, you are being exposed to noise levels that are causing a temporary hearing loss. In time, this can become permanent if you do not take care.

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The ILICA office has recently become aware that the Continental Western Group / LICA insurance program is also available for LICA associate members as well as contractors. Bruce Mosier of Prins Insurance, who facilitated the program at Martin Equipment in Rock Island on "How to Survive an OSHA Audit", provided the ILICA office with an updated flyer to be used to promote the cooperative insurance program to new members. The following excerpt is taken from the flyer and explains, "Who is eligible for this program?"

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2007	12.0%	\$623,622.21
2008	0%	\$ 0
2009	10.0%	\$ 543,551.30



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: DELAY IN CERTIFICATION MATERIALS

ILICA has been very active over the last 18 months, which is a very good thing. Membership has grown by 18% since the 2009 directory was published and more member meetings and workshops are being planned and scheduled. And although ILICA members are getting more benefit from their dues than ever before, the certification program has ended up at the bottom of the ED's task list time and time again.

The timely nature of member meeting scheduling, publications, workshops and conventions put hard deadlines on every process required to make them happen. Unfortunately, the certification program doesn't have it's own voice and sits quietly in the back room of the ILICA office, waiting for the ED to turn any spare moment's attention its way.

However, in fairness to the program and to the contractors who have invested time, effort and money maintaining their certification status, the time has come to move this project back to the forefront. Janet is working with certification chair,

Dave Hurst to update records with information that has been collected and documented from conventions, workshops and other educational meetings. They will review every certified contractor on file, determine accurate CEU's and renewal dates and then contact each one with updated information, decals and certification cards.

And on a personal note, Janet would like to assure the membership that this delay in processing in no way reflects the real importance of the certification program. It is a model for other states who still only hope to have a similar program in the future. This delay is a failing that lands squarely on the ED's shoulders and has resulted in a review of those processes that do not provide a concrete deadline that get's the job done.



And although Janet appreciates the patience and understanding of the membership thus far, she encourages questions and/or concerns from any certified contractor regarding their current status in the program. Just call the ILICA office at (309) 446-3700 or email at janet@illica.net.

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