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CHRISTMAS PARTY – **ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

Date: Friday, December 5, 2008

RSVP: 12 Noon, Wednesday, December 3, 2008
NO WALK-UPS ALLOWED AT THIS MEETING!

Place: Racquet Club of Memphis, WALNUT ROOM
5111 Sanderlin Avenue
Memphis, TN 37117

Time: Social Hour 6:00PM (Cash Bar until 9pm)
Dinner 7:00 PM

Menu: Dinner Salad, Champagne Chicken, Twice Baked Potatoes, Medley of Market Vegetables, Rolls, Butter, Dessert, Iced Tea, Water and Coffee.

Tariff: \$35.00 per person for everyone

Door Prizes: Additionally, a \$10.00 cash/check/PayPal per person, or a new gift in its original packaging from the below list for Porter Leath Children's Center in order to be eligible for a door prize ticket.

Attire: Dress=Church/Business Casual Clothes

Event: Porter Leath Children's Center will again be our charity at this special time of the year. To be eligible for door prizes after dinner, a \$10.00 minimum per person donation, or a gift for children at the home is required. The home has specifically asked for:

Teen Gifts- Portable CD Player/Balls (all types)/Socks and Underwear for older teens/\$20 gift cards to Walmart for personal items

Baby Gifts- Diapers & pull-ups of various sizes/large piece puzzles

Toddler Gifts- Dora Doll and African American Baby Dolls/Tonka Trucks

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE!

Anyone interested in an ornament exchange is asked to bring a wrapped ornament and surrender it at the check-in table. You will be given a numbered ticket that you will exchange for an ornament at the dinner.

Mission Statement:

The fostering of professionalism of its members by providing a networking system and a forum for presentation of transportation, distribution, and logistic topics.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an honor and challenge to become the 96th President of the Traffic Club of Memphis. Since joining, I have received tremendous value from my membership, gained many new friends, extended my professional network of associates, and hope I have contributed to the club in a positive way. I have served the past few years as a Director and VP, which enabled me to witness a tremendous level of teamwork and commitment from the various committee chairs. We have accomplished a great deal, expanded our membership, provided scholarships and professional networking opportunity, along with informative meeting agendas. I thank you for the support you have given the club and, I along with the board, will be calling upon you to help us raise those bars. Although our first board meeting is scheduled for later this week, I know two of our priorities will be to grow the membership and expand the scholarship commitment. As the board goals are established, I will communicate them to you.

The last few months I have talked with many of you about taking a more active role in the club. I will continue to challenge you and hope you will engage in one of the subcommittees with the goal of a future board position of leadership. Which leads me to congratulating your recently elected Board of Directors: France Gasquet, Jim Stricker, Larry Rock, Marty Morelli, Ruby Burks, and Sheri Tipton. Additionally, Larry Mays has become VP, and finally we have our stalwart staff of Ken Opperman and Sandra Cole. How could we do it without the dynamic duo.

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching and I wish you all the best. We are all challenged by the current economic and business conditions, but also must recognize there is much to be thankful for. Next week many of you will be traveling, or your love ones traveling to you. I pray for safe travel and most joyous reunions. DEC. 5th, we will have our annual Christmas Party at the Racquet Club of Memphis. We will celebrate the season, honor our outgoing President Dan Pallme, have some fun with an ornament exchange, and collect gifts and donations for the Porter Leath Children Center. If you have a conflict and can not join in the fun, please consider making a donation to the club office. Hopefully you can attend and we can toast or roast Mr. Pallme. Seriously, thank you Dan for your leadership and commitment to the club.

Our Jan. meeting is set for Lunch, Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Racquet Club of Memphis. We will have an informative presentation regarding the expansion of BNSF's Memphis facility. At this point, the speaker is to be announced. I look forward to seeing you, and my first challenge to you - bring a potential new member or a guest!

Happy Holidays,

Bob Glenn

RSVP's

Please RSVP via the club website for each meeting. This will ensure that we have the proper number planned for dinner, and that we do not incur additional costs for extra seating. If you are busy or running out of time and not able to rsvp via the website for some reason, please contact Bob Glenn, or Ken Opperman via email (listed at the end of this newsletter) to get added to the rsvp list.

DUES REMINDER

Membership dues for the 2008-2009 term are now due. Please renew or join our club as soon as possible.

You may pay the \$25.00 dues via one of three ways:

- 1) pay with a credit card at our website via Pay Pal. Credit card payments are only accepted via our website.
- 2) Pay with check or cash at our next meeting on November 30th.
- 3) Mail a check to the club's P.O. Box

Thanks much for your continued support and membership of 2009!

2008 Event Calendar

Dec 5 - Christmas Party – Racquet Club

2009 Event Calendar

Jan. 13 - BNSF – Speaker TBA/ Expansion of Memphis Facility, Racquet Club-Lunch
Feb. 10 - Derial Bivens, TDOT, Disaster Planning and Preparedness, Racquet Club-Lunch
Mar. 10 - James Smith, COO, UPS Mid South District, Racquet Club-Lunch
Apr. 14 –Jim House, Sr.VP Supply Chain-ACH Foods, Racquet Club-Lunch
May 12 - (*tentative date*) Spring Golf Tourney
Sep. 15 - (*tentative date*) Fall Golf Tourney
Oct. 13 - TBA- Speaker Meeting, Racquet Club-Lunch
Nov. 10 - Election Day/Speaker Meeting, Racquet Club
Dec. 4 - Christmas Party, Racquet Club

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Congratulations to New Board and Officers

President		Bob Glenn, Diamond Int'l of Memphis
Vice President		Larry Mays, Cleo
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	Membership	Larry Rock, Rock Log's/Landstar
	Scholarship/TCI	Sheri Tipton Cornerstone
	Speakers	Jim Stricker, APL Logistics
	Golf	France Gasquet, Mercer
	Member Relations	Ruby Burks, National College
Secretary/Treasurer		Ken Opperman, Eagle Systems
Editor		Sandra Cole, Transplace
Advisor		Dan Pallme, Comtrak

Sympathy

Sympathy to several of our members: Ruby Burks in the loss of her Brother, Forest Trice and Don Koehler in the loss of his Mother, Elizabeth Koehler.

Terry Carter Memorial Fund!

Terry was a long time transportation person whose life both professionally and personally, touched many in our industry. Several of his past workers and friends asked about making a donation to our scholarship fund in his name, and we were able to do that during our fall golf outing. We have placed a link on our website via Pay Pal where anyone wishing to donate as a memorial to Terry can do so. You may also drop a check in the mail to the Club's P.O Box. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning this cause.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL AUDIT

Bob Glenn and Dan Pallme reviewed the financial records of the books for the end of the year settlement with the change in officers for this year's Traffic Club of Memphis and Traffic Club of Memphis Educational Foundation. All monies were properly accounted for.

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