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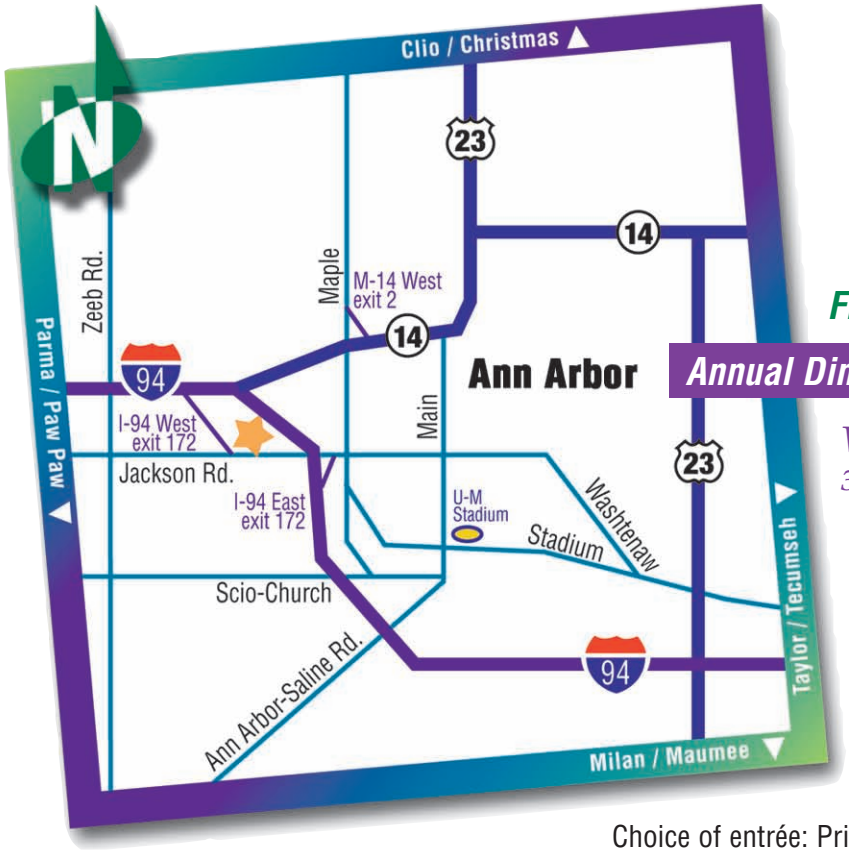

Friday • January 12, 2007

Annual Dinner Meeting & Installation of Officers

Weber's Inn • Ann Arbor, MI
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6:30PM – Registration & Welcome Reception
including cocktails & hor d'oeuvres sponsored by:
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7:00PM – Dinner

8:00PM – Annual Meeting & Installation of 2007 Officers

Choice of entrée: Prime Rib • Chicken Portobello • Asiago Encrusted Talapia
– all dinners include vegetables, tossed salad and assorted pastries

What:
2007 Annual Banquet
& Installation of Officers

When:
FRIDAY
January 12, 2007
6:30PM

Where:
Weber's Inn
3050 Jackson Road
Ann Arbor, MI
734 769 2500

Cost:
early registration:
$35./per person
must be received by
January 5, 2007

Register TODAY!
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Registration Information / Reservation Form:

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Please reserve space for the following (check your choice of entrée):	Prime Rib	Chicken Portobello	Asiago Talapia
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	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐

Company/Agency: ***number of attendees:***

@ $35./ea= ***total:***

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SR/WA Study Session

CANDIDATES WANTED

The Education Committee is planning on offering the SR/WA Study Session in late-April 2007. The SR/WA Study Session provides a review of the seven disciplines and an opportunity to take the Comprehensive SR/WA Exam at the end of the class. In order to take the class you must be a SR/WA Candidate or have submitted your candidacy to IRWA Headquarters. You do not have to have completed all of your course requirements to submit your candidacy.

To apply for SR/WA candidacy: go to the IRWA web site under SR/WA designation and download the candidacy application. Fill it out and submit it, with the $50 Candidacy Application Fee, to Roland Cilke, SR/WA if done prior to January, 2007 or to Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA after. Once you receive you candidacy it remains valid for 5 years allowing you to complete your course work.

Interested in the class? Have any questions?

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Every man owes some of his time to the upbuilding of the profession to which he belongs.

–Theodore Roosevelt

Time really does fly! We're already nearing completion of 2006 and it seems like only days ago I was making plans for my year as Michigan Chapter President. Looking back over the past 11 months, it is very satisfying to realize that together we've accomplished quite a bit. We've had four very successful, well-attended education seminars: at the Henry Center on MSU's campus, a joint meeting with Canada in Detroit's Comerica Park, our signature fall seminar at the Lakeview Hotel on Mackinac Island and our most recent program at Shuler's in Marshall. We've also welcomed many new members this year – the best affirmation of the value of our programs and services! Foundational to these programs and services is the core organization that keep it all together. I can't say enough about our officers. Many thanks to our incoming president Dick Roth from Appraisal Associates out of Kalamazoo; Andy Reed, our over-worked Program Chair from Reed & Associates from Berkley; our Treasurer Norm Thomas from RS Thomas & Associates/Harold Blake Co. of Livonia; our Secretary Laura Southwell from the Washtenaw County Road Commission; and our Secretary/Treasurer Kim Tassen from DTE from the metro area. It is a 6 year commitment from Assistant Secretary Treasurer to President and each year has a full set of responsibilities. A much larger group, the Executive Committee, makes valuable contributions to national IRWA courses, membership, this newsletter, and professional development to name a few, plus the subject matter experts in their respective fields. Their support and hard work is also part of the chapter's success and all deserve our thanks. For more details about chapter leadership, resources, events, programs etc., a periodic stop at http://www.irwamichigan.org/ will help to maximize the value of the chapter to you.

On a personal front, I also want to share how this year was my perfect storm of big events (including IRWA) and perhaps offer as an explanation to our Executive Committee why I never lingered too long in one spot! Several years ago I worked with Consumers Energy who gratefully supported continuing education, as did my next employer Commonwealth Associates. I started on an evening, part-time program taking law classes at my neighborhood campus, MSU. The program came to completion this May followed by the bar exam at the end of July, plus in the fall my son was married and I trained (not enough) for an end-of-October marathon (it was a February surprise birthday present from my kids) so by the combination of so many important events, every discretionary minute was squeezed for almost all of 2006. I am very proud of our IRWA year but do regret cutting short the unstructured socializing possibilities as I know they're important too… as well as being much more fun!

Well, here's a virtual coffee cup toast as thanks for your friendship, association, and good efforts for 2006… and the very best to all of you and your families for a engaging and fulfilling 2007!

Happy Holidays!

Robert Gleed is a real estate broker with The Real Estate Store. He has worked in right-of-way related work for 7 years and has experience in site acquisition, property management and negotiations with homeowners, utilities, investment companies and private corporations. Bob has been married for seven years to Kathryn and they have two children, Danielle age 6 and Leslie age 3. Most of Bob's free time is spent with family, especially focusing on trips to places they have never been.

Carla Eno is the Interim Housing Services Coordinator with the City of Lansing Development Office. Her duties include assisting with the management of the City's federal CDBG and HOME program funds and other real estate transactions. Carla has worked in right-of-way related work for 1 year and she has a Broker's license. Carla has been married for sixteen years to David and they have two sons.

John Piatt is a Professional Surveyor with Stantec, and he is a manager of their Michigan Survey group. He has worked in right-of-way related work for 13 years for various private sector companies. John's typical functions include establishing jurisdictional rights of ways, interpreting existing utility easements, creating proposed utility easements for dedication, and establishing private road and easements. He is married to Jenny and they have two children, John age 3 and Avery, age 3 months. When given the chance, the family enjoys being outdoors; camping, hiking and biking. Future plans include a backpacking trip to Isle Royal, to enjoy nature at it's best.

oops… Donna Hunter realizes *someone* forgot to get William (Bix) Cox's Outgoing President plaque inscribed

Lombard. IL
Region 5 Fall Forum

Mary Anne Marr, Dick Roth, Pat Petitto, Jeff Jones and Dave Maturen in front of the *Region 5- The Quality Region* banner.

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b

At left, Chapter 7's Jeff, Dick and Pat and, at right, Region 5 Leaders Donna Hunter, Jerry Lund and Mary Anne Marr attend to business at the Region 5 Fall Forum. The October Forum was well-attended, as the bottom photo attests.

Members at the General Meeting in Marshall share a laugh

Marshall, MI
General Membership Meeting

at right, current President Val Lafferty and incoming 2007 leadership: Dick Roth, Andy Reed, Norm Thomas, Laura Southwell, Kim Tassen and Paul Sander

a | Chapter #7 President, Val Lafferty addresses the business meeting

b | Geoff Seidlein, Hubbard Law

c | Peter Manning, MDNR Counsel

d | President Elect, Dick Roth with a Region 5 report

e | Doug Hodge: *Conservation Easements made Easy*

f | Jeff Jones with Chapter 7 announcements

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Course #900

Principles of Real Estate Engineering

February 5-6, 2007 • 8AM – 5PM • 2 Days • 16 credits

Class Location: Weber's Inn
3050 Jackson Road • Ann Arbor, MI 48306

Tuition: $400. member / $505. non-member
Late registration fee of $25 after: 1/5/2007

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"This new IRWA service is part of our commitment to provide convenient, 'just-in-time' training for the right of way profession," said IRWA Executive Vice President Dennis Stork. "Now, even if you can't travel to one of IRWA's conferences, you can still learn from our speakers, experts in the right of way field."

Grandpa Gary

Gary E. Bowman of the Road Commission of Macomb Co is a grandpa!!

First grandchild, Benjamin Michael Bowman, was born on November 13, 2006. He weighed in at 5lbs.15oz. and was 18.5" long. The proud parents are son Michael and wife Leah. *(What a little cutie! Congrats, Granpa!)*

Go, Val, Go!!!

Our very own ***Val Lafferty*** of Market Street Realty and illustrious Chapter 7 Prez *(as if that isn't enough to keep her busy!)* ran in – and completed – the Chicago Marathon in October.

She had family and other well wishers offering support, and who even produced shirts with GO VAL written on them and one for her which read simply VAL. *(Wow!!!! Way to go, Val!)*

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January 12	6:00PM	Annual Dinner Meeting & Installation of Officers	Weber's Inn / Ann Arbor
February 1	9:30AM	Board Meeting	Washtenaw Co. Rd. Comm. (W.C.R.C.) Ann Arbor
March 9	TBA	General Membership Meeting	Weber's Inn / Ann Arbor
April 5	10:00AM	Board Meeting	TBA
May 4 & 5		Spring Region Forum	Columbus, OH
May 10	TBA	General Membership Meeting	Ford Motor Co. / Dearborn
June 7	10:00AM	Board Meeting	TBA
June 17-20		Int'l Education Conf.	Sacramento, CA
August 2	9:30AM	Board Meeting	W.C.R.C. / Ann Arbor
September 26-28		Fall Seminar	Inn at Bay Harbor / Petoskey
September 27	5:00PM	Board Meeting	Inn at Bay Harbor / Petoskey
October TBA		Fall Region Forum	Niagara Falls, NY
November 8	TBA	General Membership Meeting	MDOT / Lansing
December 6	9:30AM	Board Meeting	W.C.R.C. / Ann Arbor