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## **SPEAKER MEETING/ELECTION NIGHT!**

- Date:** Tuesday November 8, 2005
- Time:** Check-in/networking 6:00-6:30pm  
Dinner 630pm
- RSVP:** **12 Noon Monday November 7, 2005**
- Speaker:** Paul Fanelli, President & CEO  
Aerospace Products Inc. (API)  
&  
Election Night for 2005-06 Board
- Topic:** TBA
- Place:** Holiday Inn Select  
5793 Poplar Ave  
Memphis, TN 38119
- Menu:** Garden Salad  
Cajun Spiced Chicken and/or Barbecued Brisket  
Southern Style Green Beans and  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Chef's choice of dessert, Iced Tea, Water, Coffee
- Tariff:** \$25.00 TCOM Members and their guests  
\$30.00 Non-members  
\$20.00 Transportation Educators and Students

### **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.

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

As we come to a close on my reign as President of the organization, I think there have been tremendous accomplishments over the past year. When I took over the realm of the organization, it was an honor that you entrusted me as President of your organization. We have accomplished a lot due to the Board of Directors constant work and working together as a team to get things accomplished. As I relied on the Board for help, they all relied on each other for the betterment of the Club. To see this type of teamwork is truly awe inspiring and I will be forever grateful to those people that volunteered their time, hours and commitment for the betterment of the Club.

We have a new board that will be in place after the next meeting. The candidates are all definitely qualified and the excitement that they have generated makes it even more exciting for me to see all of the great things the next board will accomplish. We have accomplished a lot but there is so much more to do. Scholarship monies keep on going in the right direction but we need to do so much more for the candidates. Just today, I hear that college books and supplies for a year will run around \$900 on average. We must continue the trend and keep giving more to qualified kids to make them want to stay in transportation and to carry on the traditions that all of us do in our daily lives and keeps the Traffic Club of Memphis thriving.

Thanks not only for your support, but the friendships and teamwork displayed over the past 11 months.

Dan Pallme

## **DUES DUE!**

Membership dues for the 2005-2006 term are now due. Please renew or join our club as soon as possible. In order to vote in our election for the upcoming board of directors, you MUST have paid your dues for 2005-2006. 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 8!
- 3) Mail a check to the club's P. O. Box!

Thanks much for your continued support and membership for 2006!

## **ELECTION NIGHT!**

Tuesday November 8, 2005, we will hold our annual election for the 2005-2006 Traffic Club of Memphis Board of Directors. This years sample ballot follows with a great mixture of both present board members and new candidates who have offered their time and services to continue to build the club for years to come. We thank each of you who have offered to run and wish each of you good luck on the 8<sup>th</sup>!

### **Sample Traffic Club Ballot**

President- John Brewer, Aerospace Products International (API)

Vice-President- Larry Mays, Cleo

### **Board Candidates (vote for 6)**

Bob Glenn- Mid-America International

Nick King- VA Port Authority

Leslie James- FedEx Freight

Perry Pounders- Mid-South Transport

Jim Stricker- Exel Transportation

Ralph Thibodeaux- Staffmark Transportation

Sherri Tipton- Cornerstone Systems

Carey Treadwell- Mallory Alexander Int'l Logistics

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY DECEMBER 9!**

### **Evenings Events/Lineup-**

Once again this year, we will celebrate this most wonderful time of the year as we return to the Racquet Club of Memphis on Friday evening December 9! We will receive your charitable donation for Porter Leath Children's Home, social (cash bar) hour, dinner, ornament exchange, door prizes and then to complete the evening, we will have a DJ spinning cd's with a wide variety of everyone's favorite tunes to allow those wanting to get out on the dance floor and get down too!

### **Charity Recipient-**

In order to appreciate the time of year and the giving spirit that our club has shown in the past, we will be collecting items from a wish list and also cash for Porter Leath Children's Home as you check in at the table. We ask a minimum of \$10.00 cash donation or an item from the list supplied in order to receive a door prize drawing ticket.

### **Ornament Exchange-**

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

### **Dance-**

We will plan to once again have a DJ after dinner that will play all types of music and will also take requests for your dancing pleasure.

## **ATTENDANCE DOOR PRIZE!**

In order for your board to show our appreciation for your attendance at our monthly meetings, Sherri Tipton, our membership director, has suggested and your board has decided to start awarding one door prize with a value of at least \$50.00 at each monthly speaker/tour meeting. Each attendee at our monthly speaker meeting will be issued a numbered ticket and we will draw the winning ticket at the conclusion of our meeting. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!** We will recognize the company that sponsors this award both in the MTT newsletter and also announcing their support at our monthly meeting. Companies that are interested in sponsoring this monthly prize please contact our membership director, Sherri Tipton @ 842-1050 or [stipton@cornerstone-systems.com](mailto:stipton@cornerstone-systems.com) and enter on the subject line DOOR PRIZE to get signed up on the list. There are only seven (7) meetings per year that are available for sponsorship. Sign up now!

### **2005:**

November- Cornerstone Systems  
December 9- Christmas Party, No Sponsor needed.

### **2006:**

January 10- Sponsorship Available  
February 14- Sponsorship Available  
March 14- Sponsorship Available  
April 11- Sponsorship Available  
May- Spring Golf Tourney, No sponsor needed.  
June- Sponsorship Available  
Sept- Fall Golf Tourney, No sponsor needed.  
Oct 10- Sponsorship Available  
Nov 14- Sponsorship Available  
Dec- Christmas Party, No sponsor needed.

## **2005 Event Calendar**

December 9 – Christmas Party – Racquet Club of Memphis

## **2006 Event Calendar**

January 10-	Dave Nelson, Aims Logistics, Inc.
February 14-	Speaker Meeting
March 14-	FEDEX WORLD HEADQUARTERS
April 11-	Speaker Meeting
May 9-	Spring Golf Scramble (tentative date)
June 13-	Speaker Meeting
September 12-	Fall Golf Scramble (tentative date)
October 10-	Speaker Meeting
November 14-	Speaker Meeting/Election Night
December 1-	Christmas Party (tentative date)

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